**Gadsden Soil and Water Conservation District**

**September 19, 2022**

**Minutes**

***Supervisors Present****:*  Vincent Moore, Bryan Baxley, Shelby Sanford

***Others Present****:* Pam Tribue; Edith Turner; Martha Mitchell, Lucretia Washington; Staff; Stephen Monroe; Karen Alday-Henderson, Morgan Baxley, Danielle Sprague, Robbie Jones, Michael J. Felton, Jr., Thomas Brown

The Gadsden Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors meeting was called to order at 6:10pm. The meeting was held at the Gadsden County Extension Office, 2140 W Jefferson Street, Quincy FL.

Call to order and Prayer by Supervisor Bryan Baxley

**Approval of Agenda**

 *Motion to approve Agenda as written by Vincent Moore, seconded by Shelby Sanford.*

*Motion carries 3-0*

**Review and approval of August 15, 2022, minutes.**

*Motion to approve without exception to correct Larry Clayton’s vie to Larry Clayton’s withdrawal of his candidacy for District 2 by Vincent Moore, seconded by Shelby Sanford.*

*Motion carries 3-0*

**Treasurers’ Reports:**

**GSWCD**

* As of September 19, 2022, the ending balance in the GSWCD regular account is $106,443.12

**FDACS**

* As of September 19, 2022, the ending balance in the Cost Share Contract #27701 is $122,018.20
* As of September 19, 2022, the ending balance in the Technician Account Contract #26229 is $21,823.58.

*Motion to file the Treasure’s reports by Shelby Sanford, seconded by Vincent Moore.*

*Motion carries 3-0*

**Reports:**

**NRCS –** Michael Felton District Conservationist reported monthly activity on technical and conservation planning assistance provided by NRCS. Total 26 applications. Informed the Board that the EQIP deadline has been extended to September 30, 2022. Presented a Power Point presentation of NRCS and various programs offered and their requirements.

New Soil Conservationist will start at the end of November.

**FDACS** – Stephen Monroe. Reported that his client list is now 103 and of those 11 are overdue for site visits. He’s working with 6 to schedule visits, and 3 have been referred to DEP. Averaging 6 farm visits a week.

**ADMINISTRATIVE**

* 2021 Audit is complete and have been filed with the State and uploaded on the GSWCD website.
* Introduction of Ms. Lucretia Washington who will be handling drill rental.
* 2023 Speech and Poster Contest theme is **“One Water”.** Contest will be held in March. A date for the contest before or after school spring break, which is March 13-20, 2022, to be decided. The GSW website has been updated.
* MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) is being reviewed by the County. As soon as the County returns to us, it will be presented to the Board for review and signatures. Budget allotment will be on hold until an approved and signed MOU is obtained.
* Soil and Water Board has been invited to the Annual Meeting of the Farm Bureau on October 6, 2022, at the National Guard Armory at 6:00pm.
* New authorized signature cards required by the Bank because of the new Board member.
* Changing Board meeting in November to November 14th. Suggest we invite the newly elected members whose terms will begin January 2023 to the Board meeting in November to get acquainted with existing Board members and staff.
* List of 2023 meetings. Will need to decide on adjusting dates of the meeting in January, March, and June because there is a conflict with the third Monday meeting due to holidays or other scheduled meetings.
* AFCD meeting and Supervisor training will be January 24-27, 2023, in Gainesville.

*Motion by Shelby Sanford to move the November meeting to November 14th, seconded by Vincent Moore.*

*Motion carries 3-0*

*Motion to serve meal on November 14th after the meeting by Vincent Moore, seconded by Shelby Sanford. Motion carries 3-0*

**Extension:**

**Danielle Sprague** - October 27, Cold Hardy Citrus Field Day at the Research Center. Pesticide training class was well attended, 45 participants. Peanut Butter Challenge during the month of October. Asking the community for *unopened* jars of peanut butter.

**Robbie Jones**: Dr. Timothy Dean Pringle will be our new Center Director for NFREC. He will be overseeing Suwannee Valley, Quincy and Marianna. His start date is January 3, 2023.

County budget – Possible date for approved MOU from the County is 1st or 3rd of October. National 4-H Week is the first week of October. Sunbelt Ag Expo October 18-20. Working on getting the County to get qualified mosquito applicators trained in Gadsden County, currently there are none.

*Motion to approve the NRCS and FDACS Reports by Bryan Baxley, seconded by Vincent Moore.*

*Motion carries 3-0*

**Old Business**

* **Painting the aerator**. Getting the check for the paint purchase. Research Center to repaint aerator.
* **Old 10’ drill**. Sun South asked for about two more weeks. They should have it ready by October 1st. Requests are already coming in for use of the 10’drill. The Sunflower drill returned to Clark’s for some additional needed repairs that were missed.
* Shelter for the new drill – Still no response from Better Built Barns. In the meantime, we will house the aerator in the old pavilion barn.

**New Business:**

* Mr. Thomas Brown of the Gadsden County Library system spoke to the Board regarding funding support from the Board for the Gadsden Seed Library program as the funds to the library has been cut dramatically. The Board voted to fund $2500 to the library seed program. *Motion to fund the library seed program $2500 by Bryan Baxley, seconded by Vincent Moore.* *Motion carries 3-0*

**Correspondence - None**

**Comments from the Audience:**  - None

**Supervisors Comments:** None

**Adjournment:** *Motion to adjourn at 7:53 pm.by Vincent Moore seconded by Bryan Baxley*

*Motion carries 3-0*

**Next meeting**

**Local Working Group 5:00pm October 17, 2022**

**Soil and Water Board Meeting 6:00pm October 17, 2022**

**Gadsden Extension Office 2140 W. Jefferson Street**

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