



## PUTNAM SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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### Regular Board Meeting Minutes

**Date:** April 20, 2017

**Present:** Theo Siehler, Chairman  
J.R. Newbold, Supervisor  
Robert Revels, Supervisor  
Doug Duran, Supervisor  
Lakeisha Barber, NRCS  
Gina Allen, Secretary

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

Minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

Bank balance as of 2/28/17 - \$15,146.44

#### **Old Business:**

The AFCD meeting held on April 18, 2017 was the first item under old business for discussion. The meeting was held White Harvest Farm in Jacksonville sponsored by the Duval Soil and Water Conservation District. A tour of the farm was given and lunch was prepared by culinary students and served farm to table style. Speaker topics included annual reports due, public records request workshops, Supervisor training, websites and Districts being in compliance. Shannon Blankenship from the Duval Soil & Water Conservation District was introduced to everyone. Poster and Speech contest were held after meeting discussions.

Conservation Tray Contest was a success this year at the Putnam County Fair. Continue to sponsor next year.

Poster Contest was not so successful. Only 1 participant. A suggestion was made to open it up to all age groups next year. Newbold made a motion to open it up to all ages. Duran seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Siehler suggested posting contest information on the District Website. Need to get info out to other partnerships and school system.

#### **New Business:**

Allen introduced the idea of sponsoring a photo contest next year for the Fair. Need topic to represent soil & water conservation. Duran made a motion to sponsor the contest for next year. Revels seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Allen will meet with Crystal and Summer to come up with the contest criteria.

FDACs contract renewal was tabled to the next Board meeting.

**DC Report: LaKeisha R. Barber**



**Environmental Quality Incentives Program – EQIP**

- 1 Pre approved cropland application with a cost estimate of \$11K.
- 1 Pre-approved forestry application for \$2500 related to long leaf pine.
- 2 pre approved grazing applications.
- Pre approval letters have been mailed to producers from the area office.
- A second EQIP sign up is under way for, NWQI Long leaf pine and WLFW Quail Initiative.

**Conservation Stewardship Program – CStwP**

- 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
- We have 4 applications at this time. 3 forestry and one pasture.

**Emergency Conservation Program**

- NRCS has been doing field visits. That has been put on hold. FSA has submitted a waiver to DC to request not having to do field visits. Producers will have to submit receipts for clean-up (debris removal) of storm damage.

**Emergency Watershed Program**

- 1 project in Putnam has been funded to clean out canals that were impacted.

**Conservation Technical Assistance**

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

**Other**

- Attended the Area @ AFCD meeting in Jacksonville.
- Attended Putnam Cattleman's meeting last Thursday where I gave a presentation and folders of information to interested producers. 1 tentative appointment already scheduled.

LaKeisha R. Barber  
District Conservationist

Natural Resources Conservation Service

**Open Floor:**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There was no further discussion, meeting adjourned at 9:15. The next regular board meeting will be held on May 18, 2017.