



## PUTNAM SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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### Regular Board Meeting Minutes

**Date: January 19, 2017**

**Present:** Theo Siehler, Chairman  
J.R. Newbold, Supervisor  
Robert Revels, Supervisor  
Jody Lee, FDACS  
Lakeisha Barber, NRCS  
Conrad Wysocki, Forestry  
Gina Allen, Secretary

Meeting called to order at 8:30 a.m.

Minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

Bank balance as of 11-30-16 - \$15,544.88.

#### **Old Business:**

No old business to discuss at this time.

#### **New Business:**

Audit requirements was the first item under new business for discussion. An annual audit is requested by the State for the FDACs Cost Share Program. J.R. will check with the Fair Board to see who performs their audit. Siehler suggested contact James Fort about the minimum requirements needed in the audit.

Conrad Wysocki was introduced to the Board. Wysocki is the new County Forester.

District annual dues were discussed. Newbold made a motion to pay \$100.00 to A.F.C.D. for annual dues. Revels seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Newbold made a motion to pay \$250.00 to N.A.C.D. for annual dues. Revels seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Conservation tray contest was discussed. Prize monies will be the same as last year's contest.

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Lee gave an update on the FDACs Cost Share Program. \$350,000 in this year's contract. An environmental specialist will be hired to work with him. Some BMP's may shift to GMP's (Good Management Practices). The State is restructuring the BMP manuals.

#### **DC Report:**



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Report for Putnam County SWCD

**Environmental Quality Incentives Program – EQIP**

- 10 active contracts; (7) grazing; (1) forestry. All in good standing.
- 5 eligible applications. (1) crop; (2) grazing; (1) forestry
- Deadline to rank applications and develop cost estimates March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Conservation Stewardship Program – CStwP**

- 1 active contract on forest land
- Active signup going on. Deadline to apply is February 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- No applications on file yet but have potential applicants in mind.
- 5 year contract; must meet 2 resource concerns on each land use at time of application and 1 additional by the end of the 5 year period.
- **Contract payments are made annually based on the following components:**
  - Existing activity payment:
  - \$350 for each resource concern met, + per acre payment based on land use
  - Crop (Annual, Mixed, Perennial) Farmstead - \$7.50/acre
  - Pasture = \$3.00/acre
  - Range - \$1.00/acre
  - Forest & Associated Ag Land - \$.50/acre
    - Additional activity payment
    - Supplemental payment

**Conservation Technical Assistance**

- Continue to provide soils and topo maps to TCAA applicants.
- Provide technical assistance and information as requested.

**Other**

- Will attend prescribed fire training with Tall Timbers in Tallahassee, January 30 through February 3<sup>rd</sup>.

LaKeisha R. Barber  
District Conservationist

**Open Floor:**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There was no further discussion, meeting adjourned at 9:15. The next regular board meeting will be held on February 16, 2016.