

PUTNAM SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Date: February 21, 2019

Present: Theo Siehler, Chairman

J. R. Newbold, Vice Chairman Doug Doran, Supervisor Wendy Mussoline, IFAS Gary England, IFAS Doug Crawford, BMP Logic

Justin Jones, BMP Logic Christy Largacci, Guest Gina Allen, Secretary

Meeting called to order at 8:35 a.m. Minutes from the previous meeting were approved. Bank balance as of 01/31/19 - \$50.376.74.

Old Business:

Help will be needed for the Fair Display week of March 18th. Fair begins on March 22nd.

New Business:

A pre- paid credit card has been purchased to use for online purchases with a limited amount of \$500.00. Allen has purchased a table cloth and ink pens with the District logo for the Fair.

Justin Jones and Doug Crawford gave a presentation on BMP Logic soil probes. Soil probes allow growers to see where the water and fertilizer is going in the root zone of the plant. Mussoline stated the growers have a leasing option rather than buy the probes. A three- year service agreement is offered that includes installation and assistance with reading the charts. Cost to purchase a probe is \$2,250.00 each. Cost to rent the probe is \$300.00 per month with a 30-day contract. Mussoline stated St. Johns County is purchasing 3 probes for the IFAS Hastings Research Center.

England informed the Board IFAS is to sponsor a Legislative Farm Tour on November 14, 2019.

Mussoline informed the Board that the position of Commercial Agriculture Agent for St. Johns County will close in March.

DC Report: LaKeisha R. Barber

Open Floor:

ADJOURNMENT:

No further discussion. The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m. The next regular board meeting will be held on March 21, 2019.