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

**December 01, 2022**

**8:00 a.m.**

**UF/IFAS-Clover Room**

Board members present: Steve Basford, Tom Stadsklev, Jeff Pittman = Quorum

Absent: Mack Glass, Sonny Davis

Administrative staff: Peggy Gilley. Others present: Rex Patterson, JSWCD-MIL, Kevin Warren, JSWCD-MIL, Garrett Williams, JSWCD BMP Tech, Brendaly Rodriguez-Munoz -NRCS District Conservationist, Doug Mayo, UF/IFAS Ag Director of JC, Stephen Fulford-Environmental Manager, OAWP, Carly Barnes-Montuani, 4-H Agent, John Alter, NWFWMD.

Supervisor Basford called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m.

Supervisor Basford welcomed attendees and guests.

Supervisor Stadsklev pointed out that the agenda reflects approving September minutes. Peggy reported that it should be November, with that change duly noted a motion to approve the corrected agenda was made by Supervisor Pittman, second by Supervisor Stadsklev. Carried unanimously.

Motion to approve the 11/03/2022 board meeting minutes made by Supervisor Pittman, second by Supervisor Stadsklev. Carried unanimously.

NRCS Report: Brendaly Rodriguez-Munoz has a field visit to get to, so we moved her up on the agenda. Brendaly reported that they have been busy. The report to the state regarding the Local Work Group surveys has been completed and filed. Brendaly thanked all those that attended, it was a good meeting with good conversations. For Eqip they are working on assessments, will be ranked by 1/13/23 and producers will know their status by May 2023. CSP has 1 renewal, and they are making payments on contracts. CSP applications are not due till June. The office will be closed on 12/26, the rest of the workdays the office is covered and open.

BMP Report: Garrett Williams reported they are finishing cost share and I/V’s are going. They have a few applications in to convert from diesel to electric that have popped up. Steve Basford says he knows who to talk to about the electrical billing, he will get up with them. Stephen Fulford reports that we are now around $240K now for cost share to be done by 6/30. The office is moving forward, the new commissioner is meeting with division directors. Staff is getting their proposal ready to take to the new leadership.

NWFWMD Report: John Alter reports that their board meeting is this Thursday, if anyone has anything that needs to go before the board, let him know. John also said that the board will be meeting in Bascom in February, he will get us the information and urged us to attend. We can see the old schoolhouse and its transformation. Peacock landing update, the parties were not able to agree on a price. The owner wants to work with the community to keep it available and kept up.

UF/IFAS Report: Doug Mayo thanked the board for their support of the Farm-City Banquet. They estimate there were 340 people present and have heard positive feedback about it. There will be a meeting in January to go over the event and begin planning for the 2023 event. Supervisor Basford mentioned keeping the menu, it was awesome. All the people were served in 30 minutes, which is record-breaking. Great how

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everyone worked so well together to get people their food and back to their tables to eat. Due to limited funding, the office here is short-staffed, starting next week the office will be closed for lunch from 12 to 1:00

p.m. so no one is in the office working alone. Doug introduced our new Jackson County 4-H agent, Carly Barnes-Montuani. Carly said she has worked in JC as a BMP Tech, she is glad to be back and knows how important we are, and wants to work on taking it to the kids. She will partner with whatever we want to do.

MIL Report: Rex Patterson reported that for November MIL got the average 10 done, if they get their December numbers in, they will take the week of Christmas off.

Financial Analyst Report: Alisha Dunaway is at home recovering from her surgery, and sent her report via email to Miss Peggy, who read the report to the group. (Copy attached.) The Supervisors agreed that they need more information regarding Elisabeth and reconciling the bank accounts. They don’t want it to take 2-3 months to have financial balance reporting received. Motion to approve the 12/01/2022 financial report made by Supervisor Pittman, second by Supervisor Stadsklev. Carried unanimously.

District Coordinator Report: Peggy Gilley reported that we have checks that need board signatures after the meeting. In November JSWCD was represented on the Farm City Banquet Committee by Supervisor’s Glass. Pittman and myself. The committee did an outstanding job getting the event planned and pulled off. All I have heard are good comments about the evening. It was a lot of work, but this town gets it done! JSWCD will be represented and giving out information along with the Master Gardeners and 4-H tomorrow and Saturday at the Caverns Cultural Celebration, from 9 am until 2 pm. With those Sat. hours Judy has approved to use the estimated 12 hours of comp time on 12/20 & 12/21, 12/22 I’m using an annual day. 12/23 & 12/26 we all have off for Christmas. I will be here the next week helping cover the ag & NRCS offices. We wrapped up the planning and had the LWG meeting on 11/10. Thanks to all that attended. We learned a lot from our first go at it, any comments or suggestions are welcomed.

Supervisor Stadsklev asked about the Farm to Table event, Supervisor Pittman said they attended, they sold about 100 $75.00 tickets and about 90 people attended. It was a good event, and they were not cold.

Old Business: Peggy gave the lobbyist update. She read the latest email communication with Laura Bloom at Palm Beach S&W: they are still in discussion as to the legal aspects of a contract. Special Districts have set rules regarding how much money from their annual budget can be used for lobbying. Those funds cannot be from State or Federal, etc. We are also discussing hiring Natalie as legal council. She would not be able to register as a lobbyist but would still be just as effective. This is a very slow-moving process, please reach out with any questions or comments.

Alisha provided a copy of the policy that was discussed last month. The board went over it, they would like to know if the commercial general liability plus endorsement would be considered a ‘renters’ type policy. We do not own any structures that the offices are in, also questioned the fire coverage, which would be covered by the building owners (the County) policies. The board asked Peggy to check into it. Get more info from

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Rodgers Insurance to make sure employees are covered. The Health Dept office is covered on FDACS policies. Specifically interested; if employees are on private land and something happens the legal fees, etc. are covered.

MIL test meters-there are pics of a couple of test meters with purchase information in the board packets. Peggy has emailed with Chris Denmark, he said they will pick up a couple for the MIL toolbox.

New Business: In the board packets there is a request for sponsorship from Ashely Stonecipher-Horticulture agent for the Tri-State Fruit and Vegetable Meeting on 1/26/2023. Peggy informed the group JSWCD paid $400.00 for the 2022 sponsorship. Doug Mayo mentioned that he & Ethan suggested a different way to acquire sponsors so for 2023 there is a Gold level of $250. or Silver level for $200. Motion to sponsor the Tri-State Fruit & Vegetable meeting at the Gold level for $250.00 was made by Supervisor Pittman seconded by Supervisor Stadsklev. Carried unanimously.

Supervisor Stadsklev let the group know that the new State Representative Abbott has an office at Chipola College, and John Scott will be heading up that office.

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

Adjourned at 8:40 a.m.