

Jackson Soil and Water Conservation District 2741 Penn Ave, Ste 3 Marianna, FL 32448 850-372-4793

Jackson Soil & Water Conservation District Meeting Minutes August 4, 2022 8:00 a.m. UF/IFAS-Clover Room

Board members present: Mack Glass, Steve Basford, Tom Stadsklev, Sonny Davis, Jeff Pittman = Quorum None absent.

Administrative staff: Alisha Dunaway, Peggy Gilley. Others present: Rex Patterson, JSWCD-MIL, Kevin Warren, JSWCD-MIL, Garrett Williams, FDACS/JSWCD BMP, Brendaly Rodriguez-Munoz and Amelia Purdy-NRCS District Coordinator and their newest team member, Camilo Gaitan-FDACS, SR. Water Resources Engineer, Doug Mayo- JC Extension Director, Terri Keith-JC Ag Agent-Family and Consumer Services and Dr. Andrea Albertin-Water Resources Regional Specialist.

Supervisor Glass called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. Supervisor Glass welcomed attendees and guests.

Motion to approve the agenda, made by Supervisor Stadsklev, second by Supervisor Basford. Carried unanimously. Motion to approve the July 7th, 2022, meeting minutes by Supervisor Stadsklev, seconded by Supervisor Basford. Carried unanimously.

Guest Report: Terri Keith and Dr. Andrea Albertin came to thank the board for the support of the Private Well and Water Quality Workshop that was held in May. They gave a report of how engaged the group was and how eager to learn they all were. There were several governmental departments that helped with the endeavor, and they are planning another one for September because the survey sheets asked for more. The team is coordinating with Calhoun, Washington, and Holmes counties to focus on the whole area.

BMP Report: Garrett Williams reported that he is focused on IV's right now and must inform the group that the Cost Share funding for 2023 has arrived, is all allocated out already and they are asking for more funding. There was a glitch with the cover crop/Hurricane Michael contract money taken out of the funding after we were told it would not affect the yearly funding, they are working on getting that fixed. There was discussion about how the funding arrived and producers that know the system got it all and nothing is left for beginning farmers and the smaller producers. Garrett asked for a workshop so we could all get on the same page with how it is all supposed to flow. There was discussion and ideas talked out. We will have a workshop with Steven and Chris present to figure something out.

NRCS Report: Brendaly Rodriguez-Munoz introduced their new team member, Amelia Purdy. Amelia is the new Turkey Federation replacement and has been here for 3 weeks so far. We went round the room with introductions, Amelia will help ease the load with forestry contracts. They were successful in getting more Eqip funding for 7 more contracts, \$282K and they are done for the year. Next year they will be moving things a bit faster. Funding will become available in August and should be out in September. Cindy's last week in Blountstown is this week, then Peter goes for 30 days. Give Brendaly's phone number to anyone that needs assistance during the staff turnarounds. NRCS is sending out letters to all the contracts that are expiring in 150 days in case anyone gets calls, they need to contact NRCS. The Local Work Group planning is in progress, Peggy is working with Brendaly and team to plan it.



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MIL Report: Rex Patterson reported they made their numbers. On the 22nd & 23^{rd,} they will be at the ICC meeting, everything going well. Camilo reported that this team in JC works very well together, but that is not the case everywhere in the state.

Financial Analyst Report: Alisha Dunaway reported she is breaking down the payments with the invoices paid on QuickBooks for the financial report. Alisha asked if the Supervisor's want to put a 'cap' on annual donations based on the donation breakdown they have in their packets. Supervisor Glass said that report was requested not so much for a dollar amount but to see that each entity requesting donations from us is covered similarly. The general account is pretty up to date, very close to having all the state money caught up. Alisha said that Steven asked her to remind everyone the ES III position closes soon, and applications need to be turned in. Alisha has access to Steven's calendar, she can let Peggy know his availability to plan the workshop meeting date, early morning is best.

District Coordinator Report: Peggy Gilley reported that we have checks that need signatures after the meeting. We have received the NACD annual dues request, the board needs to vote on what amount to send. After some discussion Supervisor Pittman made a motion to send NACD dues in the amount of \$100.00, Supervisor Basford Seconded. Carried unanimously. Peggy let the supervisors know that last month she & Alisha asked for permission to go to the AFCD Annual Meeting, which was canceled. The annual meeting will be included with the January meeting in Ocala. In the supervisor packets, there is the list of donations for 2020, 2021, and 2022 that was requested last month. Peggy let the group know on 8/23 she will be working at the Alford Polling location. As a county employee, she works her 8 hours and earns comp time for the extra hours. There is a Zoom meeting on 8/17 regarding rule changes to Bill 1078. All are invited to log on, the email with login information was forwarded to the supervisors and a copy is in the packet. There is good news, we have received the yearly funding from the county, \$8200.00. Alisha will be depositing the check.

Supervisor Basford: no report

Supervisor Glass: Thanked and commended all that had a part in the proclamation at the Commissioners

Board meeting to honor Greg Hall's service to Jackson County.

Supervisor Stadsklev: no report

Old Business: Local Working Group-Brendaly and Peggy reminded the board the meeting must take place between 10/1 & 11/30/22. The Supervisor's all agreed October was not going to happen because of harvests. The board asked the two to come up with a couple of dates in November to choose from. Jackson County 200th Celebration will be on 8/13/22 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Peggy will be working a table with a potato sack race, if anyone has time and can come talk to people and help with the game, she would surely appreciate it. Supervisor Stadsklev volunteered to come for a couple of hours. The sacks were ordered as well as pads of paper with our logo and information on them. It is back to school time; pads of paper are good for kids and adults. We're going to tie ribbon or yarn on them and attach a pen to hand out to people that visit our table.



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New Business: Supervisor Stadsklev made a motion that the district donates in Gregory Hall's honor to Alpha Gamma Rho Educational Foundation. Greg was on the board and stayed very connected to their educational foundation all these years. There was some discussion and \$500.00 was added to the motion made by Supervisor Stadsklev, Supervisor Pittman seconded. Carried unanimously. (in the supervisor packet there is information about donating to the Alpha Gamma Rho Educational Fund.) Regarding the district group numbers coinciding with the county BOCC district numbers, the Supervisors feel that we are a different entity than the BOCC, so we will keep our group numbers as is.

Supervisor Glass asked Peggy to find out if the lobbyist will be contracted in time for rulemaking conversations.

UF/IFAS Report: Doug Mayo reported they have hired a 4-H agent, Carly Barnes is from here and coming home. 9/9 is her scheduled start date. 8/11 Ethan Carter has a peanut field day planned; PYE will be 10/13-10/15. Cattle reproduction management school 10/26-10/28. Doug asked for feedback from the group, the Chamber is no longer interested in hosting the farm city breakfasts or awards. They are doing a farm-to-table dinner. Do we want to continue the breakfast? Or go back to the banquet like they used to do? The chamber is willing to support it but there will have to be a group formed to pull it off. All agreed this county is built and runs on ag, why would the county want out? All agreed it is important to keep. It will be the week before thanksgiving and the farm-to-table dinner is scheduled for that Thursday. They will ask for support from the ag groups, bees, farmers' market, cattlemen, citrus, soil& water, etc.

Motion to adjourn made by Supervisor Stadsklev seconded by Supervisor Pittman. Carried unanimously.

Adjourned at 9:36 a.m.