



PUTNAM SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Date: February 15, 2018

Present: Theo Siehler, Chairman
Albert Stoddard, Supervisor
Doug Duran, Supervisor
Steve Singleton, Guest
Jody Lee, FDACS
Stacey Simmons, FDACS
Lakeisha Barber, NRCS
Charlene Meeks, AFCD
Richard Darby, Clay SWCD
Gina Allen, Secretary

Meeting called to order at 8:40 a.m.
Minutes from the previous meeting were approved.
Bank balance as of 1/1/18 - \$29,954.56

Old Business:

No old business to discuss at this time.

New Business:

Charlene Meeks was introduced to the Board. Charlene gave a presentation what AFCD does for the conservation districts. Provide information and support for the SWCDs. Provide training for the SWCD Supervisors. Capacity building for SWCDs in Florida. Help the SWCDs keep in compliance with annual financial reports and audits. Provides website and hosting to SWCDs.

Barber explained the creation of SWCDs starting with the dust bowl. SWCDs were the middle man between the Government and the local producers.

Lee stated there is a need to hold Local Working Group meetings.

Simmons explained how the FDACs Cost Share Program with the Putnam Board operates. She explained how funds are distributed. Putnam receives fund through direct deposit from the State. Putnam receives 5% for administering the program.

Lee stated that the FDACs Cost Share Program will be transitioning into a ranking system to determine who is eligible for cost share funds instead of first come first serve. Stoddard questioned the Board member apply for cost share funding. Lee stated that SWCD Board members who apply for cost-share are in compliance in receiving funding.

Election of officers was discussed. Stoddard made a motion to keep the same as last year's. Duran seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Seat 5 replacement was discussed. A motion of contingency was made by Stoddard to appoint Steve Singleton to Seat 5 if Singleton agrees to join the Board.

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Doran seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Singleton will let the Board know per telephone call on Monday.

Duval SWCD Envirothon will be held on March 8, 2018. Stoddard may attend.

Area 2 Annual Meeting will be held on April 12, 2018 in Suwannee County.

DC Report: LaKeisha R. Barber

Completed Annual Civil Rights and EEO discussion. The Board signed the Civil Rights Affirmation Statement for FY 2018.



NRCS Report for Putnam County SWCD

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Environmental Quality Incentives Program – EQIP

- 10 eligible applicants;
 - 5 Forestry, 1 micro irrigation, 1 High Tunnel, 4 Pasture
- Ranking deadline Friday, February 23rd.
- Signup deadline was November 21st.

Conservation Stewardship Program – CSP

- Currently in a signup period that ends March 2nd.
- See attachment for more info about CSP

Conservation Technical Assistance

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

Emergency Watershed Program – Putnam County Public works is being considered for work within Florahome drainage district.

Emergency Conservation Program

- FSA administers this program. We have been assisting with field visits.

Other

- Planning to attend Area 2 AFCD meeting in April.

LaKeisha R. Barber
District Conservationist

ADJOURNMENT: There was no further discussion, meeting adjourned at 10:00. The next regular board meeting will be held on March 15, 2018.