**Gadsden Soil and Water Conservation District**

**Minutes**

**August 15, 2022**

# ***Supervisors Present****:* Michael Brown, Vincent Moore, Bryan Baxley

***Others Present****:* Pam Tribue; Edith Turner; Martha Mitchell; Staff; Stephen Monroe; Staff; Larry Clayton; Doug Croley; Jeff Moore, Karen Alday-Henderson, Shelby Sanford, Morgan Baxley, Donna Arnold, Danielle Sprague, Robbie Jones, Michael J. Felton, Jr.

The Gadsden Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors meeting was convened at 6:010pm. The meeting was held at the Gadsden County Extension Office, 2140 W Jefferson Street, Quincy, FL.

Prayer by Supervisor Bryan Baxley

**Review and approval of July 18, 2022 Minutes with corrections**

*Motion to approve without exception of two typos to July 18, 2022, by Vincent Moore, seconded by Bryan Baxley.*

*Motion carries 3-0*

***Treasurers’ Reports:***

**GSWCD**

* As of August 15, 2022, the ending balance in the GSWCD regular account is $106,911.37.
* CD with Capital City Bank matured on August 10, 2022. The $45 charge each month is the fee that Bank charges for ACH. Mrs. Tribue will call the Bank and see if the $45 fee can be charged to the FDACS account and GSWCD can be reimbursed the fee.

**FDACS**

* As of August 15, 2022, the ending balance in the Cost Share Contract #27701 is $57,153.59.
* As of August 15, 2022, the ending balance in the Technician Account Contract #26229 is $2,644.61.

*Motion to file the Treasure’s reports by Bryan Baxley, seconded by Vincent Moore.*

*Motion carries 3-0*

**Reports:**

**NRCS –** Mr. Michael Felton introduced himself as the new District Conservationist. Informed the Board that for anyone that is applying for Equip, the deadline is September 2, 2022. Provided his email address to the Board for contact. Informed the Board that before year’s end a new Soil Conservationist and Grazing Specialist and Quail Forever Specialist.

**FDACS** – The fiscal year ended June 30th. Received new cost share funding budget stayed the same so there are ample funds. Still the desire to spend the funds in our counties. Doing some work in Jefferson County because they need the help. Mr. Monroe has the approval of Ag and Water. Getting the news out about the new seed drill.

*Motion to approve the NRCS and FDACS Reports by Vincent Moore, seconded by Lance Watson.*

*Motion carries 4-0*

**Old Business**

* **7’ drill.** The new drill is in and has had its first renter.
* **Painting the aerator**. The farm is finishing up their summer harvest and will probably now have time freed up to paint the aerator. Stephen mentioned that there was some paint next to Robbie’s office that might be for painting the aerator.
* **Old 10’ drill**. The Board decided during the special meeting on July 7, 2022, to have the drill worked on. Board took the lower of two estimates. $4,697.27, the other was $9,000-$12,600 and the Board went with the lower bid which is maintenance versus a major overhaul. The reasoning behind this thought is that the 10’ drill is used considerably less than the 7’ drill, and at this point, we have two 7’ drills. The Board did not want to invest too much money at this point on the 10’ drill to have everything renovated when there wasn’t necessarily a need for it. What will happen with the repair is that any problems that are found will be taken care of. It won’t be taking care of any future problems. They have said they are working on it and Robbie has indicated that by mid-August, they will have, or should have it ready. The Board authorized Mr. Jones up to $500 for any additional repairs. Anything over that amount will have to come back to the Board for approval.
* Mrs. Tribue would like for the Board to consider creating a flyer with all the equipment that we have available so we can start dispersing it to businesses like Bell and Bates, Stones, Clark Tractor, etc. and to authorize an ad be placed in the local newspaper to let the community know what equipment is available. Supervisor Watson inquired as to an email data base that we could use to do a pdf blast to all previous users of the drills. Mrs. Tribue says she will check to see if email addresses are available for the previous users but typically email addresses are not taken at the time of rental. She will also ask the County to put something on their website as well.
* *Motion to put ad in local newspapers for the equipment and rental rates by Vincent Moore, seconded by Lance Watson*

*Motion carries 4-0*

**New Business:**

* Shelter for the new 7’ drill. One more bay is needed for the aerator. Two vendors were contacted, Southeast Portable Buildings, and A-1 Barn & Metal Superstore. No response from Southeast Portable but A-1 Barn & Metal gave a quote of $6400 but on their quote that was no price for fencing so that would be an additional cost. Mr. Monroe felt that the cost was high for one bay to be added. Mr. Watson suggested that we reach out to Mr. Bryan Peddie out of Hosford, Florida to see if he will give us a better quote. Mr. Watson has used them on his personal properties and will get us the contact information. Mrs. Tribue has suggested that we put the aerator in the barn of the old Pavilion until we have an additional bay built. By next meeting have more information.
* Appointment of Supervisor for Seat 3. Board can appoint a supervisor until the next election, but the appointment would only be valid until January. Mrs. Tribue will verify with the Supervisor of Elections if this is the proper procedure. She will also speak with Commissioner Green as to finding a candidate from District 5. Suggestion is that the Board appoint someone at this meeting. Decision does not have to be decided tonight, will be tabled until the next meeting.
* *Motion to table appointing a Supervisor to Seat 3 until the next Board meeting by Vincent Moore, seconded by Bryan Baxley*.

*Motion carries 4-0*

* Aquatic Weed Reimbursement for James Harold Thompson. Board reviewed and approved. Work completed.

*Motion to approve reimbursement of 75% cost share of $1,264.98 for James Harold Thompson by Vincent Moore, seconded by Bryan Baxley.*

*Motion carries 4-0*

* AFCD meeting has been postponed from September until January. Mr. Jeff Moore will still be serving as AFCD Past President. Any new Supervisor is encouraged to attend.

**Correspondence:**  Need two signatures on the letter to remove Mr. Jeff Moore from the account. If there is a need, signature cards will be presented at the next meeting.

Local Working Group meeting on Zoom July 26, 2022, at 10:00 am. Staff will be attending via Zoom. Local Working Group Meeting will be held in October. Suggested date is same as the Board meeting, October 17, 2022. There have been some members of the community that have stressed an interest in participating. Recommendation that after the election that we invite the new supervisors to the meeting and may do a nice dinner.

**Comments from the Audience:** Mr. Driggers wanted to know on the drills when they are returned, who maintains them as to who makes sure the fittings are greased, tires are aired up and if it is ready for transfer to next user? Is there a preventive maintenance program here? Mr. Jeff Moore mentioned that in the past there was an agreement with the County, but it really didn’t get the maintenance needed, we were not priority, so a private person had to do PM. Mr. Moore suggested that the Board purchase a grease gun so either he or Robbie can grease the drills regularly. Mr. Driggers checked the specs and found that it is a sealed system.

Mr. Stephen Moore thanked the Board for the work they do for the Community.

Introduction of Karen Alday-Henderson. Thinks that what the Board does for the County is a vital service that’s not well known.

Mr. Driggers introduced himself as running for a Board position and he does not mind helping where he can, especially with the equipment maintenance of the drills if the Board is interested.

**Supervisors Comments:** Mr. Brown wanted to know if staff has gotten any response from Mr. Toussaint of FFA and other schools with Ag programs. School starts August 10th and Mrs. Tribue will reach out to him. Not sure if he will be able to attend the August meeting but Staff will reach out to him. Mr. Brown wants staff to continue reaching out to him to come in and update the Board on what’s going on with the program, if not in August but perhaps before year end.

**Adjournment:** *Motion to adjourn at 7:35 pm.by Vincent Moore seconded by Bryan Baxley*

*Motion carries 4-0*

**Next meeting August 15, 2022**

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

**Quincy, FL 32351**