



PUTNAM SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Date: January 16, 2020
Present: Theo Siehler, Chairman
J. R. Newbold, Vice Chairman
Doug Doran, Supervisor
George Johnson, NRCS
Sean O'Neal, Florida Forestry Service
Gina Allen, Secretary

Meeting called to order at 8:40 a.m.
Minutes from the previous meeting were approved.
Bank balance as of 12-01-19 - \$65,294.02

Sean O'Neil was introduced to the Board as the new Putnam County Forester.

Old Business:

Soil probes was the first item under old business for discussion. Newbold has been in contact with Doug Crawford of BMP Logic regarding the soil probe program they're working on for the cut foliage industry. Newbold has also been in contact with Karen Stauderman, Volusia County Extension partner. Stauderman requested the PSWCD secure at least 2 soil probes for the project. The soil probes were quoted at \$685 each. It was agreed unanimously by the Board to purchase 2 probes to capture the most data over the production area.

District projects within the school system was next for discussion. Siehler stated that he has reached out to Jackie Harden of Crescent City High School about a school garden project. Doran will contact the principal at Palatka High School to see if they are interested in grow boxes or raised bed gardens.

New Business:

AFCD dues was the first item under new business for discussion. Newbold made a motion to submit \$250.00 to AFCD for annual dues. Doran seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

FDACS report was the next item for discussion. Allen has received an email from Jody Lee, FDACS, stating an additional \$100,000.00 will be added to the Putnam SWCD cost share for the next fiscal year.

DC Report: See George Johnson's Report

Open Floor:

O'Neal gave an update on Forestry projects he has been working on. He has been working on forestry management plans, mitigation projects and burning.

ADJOURNMENT:

No further discussion. The meeting adjourned at 9:10 a.m. The next regular board meeting will be held on February 20, 2020.