



# SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT OF MADISON COUNTY, FL

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

19 April 2023

## MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Minutes for SWCD Board Meeting- Regular Session –19 April 2023

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Billy Brown, Chairman of the Madison Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) at 9:15 a.m., Wednesday, April 19, 2023, at the Madison County Soil & Water Conservation District Board Room. Supervisors present included: Billy Brown, John Henry Phillips, Jr., Buck M. Carpenter, and via Telephone Tyler Shadrick . Others present included: Matt Yates, Mrs. Jazelle Jusino, Joel Love, Cetta Barnhart, Nancy Plank and Dr. Sudeep Sidhu. Mr. Joel Love opened the meeting with a word of prayer. 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, April 19, 2023, 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 meeting minutes for Wednesday March 15, 2023. Mr. Buck Carpenter made a motion to approve the minutes; 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.
- Mr. Buck Carpenter made a motion to table the Long-Range Plan, By-Laws, District Handbook, and Sales Tax Exemption for a future meeting. Mr. John Henry Phillips seconded - the motion carried.

SWCD Administration

Mr. Billy Brown reported on the Third Grade Ecology Day Demonstrations held April 14, 2023.

Mrs. Nancy Plank reported on the Poster Contest and Winners: 1<sup>st</sup> Place Stryker Terry/Teacher Kim Gurley Lee Elementary; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Brooklyn Selph/Teacher Emily Shadrick Madison Creative Arts Academy; 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Rhett McHargue/Teacher Jill Page Madison Creative Arts Academy. Awards were presented during Ecology Day. Poster Contest Judges were Commissioner Ronnie Moore and Madison Farm Bureau Board Member Ginny Paarlberg.

Discussion concerning the Conservation Technician position vacancy.

The SWCD further discussed the Long-Range Plan, By-Laws, District Handbook, and Sales Tax Exemption, and decided to table for the present 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.

Mrs. Jazelle Jusino presented the NRCS District Conservationist Report. See attached report.

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Ms. Cetta Barnhart, FDACS ES-III reported that IVs are on hold until May 15, 2023, but still doing new enrollments for Madison, Jefferson, Hamilton, and Suwannee.

Mr. Matt Yates, RCP reported that the MIL is on track for the month and a lot of work going on. Working on new budget. Met with FDACS GIS staff.

Mr. Joel Love, UF shared that the Cares Event will be on May 2, 2023, with Ag Commissioner Wilton Simpson speaking at the event and he will also tour a couple of farms in the area during the day. Madison, Suwannee, and Gilchrist SWCDs all have Special Projects going at this time.

Dr. Sudeep Sidu reported on the progress of the UF/Madison SWCD Special Project. Tissue samples will be collected soon. Will set up a tour for the MSWCD Board Members to visit the Special Project sight.

Mr. Billy Brown, Chairman adjourned the meeting at 11:40 a.m. The next meeting will be held at the Madison County Soil & Water Conservation District Board Room Wednesday, May 17, 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Buck M. Carpenter". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

BUCK M. CARPENTER

Secretary/ Treasurer