

GADSDEN SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

August 19, 2024

Minutes

Supervisors Present: Supervisor Michael Brown, Supervisor Vincent Moore, Supervisor Bryan Baxley

Not present: Supervisor Ralph Sanford, Supervisor Karen Alday-Henderson

Others Present: Edith Turner; Staff, Martha Mitchell; Extension: Danielle Williams, Robbie Jones, Pam Tribue FDACS Stephen Monroe, Chris Denmark; NRCS: Avery Spires, Naila McCraney.

Call to order by Chairperson Michael Brown and Prayer offered by Supervisor Bryan Baxley.

The Regular Gadsden Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors meeting was called to order at 5:26pm. Official Statement read by Chairperson Michael Brown. The GSWCD meeting was held at the Gadsden County Extension Office, 2140 W Jefferson Street, Quincy FL.

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve Agenda as written by Supervisor Vincent Moore, seconded by Supervisor Bryan. Motion carries 3-0.

Review and approval of July 15, 2024, Minutes.

Motion to approve minutes by Supervisor Vincent Moore seconded by Supervisor Bryan Baxley Motion carries 3-0.

Treasurers' Reports:

GSWCD

- As of August 19, 2024, the ending balance in the GSWCD regular account is \$135,625.34.

FDACS

- As of August 19, 2024, the ending balance in Cost Share Contract #27701 is \$20,689.77
- As of August 19, 2024, the ending balance in Technician Account Contract #26229 is \$3,586.00.

Motion to file for audit, the Treasure's reports as written with the exceptions of any corrections as discussed for GSWCD Regular & FDACS Accounts by Supervisor Vincent Moore, seconded by Supervisor Bryan Baxley. Motion carries 3-0.

Reports:

NRCS

- As of August 15th, 2024, all contracts for the Quincy Field Office are officially obligated, 32 contracts obligated.
- November 1, 2024, application deadline
- Protracts will be suspended October 1st – October 7th. All modifications, payments, and all other services will be unavailable starting September 20th and will resume after the maintenance period.
- Letters have been sent to producers who qualify for CSP GCI. The deadline for those applications is September 1, 2024.
- Cost rates for programs will not be distributed to the Field Offices until after November 1st.
- Claude Chlepalich is the new Private Lands Biologist with FWC.
- Nicholas Reynolds is the new Biologist for Quails Forever.
- Two Archaeologists were hired under the State Archeologist, Stephen Wise. Cheyenne Lewis is the new Archeologist for FL NRCS will be stationed at the Quincy Field Office. Second hire will be stationed at in Sarasota

FDACS

- Chris Denmark of OAWP spoke to the Board on the 3 new programs being implemented for producers. Applicants are encouraged to fill out the form online. Cost Share Percentages are up to the producers 65%, 75% (2 years) or 90% (4 years). These percentages will be based years of record keeping. The purpose of collecting this data is to be able to present it to the Legislature when requesting more funding for the program.
- Cap on cost share up to \$150,000 from \$50,000.
- Mr. Monroe is continuing with sign ups and verifications.

ADMINISTRATIVE

- OPPAGA Audit update. Changes to processes for deposits recommended. Others changes to be discussed in future meetings.
- Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. Tribue and Mrs. Turner will be attending the FCDEA Annual meeting in Gainesville on September 3-4th. Request is made to approve travel expenses.
Motion to approve travel expenses for Mrs. Mitchell, Tribue, and Turner by Supervisor Vincent Moore, seconded by Supervisor Bryan Baxley. Motion carried 3-0.
- NACD 2025 Stewardship Week April 27-May 4, 2025. Suggestion for consideration that Gadsden Soil and Water Conservation District participate in some capacity in conjunction with the Extension Spring Plant Sale.
- 2025 Speech and Poster contest them is **“Home is Where the Habitat Is”**. Information to the schools will be sent out as soon as source materials are available from NACD.
- AFCD has moved to Tallahassee
- Administrative position has been put on hold until further notice by the County.

EXTENSION

- Extension Open House August 22, 2024, 4:00pm -7:00pm. Mrs. Tribue is manning the booth for Gadsden Soil and Water.
- Gadsden Rodeo August 23-25th.
- USDA building update, lease expires January 31, 2025.

- CORE & Private/Row Crop Pesticide Applicator Review September 19th, 2024. Future exams will be done electronically.
- Farm Technology Field Day September 23, 2024
- NRCS does not have any programs implemented to help with pond management.
- Still looking at options to revamp the arena.
- October 22, Pond Management Field Day
- Reagan Neal is the new intern that will be starting part-time August 22.

Old Business:

- Seed drills still need to be repaired. Mr. Monroe has ordered parts for the Remlinger to complete repairs. Board considering retiring the two older drills as the parts are not readily available. Some parts must be custom made.
- Reimbursed Jesse Suber \$2,000 of the \$3,815.09 invoice. Maximum Board will reimburse is \$2,000.

New Business:

Correspondence:

- Thank you note from SE NACD that Chairman Brown and Mrs. Tribue attended.

Comments from the Audience:

- None

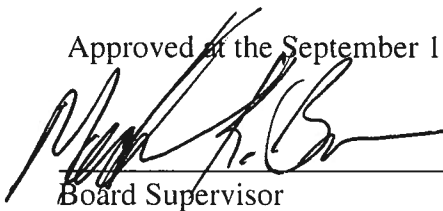
Supervisors Comments:

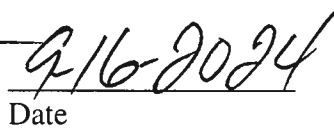
Supervisor Moore mentioned the situation with the feral hog concerns in the County. No solution was reached.

Chairman Brown thanked all the Board Members for volunteering their time to the Board and thanked the Staff for all they do as well for the Board.

Adjournment: *Motion to adjourn at 7:28pm. by Supervisor Vincent Moore seconded by Supervisor Bryan Baxley. Motion carries 3-0.*

Approved at the September 16, 2024, meeting.


 Board Supervisor


 Date

 District Administrator

 Date

Next Meeting:
September 16, 2024 – 5:15pm
Gadsden Extension Office
2140 W Jefferson Street
Quincy FL 32351