**Gadsden Soil and Water Conservation District**

**Minutes**

**April 18, 2022**

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

***Others Present****:* Robert Jones CED, Pam Tribue, Edith Turner, Stephen Monroe, Martha Mitchell Staff, and Morgan Baxley

**Guests:** Evie Blount, 4-H

The Gadsden Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors meeting was called to order at 6:12pm by Chairman Jeff Moore. The meeting was held at Gadsden County Extension Office, 2140 W Jefferson Street, Quincy, FL.

Prayer by Chairman Jeff Moore

**Review and approval of March 28, 2022, minutes.**

*Motion to approve March 28, 2022, minutes by Michael Brown and seconded by Bryan Baxley. Motion carries 4-0*

***Treasurers’ Reports:***

**GSWCD**

* As of March 28, 2022, the ending balance in the GSW regular account is $136,757.67.

**FDACS**

* As of March 28, 2022, the ending balance in the Cost Share Contract #27701 is $124,076.76
* As of February 21, 2022, the ending balance in the Technician Account Contract #26229 is $20,337.38. The Board felt that the amount Capital City Bank charges; $45, is high for the monthly cost of the checking account. Mrs. Tribue will check with the bank on the charges. New signature card adding Vincent Moore as a signatory and removing William Hackney was signed by all Supervisors except for Supervisor Lance Watson, who was not present at the meeting. His signature will be obtained the next day.

*Motion to file the Treasurer’ reports by Bryan Baxley seconded by Vincent Moore, Motion carries 4-0.*

**Reports:**

**NRCS -**  No Report from Karyn Ruiz-Toro. Mr. Moore will check with Jason to see what the status is on NRCS representative in the Quincy office.

**FDACS** –

Report from Stephen Monroe: Continuing with implementation of verification and visits to farms, ranches and nurseries. Getting a lot of contact from Producers who have heard about the program. Many don’t meet the qualifications, but Mr. Monroe is still going to meet with them to help them out with understanding the program and how they can qualify. One person was enrolled under nursery, he has bamboo and wants to put in livestock and other things. Gave him information that would help him understand the program better. Still trying to get nutrient records from producers. Focus is on ag lands that were unenrolled and trying to get those re-enrolled.

**Old Business**

 New 7’ drill – still waiting in Tallahassee. We’ve paid the $2500 deposit. Mrs. Tribue has been working with Angela to finalize details to get the contract signed. They have the new lease rental agreement and have made a couple of changes to what we had and all Angela needs to do now is finalize the contract. Once signed we can complete the purchase of the drill and then FDACS will give 100% back on the $28,000±.

The old 10’ drill is currently at Ag-Pro Bainbridge. Mr. Jones has not gotten another quote for it. That drill has not been serviced in a while, according to the Ag-Pro maintenance shop. Several of the cultivators and furrow discs were not in good shape and need to be replaced. The best side of replacing all this is $9,000.00 minimum; worst case scenario is $12,600 if they have to get into the suspension rods. They won’t know the full cost until they break down the system to see what is salvageable.

Clark Tractor has not yet given a quote for the old 7’ drill. It does need cultivators, and some similar repairs to that of what the 10’ needs. The seed box is going to need some work because the gears were stripped out. On the bottom it needs some discs and cultivators. He will work up a quote, but we still have not gotten the quote from them. Ag-Pro Bainbridge is waiting for the Board approval to go ahead with repairs.

 Thoughts of the Board are to take it to Sun South in Donaldsonville, Georgia for a second quote since we still have some time before peak use rental season arrives. *Motion to take the old 10’ drill to Donaldsonville, Georgia for a second repair quote made by Bryan Baxley, seconded by Michael Brown.*

The aerator is ready to go. An official rental rate needs to be determined. Probably needs to be a per day rate instead of per acre rate since it does not have an acreage counter on it. Painting is still a consideration. Repaint original color – yellow. An initial start rate of $100.00 per day. Robbie says he would like to get public works to bring a tractor and run it over the property at the extension office to make sure it runs properly. *Motion to establish a rate of $100 per day for the refurbished aerator made by Vincent Moore, seconded by Michael Brown. Motion carries 4-0.*

**New Business:**

* 4-H Eva (Evie) Blount, 4-H Director for Gadsden County gave her presentation to the Board for the summer camps for 4-H and explanation of the 4-H Scholarship Endowment Programs. Asked for volunteers. The Board has agreed to support the program with a contribution of $1,000.00. *Motion to contribute $1,000 to 4-H endeavor by Vincent Moore, seconded by Michael Brown. Motion carries 4-0*
* NACD Annual Membership contribution. The past contribution amount was $125.00. Supervisor Michael Brown suggested we up the contribution to $250.00, Board agreed. *Motion to contribute $250 to annual membership for NACD Membership made by Michael Brown, seconded by Vincent Moore. Motion carries 4-0.*
* AFCD upcoming meetings. Board members are encouraged to attend for informational and training reasons especially newest Board member, Vincent Moore.
* Pond Management Day on May 11, 2022, at the IFAS Research Center from 8:30am-4:00pm. The Board contributed a sponsorship amount of $100. Gadsden Soil and Water Conservation District’s booth will be manned by Stephen Monroe as its representative. *Motion to contribute $100 to the Pond Management Field Day made by Bryan Baxley seconded by Vincent Moore. Motion carries 4-0.*
* Aquatic Weed Control Application. Application George Fullerton in behalf of multiple pond owners on Scotland Road in Havana. The Board has agreed to preliminarily move forward with the pond application. *Motion to give preliminary approval of the application made by Vincent Moore, seconded by Michael Brown. Motion carries 4-0*

**Correspondence:**

 Mrs. Tribue spoke with Bridgett of the Supervisor of Elections office inquiring if Mr. Vincent Moore would have to run for election this year and was told that *all* the Supervisors will have to run for election this year. If there are any changes the Board will be notified.

Mrs. Turner and Mrs. Tribue reached out to Mr. Toussaint at the request of Supervisor Brown, but he has not responded to either one. They will continue to reach out to Mr. Toussant.

**Adjournment:** *Motion to adjourn at 7:50pm by Supervisor Bryan Baxley and seconded by Supervisor Vincent Moore.*

*Motion carries 4-0*

**Next meeting June 20, 2022**

**Gadsden Extension Office**

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