



SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT OF MADISON COUNTY, FL

James W. (Billy) Brown, Chairman • John Henry Phillips, Vice Chairman • Buck M. Carpenter, Secretary- Treasurer

September 20, 2023

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Minutes for Madison SWCD Board Meeting- Regular Session – September 20, 2023

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Billy Brown, Chairman of the Madison Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) at 9:30 a.m., Wednesday, September 20, 2023, at the Madison County Soil & Water Conservation District Conference Room. Supervisors present included: Mr. Billy Brown, Mr. John Henry Phillips, Jr., and Mrs. Margie Foust McLeod. Others present included: Mr. Matt Yates, Mr. John Sowell, Mr. Joel Love, Mr. David Royal with The Nature Conservancy, Mr. Eli Curl, and Mrs. Nancy Plank.

Mr. Joel Love opened the meeting with a word of prayer. Mr. Billy Brown led the Pledge of Allegiance

Administration- Mr. Billy Brown

- Mr. Billy Brown presented the agenda for the Madison SWCD Board Meeting- Regular Session, Wednesday, September 20, 2023, for adoption. Mrs. Margie Foust McLeod made a motion that the agenda be adopted; there was a second by Mr. John Henry Phillips, Jr. - the motion carried.
- Mr. Billy Brown presented to the Board the SWCD Regular Meeting Minutes for August 16, 2023, and Special Meeting Minutes for August 25, 2023. Mr. John Henry Phillips, Jr. made a motion to approve both of the meeting minutes; there was a second by Mrs. Margie Foust McLeod - the motion carried.
- Mrs. Nancy Plank presented the Treasurers Report. Mr. John Henry Phillips made a motion to approve the report as presented – Mrs. Margie Foust McLeod seconded the motion - the motion carried.
- Mrs. Margie Foust McLeod made a motion to Renew the Directors & Officers Liability Insurance Policy for 2023/2024, through Frankie Bell/Suwannee Insurance/Great American Insurance Group. Mr. John Henry Phillips, Jr. seconded the motion – the motion carried.
- Mrs. Margie Foust McLeod made a motion to Auto Renew the Copy Machine Lease with RJ Young on a year-to-year basis since the five-year lease will expire in October 2023. Mr. John Henry Phillips, Jr. seconded the motion - the motion carried.
- Mr. John Henry Phillips, Jr. made a motion to Table the By-Laws, Long Range Plan, District Handbook & Sales Tax Exemption. Mrs. Margie Foust McLeod seconded the motion – the motion carried.
- Mr. John Henry Phillips, Jr. made a motion that Madison SWCD would pay for Grid Sampling for Madison High School/FFA Farm and will be coordinated by Mr. Eli Curl. Mrs. Margie Foust McLeod seconded the motion – the motion carried.

SWCD Administration

Mr. Billy Brown shared that it has been a rough time for Producers since Hurricane Idalia on August 30, 2023.

IFAS/Special Project Report given by Mr. Joel Love in the absence of Mr. Sudeep Sidhu – The Everlizer and the CRF did the best. Mr. Sudeep Sidhu will follow up with a full report once completed.

Conserving Natural Resources for Our Future...

Mr. David Royal with The Nature Conservancy was introduced and shared that a Strawberry Grower in Duette that is using Everlizer. Mr. Royal also reported that he is on the BMP Manual Review Committee and stated that Mr. West Gregory is doing a good job of sharing this information with Producers for guidance on the new Manuals.

Conservation Technician Report – Mr. Eli Curl reported that he finished 12+ IVs in Jefferson, Madison, and Suwannee and is currently working on three Cost Shares. Mr. Curl presented a request to the Board for Madison SWCD to pay for Soil Sample Testing for Producers. Discussion,... conclusion that it would be too costly. Mr. Curl also presented a second request to the Board for Madison SWCD to pay for Grid Sampling for the Madison High School/FFA Farm. Mr. John Henry Phillips made a motion that the Madison SWCD would pay for Grid Sampling for the Madison High School/FFA Farm and will be coordinated by Mr. Eli Curl. Mrs. Margie Foust McLeod seconded the motion – motion carried.

FDACS ES-III Report – In the absence of Ms. Cetta Barnhart – no report was given.

NRCS Conservationist – In the absence of the NRCS Conservationist -- no report was given.

MIL Report given by Mr. Matt Yates – Resource Conservation Partners, LLC (RCP) RCP is playing catch up from Hurricane Idalia but on track for this month. RCP is doing some work in Dixie County. RCP has contacted Mr. James Fort with FDACS concerning MIL Waivers.

UF Report – Mr. Joel Love reported that UF is going through some personnel changes and has several Special Projects going on.

Conservation Farmer of the Year Report was presented by Mr. Eli Curl. Richard Cone/Cone Family Farms received the 2023 MSWCD Conservation Farmer of the Year Award during the September 19, 2023, Annual Farm Bureau Meeting.

Mrs. Nancy Plank discussed the AFCD Meeting that was held in Gainesville on September 26th & 27th, as well as the Annual MSWCD Photo Contest.

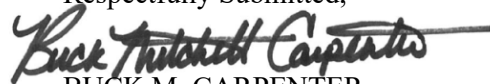
The Ricoh Copier 5-year contract is due to expire in October. Mrs. Margie Foust McLeod made a motion to continue the Copier Lease on a year-to-year basis. Mr. John Henry Phillips seconded the motion – Motion Carried.

Madison SWCD will hold a Workshop to go over the final preparations for the By-Laws, Long-Range Plan, District Handbook & Sales Tax Exemption. Date to be determined. Mr. John Henry, Jr. made a motion to Table the By-Laws, Long-Range Plan, District Handbook & Sales Tax Exemption at this time. Mrs. Margie Foust McLeod Seconded the Motion – Motion Carried.

Mr. John Henry Phillips, Jr. made a motion to adjourn the meeting with a second from Mrs. Margie Foust McLeod. Motion Carried. Mr. Billy Brown, Chairman adjourned the meeting at 11:25 p.m. The next regular scheduled meeting will be held at the Madison County Soil & Water Conservation District Conference Room on Wednesday, October 25, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. Any changes to this meeting time/location will be posted prior to the revised time/location at the SWCD website:

<https://madisoncountyfl.com/soil-water-conservation-district/> .

Respectfully Submitted,



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