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## Jackson Soil & Water Conservation District Meeting Minutes June 2, 2022 8:00 a.m. UF/IFAS-Clover Room

Board members present: Sonny Davis, Steve Basford, Mack Glass = Quorum Absent: Greg Hall & Tom Stadsklev.

Administrative staff: Peggy Gilley. Others present: Rex Patterson, JSWCD-MIL, Kevin Warren, JSWCD-MIL, Garrett Williams, BMP, Carol Dunaway, Supervisor of Elections and, Jeff Pitman.

Meeting called to order at 8:15 a.m. by Supervisor Sonny Davis.

Supervisor Davis welcomed attendees and guests.

District Coordinator Peggy Gilley asked for an item to be added to new business on the agenda, Financial Disclosure paperwork. Supervisor Glass made a motion to add Financial Disclosure paperwork under new business on the agenda, second by Supervisor Basford. Carried unanimously.

Motion to approve the agenda, with the addition made by Supervisor Basford, second by Supervisor Glass. Carried unanimously. Motion to approve the May 5th, 2022, meeting minutes by Supervisor Basford, second by Supervisor Glass. Carried unanimously.

BMP Report: Garrett Williams reported he is working on IV visits for FDACS. All of the farms in the basin have been visited. Approximately \$15K still left in Cost Share, Garrett is looking for a small project to squeeze in or will work with another county in need. Invoices are still being turned in and reimbursements are coming in. Garrett let everyone know that Stephen Fulford is on vacation this week, so he will not be here. Garrett brought up the contract with NAS. They have been trying to get time with Angela to go over it. Garrett has texted with her, but Garrett and Alisha are in need of time to train with her. Supervisor Glass asked if Chris Denmark had set up the ½ day or day for her to come here, Garrett replied no. Alisha had asked Peggy to get with Margi at Ensave for a copy of the contract we have with them. We have been through Lola's files and cannot find a copy. The Ensave contract was emailed to Peggy by Margi, printed and in all the places that need NAS info exchanged for Ensave info has been highlighted. There are dates and NAS information that is needed to make the changes. The Supervisors stated the contract is between JSWCD and the contractor, it really shouldn't need to be gone over by anyone else. However, now would be a good time to get the contract over to Office of Energy to make sure all of the language is exactly how they will work with us over the next 5-year contract time. Alisha forwarded a copy of the Ensave contract over to Matt at NAS to see if it is acceptable to the way they do business. Matt will go over it this weekend and get back to Alisha. Garrett knows Scott Yates was looking for an answer regarding the TSP code from NRCS. Somebody mentioned they thought Alex Mack (sp?) would know. Supervisor Glass volunteered to talk to Klegg Hooks to see about getting Angela here.

Supervisor Glass suggested that we have Carol Dunaway speak to us next about Senate Bill 1078 and how it will affect us and the Elections process so she can get about her day. All agreed. Miss Carol reported she had been at the Florida S.O.E conference last week, Bill 1078 was gone over in detail. The bill seems to contradict itself. SB 1078 still has not been put on the Governor's desk. If it doesn't make it to his desk before end of day 6/30, it just goes away-but could come back next session. Once in front of Governor DeSantis he has 15 days to sign it or not. The current qualifying period is from 6/13/22 to 6/17/22 at noon. If the bill goes into law,



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there might have to be another qualifying period, just for this. Peggy had sent an email to Carol with a couple of questions from the board, one of the questions asked which map the district would have been built from. Carol is supposing, that in 1987 the district would have been built off the JC BOCC map at the time. That the 1987 districting map was not changed for 37 years, until this newly adopted map that has recently been voted in and published. In the past, the Jackson County School Board went along with the BOCC map, this map they did not agree with, so now, we have one JCSB districts map and one JC BOCC districts map. According to the wording in Bill 1078, if it becomes law, the S&W districts will be able to choose which of the two maps they want to use. The current wording of the law for S&W's is, the Supervisors must live 'in the district' our district is Jackson County. The wording in Bill 1078 skirts around the supervisors living within the boundaries of their sub-district (group). Miss Carol said even if it does become law now, they will have to go back over it and reword it again to make sense for the S&W districts to be compliant. Miss Carol also mentioned that Peggy just contacted the DEO Records Department yesterday to ask for a copy of the paperwork, (specifically looking for the map) used to start JSWCD. We are waiting for an email response. Miss Carol let everyone know that due to the redistricting her office has had to order new software and change records for every registered voter, so new voter registration cards will be going out that reflect the changes. Another question from the board was answered, they DO run At Large. The S&W District is separate from the county except for supplying Peggy's position. In the bill it states the supervisors will be elected every two years, that is where the current law stops, the bill has a couple of lines that state the staggered terms do come back. Miss Carol updated everyone about early voting hours changing to 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the S.O.E. office. Since Financial Disclosures were mentioned, she added that they are due by 6/30.

MIL Report: Rex reported everything is going good. They have finished another month and have started the new one. Rex and Kevin will be taking time off from 6/28 to 7/5. They will be back at work on 7/5. Supervisor Davis asked if the are any big changes for the MIL. Rex replied that all the farmers in the basin have had an NOI, no major changes. July is when their numbers go up to 13 a month. Around about the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year they will review how the MIL Labs are doing and make decisions based on their activity.

Financial Analyst Report: Alisha Dunaway is out with a sick child. She sent the financials, an explanation of the amounts of money coming in and the tech invoices being processed. The supervisors talked about the 5% being in a separate (sub) account that can be monitored more closely. The concern is with accounts put together the 5% could be spent. There was discussion about setting a checking account dollar amount to not go under until reimbursements come in. The contract states that we pre-pay the producer then wait for payback. There was a question as to if it states in the contract how long that is supposed to take, 60-90 days??

District Coordinator Report: Peggy Gilley reported that we have checks that need signatures after the meeting. Follow up regarding Supervisor Hall, Greg was in the hospital and rehab. On May 25<sup>th</sup> he called to formally resign. His wife had to get on the phone to communicate the name and phone number of Todd Shelley of TS Farms. Greg has talked to him about taking Greg's place on the board and Todd is interested. I spoke to Mr. Shelley and let him know about the meeting today. It sounded like he would be here. Charlene let me know there is a sample resignation letter in the supervisor's handbook. The letter was typed and



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mailed to Mr. Hall with a stamped self-addressed envelope to return the letter signed. That was mailed 5/25, it has not returned yet. Peggy will call the Hall's to follow up. Peggy let the group know that JSWCD had a table set up at the first JC UF/IFAS Private Well & Water Quality Workshop. The workshop was excellent. Great info shared by UF/IFAS agents, JC DOH and WWFWMD staff. The attendees were a good blend of homeowners and farmers that had lots of questions and are now aware that JSWCD is here. In Ocala for the FCDEA conference, Peggy learned a lot. Bill 1078 was covered in detail there too. Peggy went over the upcoming dates page in the packets, as well as letting everyone know she will be attending the AFCD Area 2 meeting on 6/10 in Live Oak and taking her personal day on 6/24. Upcoming events being worked on with the ag agents are a kid's garden to table workshop on 6/28 and the Row Crop farm tour on 6/30. In the packet there is a request for the S&W districts to donate to the Ellis Putnal Education Fund to provide prizes for the students that participate in the AFCD statewide speech and poster contest. Supervisor Glass made a motion to send \$250.00 to AFCD for the prizes for the kids contests, seconded by Supervisor Basford. Carried unanimously.

Supervisor Basford: no report Supervisor Glass: no report Supervisor Basford: no report

Old Business: The contract with NAS had already been discussed in the BMP report. Peggy brought up the Local Working Group and that she learned in Ocala that that is supposed to be initiated by the District Coordinator with NRCS. Peggy has found a file in the office with an old sign in sheet and the questions that were asked, that will help. When Brendaly gets back Peggy will make sure plans for the LWG begins. Bill 1078 has been discussed in great detail; it comes down to we are waiting on Tallahassee to see what direction we go in.

New Business: Financial Disclosures. Supervisor Stadsklev brought his mail in last week asking about it. Peggy suggested we bring it up at the meeting. Supervisor's Basford and Glass reported they file their own, Peggy will need to get with Supervisor's Davis and Stadsklev to file theirs.

Supervisor Davis asked our guest Jeff Putnam to introduce himself and ask if he had any questions. Mr. Putnam answered he wasn't looking for a position with S&W but was invited to see if this might fit to possibly replace Supervisor Hall. He said this organization is highly respected in the community and he would be honored to serve in any capacity needed. Mr. Putnam understands we are waiting on word about Bill 1078 before making any changes.

Adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

Note: There was an error made about our meeting time today. It was posted correctly on the webpage and Outlook reminder email, however, Miss Charlene and Supervisor Stadsklev both arrived for a 10:00 a.m. meeting. Apologies were humbly made, after the May meetings 10:00 a.m. start Peggy feels she should have done a better job confirming the correct time for this month with everyone.