



SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT OF MADISON COUNTY, FL

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

21 June 2023

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Minutes for SWCD Board Meeting- Regular Session – June 21, 2023

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Billy Brown, Chairman of the Madison Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) at 9:05 a.m., Wednesday, June 21, 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. Sam Agner, Ms. Cetta Barnhart, Dr. Shivendra Kumar, Mr. Camilo Gaitan, Mr. Joel Love, Dr. Sudeep Sidhu, and Mrs. Nancy Plank. Mr. Matt Yates 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, June 21, 2023, for adoption. Mr. John Henry Phillips, Jr. made a motion that the agenda be adopted; there was a second by Mrs. Margie Foust McLeod - the motion carried.
- Mr. Billy Brown presented to the Board the SWCD meeting minutes for Wednesday May 17, 2023. Mr. John Henry Phillips, Jr. made a motion to approve the minutes; there was a second by Mrs. Margie Foust McLeod - the motion carried.
- Mrs. Nancy Plank presented the Treasurers Report. Mr. John Henry Phillips, Jr. 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 do a letter for the August 2023 MIL Amendment concerning the Scope of Work. Mr. John Henry Phillips seconded the motion. Motion Carried.
- AMENDMENT TO ABOVE MOTION: Mrs. Margie Foust McLeod made a motion to send a letter of intent to FDACS/OAWP with the signed MIL Contract #27063 concerning future MIL Amendment changes to Scope of Work and Budget Tables to be Retroactive /Starting Date of 7/1/2023 concerning Salaries and Benefits. Mr. John Henry Phillips seconded - the motion carried.

SWCD Administration

Mr. Billy Brown initiated attendee introductions.

Mr. Camilo Gaitan, MIL Project Manager was present to review the new FDACS/OAWP MIL Contract (Extension) with a future MIL Contract Amendment occurring sometime in August 2023. Mrs. Nancy Plank provided copies of MIL Contract that was received from FDACS/OAWP DocuSign System. Mrs. Margie Foust McLeod was concerned that Mr. Gaitan had not seen the actual FDACS MIL Contract before this meeting. Ms. Cetta Barnhart suggested an additional page of SWCD concerns be added to the signed contract. Mr. John Sowell raised the question in the current amendment that the number of evaluations “can never be changed, even in the event of hurricanes, natural catastrophes, ...” Mr. Gaitan’s response “you still have to meet the numbers by the end of the year, but we can have further discussion on the language”. Discussion on the additional workload of the MIL without compensation, such as creating GPS Points as RCP checks wells/systems, ... Mr. Gaitan shared that the Water

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Management District asked him for the MILs to do this. Mr. John Sowell requested a letter of recommendation from Mr. Gaitan/FDACS/OAWP for Resource Conservation Partners. Mr. Gaitan would not commit to the request.

Dr. Sudeep Sidhu reported on the UF Special Project at Birdsong. The site visit at Birdsong with the Madison SWCD went very well. Corn is growing equally, but some of the lower leaves on the Everlizer are yellowing a little and CRF is still green.

ES-III Report – Cetta Barnhart – Effective May 17, 2023, IVs are now being done. Still working on learning all the paperwork, visiting various Farms in Madison and Jefferson Counties.

No Reports from: Conservation Technician, NRCS Conservationist, and IFAS/UF Joel Love.

Mr. Matt Yates – Resource Conservation Partners, LLC (RCP) gave the MIL report. RCP workload is on track for the month. Looking forward to meeting with FDACS/OAWP concerning the MIL Contract Amendment.

IFAS/UF Report – Dr. Shivendra Kumar shared all the upcoming event dates and will send fliers for the July 18th Corn Trial and the August 22nd Trial.

The Madison SWCD Long-Range Plan, By-Laws, District Handbook, and Sales Tax Exemption discussion was tabled at the April 19, 2023, Board Meeting, realizing the need to accomplish this product but also the considerations that go into formulating the plan. Due to the demand of diligence, this will be an ongoing project to revitalize.

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 2:00 p.m. The next regular scheduled meeting will be held at the Madison County Soil & Water Conservation District Conference Room on Wednesday, July 19, 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,



BUCK M. CARPENTER

Secretary/ Treasurer