



PUTNAM SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Date: January 19, 2023

Present: Theo Siehler, Chairman
J. R. Newbold, Vice Chairman
Christy Largacci, Supervisor
Doug Doran, Supervisor
Larry Corn, Supervisor
Yesmarie Chaparro-Feneque, NRCS
Stacey Simmons, FDACS
Sol Looker, FDACS
Chris Kelcourse, Sunshine Organics & Compost
Gina Allen, Secretary

Meeting called to order at 8:35 a.m.

Minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

Bank balance as of 12-30-22 - \$117,039.69

Old Business:

Rural Coalition Small Community Garden Follow Up: Table to next meeting to follow up with Wendy Mussoline.

New Business:

Election of Officers: Newbold made motion to keep same officers as last year. Largacci seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

AFCD & NACD Dues: All in agreement to pay AFCD \$350.00 and NACD \$250.00.

AFCD Meeting: AFCD meeting will be held at the Hotel Indigo in Gainesville, Florida from February 6-8. Registration is due by Friday, January 27, 2023. Largacci plans to attend.

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Chris Kelcourse introduced herself to the Board. Kelcourse is with Sunshine Organics and Compost. Sunshine organics collects food, agricultural, and forestry waste to process into nutrient rich compost and biochar. Product comes in bulk, individual, or bulk truck loads to farmers, foresters, landscapers, and other users. Biochar was discussed among the Board members. Biochar increases carbon, boots nitrogen, saves water and stabilizes PH in the soil. Biochar can be applied every 5 years. Brochures on the products were handed out for viewing. Kelcourse offered a tour of the facility located in Jacksonville.

Corn stated he would volunteer to do a trial plot of biochar on his farm.

Levels of food safety was discussed.

DC Report: Yesmarie Chaparro-Feneque (See Report)

Open Floor:

No further discussion. The meeting adjourned at 9:25 a.m. The next regular board meeting scheduled for February 16, 2023.