



SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT OF MADISON COUNTY, FL

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

October 23, 2024

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Minutes for Madison SWCD Board Meeting- Regular Session – October 23, 2024

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Billy Brown, Chairman of the Madison Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) at 9:10 a.m., Wednesday, October 23, 2024, at the Madison County Soil & Water Conservation District Conference Room. Supervisors present included: Mr. Billy Brown, Mr. John Henry Phillips, Jr., Mr. Buck Carpenter, and Mr. Tyler Shadrick. Others present included: Mr. Alton Goff, Jr./Suwannee SWCD Tech, Mr. Matt Yates/RCP, Mr. Cliff Starling/NRCS, Mr. Chris Denmark/FDACS, Mr. Barton Wilder/FDACS, and Mrs. Nancy Plank/Madison SWCD.

Mr. Matt Yates. opened the meeting with a word of prayer and Mr. Buck Carpenter led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Administration- Mr. Billy Brown

- Mr. Billy Brown presented the agenda for the Madison SWCD Board Meeting- Regular Session, Wednesday, October 23, 2024, for adoption. Mr. John Henry Phillips, Jr. made a motion that the agenda be adopted; there was a second by Mr. Buck Carpenter - the motion carried.
- Mr. Billy Brown presented to the Board the SWCD Regular Meeting Minutes for September 18, 2024. Mr. Buck Carpenter made a motion to approve the meeting minutes for September 18, 2024; there was a second by Mr. John Henry Phillips, Jr. - the motion carried.
- Mr. Buck Carpenter presented the Treasurers Report. Mr. John Henry Phillips, Jr. made a motion to approve the report as presented – Mr. Buck Carpenter seconded the motion - the motion carried.

SWCD Administration

Mr. Alton Goff, Jr./Suwannee SWCD Technician assured the Madison SWCD Board that he is here to help us while we are without a Conservation Technician. He reported that there are 482 Irrigation Pivots down in the North Florida area.

Mr. Chris Denmark/FDACS Environmental Administrator shared that the new Cost-Share Program will be aimed at Hurricane Recovery. The FDACS GIS Department has mapped Producers with damage. The new GIS based system starts with a map for Technicians. There is an online link for Producers to sign up for Cost-Share with Conservation Technicians available to assist. New Cost Share Contracts will be going out to all Districts soon.

Mr. Cliff Starling/NRCS shared that the Deadline for the Traditional EQIP is November 1, 2024, and for Emergency December 20th, 2024. Emergency – Forestry related: Pine Tree/Tree Removal. Transplanting, Weed Control (new to NRCS), Row Crop – Center Pivot Irrigation. Ninety percent of Row Croppers are in the NRCS System. North Florida Hurricane Helene damage was the worst in Eastern Madison County and Western Suwannee County. NRCS help with Irrigation Pivots: Less than 50% Damage = 50% Replacement; More that 50% Damage = Total Replacement. Poultry Producers suffered losses, NRCS will help with Bird Mortality.

Mr. Matt Yates/Resource Conservation Partners, LLC (RCP) Mobile Irrigation Lab (MIL) Report – On track. RCP has spent a week accessing Irrigation Pivot Damage. Lake SWCD Board will be dissolving, and their MIL covers 22 Counties and will need to be replaced/brought back up and running. A waiver has been requested for two and a half weeks of Hurricane Helene Disaster work.

Dr. Sudeep Sidhu/IFAS/UF – Special Project – No Report given in Dr. Sidhu’s absence.

Mr. Joel Love/IFAS/UF – No Report given in Mr. Joel Love’s absence.

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Mr. Buck Carpenter made a motion to include in the Records for Mrs. Nancy Plank to send out an email to the two applicants that declined interviews and document. Mr. John Henry Phillips, Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried.


Mr. Tyler Shadrack made a motion to adjourn the meeting with a second from Mr. John Henry Phillips, Jr., Motion Carried. Mr. Billy Brown, Chairman adjourned the meeting at 10:23 a.m. The next regular scheduled meeting will be held at the Madison County Soil & Water Conservation District Conference Room on Wednesday, November 20, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. Any changes to this meeting time/location will be posted prior to the revised time/location at the Madison SWCD website: www.madisonflswcd.com

Respectfully Submitted,


BUCK M. CARPENTER
Secretary/ Treasurer

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Approved on November 20, 2024, at the Madison SWCD Board Meeting.

 11/20/24
Board Supervisor *Chairman* Date
Madison SWCD

Attest:

 11/20/2024
District Administrator Date
District Staff Asst.