**Gadsden Soil and Water Conservation District**

**April 15, 2024**

**Minutes**

***Supervisors Present****:*  Michael Brown, Karen-Alday Henderson. Ralph Sanford, Vincent Moore Not present: Bryan Baxley

***Others Present****:* Edith Turner, Pam Tribue, Staff; Danielle Williams, Martha Mitchell, Crystalgale Hunter; Extension Robbie Jones FDACS Stephen Monroe; Avery Spires, Ted Stansly, NRCS.

The Regular Gadsden Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors meeting called to order at 5:15pm. The GSWCD meeting was held at the Gadsden County Extension Office, 2140 W Jefferson Street, Quincy FL.

Call to order by Chairperson Michael Brown and Prayer offered by Supervisor Karen Alday-Henderson.

**Approval of Agenda**

*Motion to approve Agenda as written by Supervisor Karen Alday-Henderson, seconded by Supervisor Ralph Sanford. Motion carries 4-0.*

**Review and approval of March 18, 2024, Minutes.**

*Motion to approve minutes by Supervisor Vincent Moore with exceptions to corrections clarified by Supervisor Karen Alday-Henderson, seconded by Supervisor Ralph Sanford.*

*Motion carries 4-0.*

**Treasurers’ Reports:**

**GSWCD**

* As of April 15, 2024, the ending balance in the GSWCD regular account is $144,860.10.

**FDACS**

* As of April 12, 2024, the ending balance in Cost Share Contract #27701 is $105,452.64
* As of April 12, 2024, the ending balance in Technician Account Contract #26229 is $24,770.97.

*Motion to file for audit, the Treasure’s reports as written subject to any corrections for GSWCD Regular & FDACS Account by Supervisor Ralph Sanford, seconded by Supervisor Vincent Moore. Motion carries 4-0.*

**Reports:**

**NRCS**

* Program Status Report – Finalizing plans and assessment and ranking EQIP application for funding.
* Local Woking Group May 20, 2014.
* Staffing: FWC Tony Harris resigned his position as FWC Private Lands Biologist
* NRCS: Quincy DC position has been filled. Announcement to be made at later date.
* Archeologist position posted for choice between Quincy and Sarasota.

**FDACS**

* New enrollments of new farmers. On schedule for getting all completed by June 30th.

**ADMINISTRATIVE**

* **OPPAGA** Audit submitted. 7 of 20 items sent, reviewed, and accepted.
* Annual audit sent to auditors, Grimsley and Associates.
* Reminder that Local Working Group meeting is May 20, 2024. Time for Local Working Group is 5:30 pm. Also want to place an ad in the local newspapers. NRCS will be conducting the meeting. *Motion to advertise Local Working Group in the local newspapers and our social media sites by Supervisor Vincent Moore, seconded by Supervisor Karen Alday-Henderson. Motion carries 4-0.*
* FCDEA mid-year meeting is April 24 & 25 in Gainesville, Florida. Mrs. Mitchell will be attending instead of Mrs. Tribue. *Motion to approve Mrs. Mitchell attending Mid-Year meeting in Gainesville on April 24th & 25th instead of Mrs. Tribue by Supervisor Ralph Sanford, seconded by Supervisor Karen Alday-Henderson. Motion carries 4-0.*
* AFCD Area 1 Meeting in Marianna, ethics training from 9am-1pm. Registration is required.
* National Association of Conservation Districts (SE Region) June 16th - 18th. Asking for sponsorship. Chairman Michael Brown will be attending. Mrs. Tribue will be working the meeting. The Board has agreed to the Silver Level sponsorship ($1500). *Motion for the Silver Level sponsorship by Supervisor Vincent Moore, seconded by Supervisor Karen Alday-Henderson. Motion carries 4-0.*
* AFCD Annual meeting is November 1st and 2nd.Mrs. Tribue will be doing a presentation.
* The $11,000 funding from the County has been received.
* Aquatic Weed Control reimbursement request of $544.21(75% of $725.61 for Mike Waters. *Motion to approve Mr. Waters* *Aquatic Weed application by Supervisor Vincent Moore, seconded by Supervisor Ralph Sanford. Motion carries 4-0.*
* Mrs. Turner will contact the Grants Administrator to schedule a presentation for the June 17th GSWCD meeting.
* Re-election. Reminder Districts 2, 4, and 5 (Baxley, Brown, Sanford). Qualifying is June 10-14. If doing the Petitions, May 13th or for qualifying fee of $25.00 dateline is June 14th.

**EXTENSION**

* 10’ drill to be taken to Sun South for repairs, it needs hoses, and the jack is broken. Repairs on the 7’ drill have been delayed temporarily.
* Plant sale April 20, 2024, at the Extension greenhouse. Ribbon cutting and tour at 9:30am.
* April 30th, Heirs Workshop at FAMU Research Center.
* Water Bath canning workshop
* Citrus workshop on May 9th.

**Old Business:**

* Need to think of a way for equipment to be serviced or repaired whether we take them to the repair shop, or the repair shop picks it up. All the drills need to be serviced. The Board has agreed to table the issue of maintenance until the next meeting. As of tonight, the Remlinger has priority over the other drills. *Motion to have Mr. Stephen Monroe take the Remlinger drill to Bainbridge at his convenience for repairs by Supervisor Ralph Sanford, seconded by Supervisor Vincent Moore. Motion carries 4-0.*

**New Business:**

Issue with the Sunflower drill. Mr. Brian Hopper asked that we waive one day of charges or acres since the drill had issues with the drill. The Board agreed to waive one day of charges. *Motion to adjust charges for Mr. Hopper to be number of days used or total acreage, whichever is greater by Supervisor Vincent Moore, seconded by Supervisor Ralph Sanford. Motion carries 4-0.*

**Correspondence:**

* Letter from Farm Bureau

**Comments from the Audience:**

* None

**Supervisors Comments:** Supervisor Alday-Henderson gave commendation of appreciation for the work staff has done on providing the information for OPPAGA audit and keeping the Board on tract and legal. She is familiar with the process of OPPAGA.

Chairperson Brown thanked the staff for the work they do on behalf of GSWCD in the community and the schools.

**Adjournment:** *Motion to adjourn at 6:07 pm.by Supervisor Vincent Moore, seconded by Supervisor Ralph Sanford. Motion carries 4-0.*

***Next Meeting:***

***May 20, 2024 – 5:15pm***

***Gadsden Extension Office***

***2140 W Jefferson Street***

***Quincy FL 32351***