**Gadsden Soil and Water Conservation District**

**February 26, 2024**

**Minutes**

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

***Others Present****:* Pam Tribue, Staff; Donna Arnold, Martha Mitchell, Robbie Jones, Extension, Avery Spires, NRCS; FDACS Stephen Monroe.

The Regular Gadsden Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors meeting was called to order at 5:23pm. The meeting was held at the Gadsden County Extension Office, 2140 W Jefferson Street, Quincy FL.

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

**Approval of Agenda**

*Motion to approve Agenda as written by Supervisor Karen Alday-Henderson, seconded by Supervisor Bryan Baxley. Motion carries 3-0*

**Review and approval of January 8, 2024, Minutes.**

*Motion to approve minutes Supervisor Karen Alday-Henderson, seconded by Supervisor Bryan Baxley.*

*Motion carries 3-0*

**Treasurers’ Reports:**

**GSWCD**

* As of February 19, 2024, the ending balance in the GSWCD regular account is $134,496.96.

**FDACS**

* As of February 26, 2024, the ending balance in Cost Share Contract #27701 is $96,401.71.
* As of February 26, 2024, the ending balance in Technician Account Contract #26229 is $18,306.40.

*Motion to file the Treasure’s reports as written subject to any corrections for GSWCD Regular Account for audit by Supervisor Bryan Baxley, seconded by Supervisor Karen Alday-Henderson. Motion carries 3-0.*

**Reports:**

**NRCS**

* Discussed Schedule of FY 2024 Application-Obligation Milestones & Timelines

**FDACS**

* In second phase of visiting farmers. Several cost share projects approved but have not been finished.

**ADMINISTRATIVE**

* Speech and Poster contest April 15, 2024. Invitations have been sent out. The Board was informed that 60 poster board were purchased. 20 poster boards will be allotted to schools that request them.
* Reminder that Local Working Group meeting is May 20, 2024. NRCS will be conducting the meeting.
* House and Senate Bills concerning Soil and Water Boards update. As of date the Bill did not pass.
* OPPAGA Audit. Pam had a phone conference OPPAGA. Mrs. Turner and Mrs. Tribue will be working of the list of items requested for submission by March 15th. A site visit will be done soon; they were informed that our meetings are held in the evening. They requested to visit Zoom. Martha and Pam are working to have all their financial information together by the March 15th.
* FCDEA mid-year meeting is April 24 & 25 in Gainesville, Florida. Asked the Board to look at the website and make recommendations.
* Funding request sent to the County for the annual $11,000.
* Reminder of the importance of attending the Board meetings. All Boards must have at least one meeting where all five members are in attendance.
* Official photos of the Board to be rescheduled the meeting in April at the Speech and Poster contest.
* Re-election. Districts 2, 4, and 5 are up for re-election. Qualifying is June 10-14. If doing the Petitions, May 13th or for qualifying fee of $25.00 dateline is June 14th.

**EXTENSION**

* Produce Safety Alliance Growers training on March 5th at the Extension office.
* Currently running the Master Gardeners program with 16 volunteer trainees. Running from February 1 – 25.
* Greenhouse is working and we’re still working on doing a plant sale.
* March 12th – Small ruminant field day at IFAS Research Center.
* May 3rd – tractor driving safety workshop.

**Old Business:**

* Pole Barn & Fencing is complete.

**New Business:**

* None

**Correspondence:**

* None

**Comments from the Audience:**  Congratulations to Chairman Brown on his achievements in the County.

**Supervisors Comments:** None.

**Adjournment:** *Motion to adjourn at 6:31 pm.by Supervisor Bryan Baxley, seconded by Supervisor Karen Alday-Henderson. Motion carried 3-0.*

***Next Meeting:***

***March 18th, 2024 – 5:15pm***

***Gadsden Extension Office***

***2140 W Jefferson Street***

***Quincy FL 32351***