**Jackson Soil & Water Conservation District Board Meeting**

**June 11, 2024**

**8:00 a.m.**

**UF/IFAS-Clover Room**

Board members present: Mack Glass, Steve Basford, Tom Stadsklev, Dave DeFelix, Jeff Pittman Quorum-Yes

Absent: -0-

Administrative Staff: Peggy Gilley, District Coordinator. Others present: Garrett Williams, Environmental Consultant, FDACS OAWP, Peter Scott Environmental Consultant, FDACS OAWP, Chris Denmark, Environmental Administrator, FDACS, John Baggett FDACS/OAWP Environmental Manager, Captain John Alter NWFWMD, Doug Mayo JC UF/IFAS Extension Director, and Clay Milton Fuqua & Milton P.A.

Supervisor Glass called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Supervisor Glass welcomed attendees

Supervisor Basford made a motion to accept the agenda, seconded by Supervisor DeFelix. Carried unanimously.

Supervisor DeFelix made a motion to accept the minutes for the Board Meeting on 5/09/24 as read, seconded by Supervisor Basford. Carried unanimously.

**BMP Report**: Chris and John B report that we’re at the end of the fiscal year and it looks like we are in good shape. Cost Share payments have all been made. Chris owes Peggy some technical content for one invoice. There is no real news from Tallahassee, OAWP is working on year end too. All invoices are paid, and the $10K they voted on last month isn’t needed. The contract closeout amount comes down to $11,126.85 remaining from the advance. No updates on the new contract. Supervisor Glass asked if it was the same advance amount as before, yes, and he confirmed that the state agreed to pay for our audit, also yes. Chris added that Lake County S&WCD has disbanded. Due to that, they will be updating all vehicle records. There were 2 MIL crews there with 2 vehicles. James Fort will be retiring soon, and Tommy Arrington will be taking that role until someone is hired. That will make them an all-new team. The department needs vin #’s and POs for the trucks, with how purchased, if it was reimbursed or not, etc. The board let him know that we have documents stating our trucks belong to FDACS and we are using them.

**MIL Report:** Peggy reports that Rex and Kevin left early this morning for Escambia County. They said to let you know that their numbers are good.

**Financial Report:** Supervisor Stadsklev and Peggy let the board know that the statements for the four accounts are in their packets with a breakdown. The balances show that we have been getting back the money not invoiced since last June. It was brought up that we need a motion to write the check for $11,126.85 to return the balance of the advance money on Cost Share Contract 27699,

the motion was made by Supervisor DeFelix, and seconded by Supervisor Basford.

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Carried Unanimously. The project we have money set aside for is held up by funding that has not been approved yet. The board is in favor of it staying on hold until the work is funded so the money is applied where we want it to.

**District Coordinator Report:** Peggy thanked the supervisors who made it to the Area 1 meeting. Your ethics training is done. Peggy will get the links to the 2 Supervisors who will need to do that online before the end of the year. The SE NACD region meeting is 6/16-6/18 in Gainesville, I’ll return to the office on 6/19. Peggy also reported that she is on vacation, now, through Friday. Peggy apologized for getting the weeks messed up and having to rush the 4 Supervisors through SOE qualifying, please make your appointment with Miss Carol at the SOE office. When I get back from Gainesville, we will get Supervisor Stadsklev his Form 1 done and we’ll comply with that point. Regarding the contract closeout paperwork, Misty and I have all of the numbers ready to go, but it requires a copy of the Audit. We are waiting for that, Theresa at Grimsley replied that they are working on it. I let her know we require it for a contract closeout. We have one BMP Tech application, Peggy passed it to the board members. Career Source asked about extending the ad. The board asked for it to be run with them and JC Times for 2 more weeks.

Supervisor Glass had asked Peggy to get up with Alisha regarding the hard drives for JC & HCSWCDs. She did, and directly after that conversation, Alisha called Supervisor Glass and also told him that she did not have them and had no idea where they would be if not in her old office. Alisha also confirmed with Mack that the two Amazon boxes that arrived after she quit are JSWCD’s property.

Supervisor Reports: Supervisor Pittman reports that Farm Bureau has more changes with legislature staff, Tripp Hunter is the new Director of State Legislative Affairs in the Tallahassee State Office. Also, Lance Watson is the new Director of National Affairs.

Supervisor Glass reports that Carol Dunaway will be doing all the qualifying paperwork, so make an appointment with her. Supervisor Glass asked the group if they knew anyone available and qualified for the BMP position to encourage them to apply.

**Old Business:** OPPAGA Report. We are waiting for our draft copy. Should be in early July.

**New business:** Interview Committee Report. Supervisor Basford reported that he, Chris Denmark & John Baggett interviewed 4 ladies. They were all good candidates. The committee recommends Peggy Gilley to fill the open position. Supervisor Basford made a motion to offer the position to Peggy Gilley, seconded by Supervisor Stadsklev. Carried Unanimously. Peggy accepted the offer, which creates an open spot the county will need to fill. Peggy will put in her 2-week notice, Supervisor Glass will speak with the county about her replacement after that.

Area 1 Meeting: Supervisor Glass reported that the President of AFCD wasn’t there to represent. A supervisor from Gadsden was there in his place. The legislature wishing to abolish us is coming back and AFCD does not have a unified voice. The OPPAGA Audit was created to give the legislature

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a report of what districts are active and useful. Supervisor Pittman asked how many districts are comparable to us, and Chris reported not many. Supervisor Basford suggests we stay the course. There was a discussion about paying the AFCD dues for unfunded districts that do not have voting power with AFCD. Clay said that was ok to do. Supervisor Glass feels the strongest voice is the FL Conservation District Employees Association. Peggy is on that board. The room agreed we need to be ahead not behind with a lobbyist. After the election, we’ll know who is for and against us. Supervisor Glass asked if the MIL & BMP techs can join the FCDEA, Peggy will find that out. Timelines will be worked out. Supervisor Basford knows Buck Carpenter, President of the AFCD personally and will give him a call.

NWFWMD Report: Captain Alter reports that their board meeting is this Thursday, he will forward any news.

Adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

**7/9/2024 Motion to approve 6/11/2024 meeting minutes made by Supervisor DeFelix, second by Supervisor Pittman. Motion carried.**