



## PUTNAM SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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### Regular Board Meeting Minutes

**Date: January 20, 2011**

**Present:** Theo Siehler, Chairman  
Robert Revels, Supervisor  
J. R. Newbold, Supervisor  
Jordan Matthews, Supervisor  
Albert Stoddard, Supervisor  
Tom Cheyne, USDA NRCS  
Jody Lee, FDACS  
Gina Allen, Secretary

Meeting called to order at 8:40 a.m.

Minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

Bank balance as of 12-31-10 - \$4,119.64.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

District Budget was the first item for discussion. Matthews met with County Commissioner Chip Liebl to discuss increasing the Budget in the amount of \$1,800.00. This would increase the annual Budget to \$5,800.00.

The Conservation Tray Contest will be held during fair week. Prizes monies and awards will be the same as last year's contest.

Land Judging Contest will be held on February 23<sup>rd</sup> at Welaka State Forest. The pits will be dug on February 17<sup>th</sup> prior to the contest. Lunch will be ordered from Subway. Awards will be the same as last year's contest. Cheyne stated that two volunteers are needed to help with score sheets. Summer Tilmon and Kurt Stoughton have agreed to help with the contest. Mark Santana will be the score card runner. Cheyne plans to have a scoring procedures workshop for Summer and Kurt on February 16<sup>th</sup>.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Albert Stoddard was introduced and welcomed as a new Supervisor to the Board.

The Annual Speech Contest will be held on March 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Putnam County Ag Center Auditorium. The topic for this year's contest is "What is the Economic Impact of Florida's Forests?". Awards will be the same as the previous year.

AFCD meeting will be held on February 28, 2011 in Lake City. A Supervisor training session will be held during the meeting. Lee informed the Board that Duval SWCD is trying to organize a Supervisor training meeting for Putnam, St. Johns and Duval SWCDs.

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**DC-REPORT:**

Cheyne gave a report on the 2011 program applicates as follows:

Larry Corn – Water Control Structures  
Edsel Rafferty – High Tunnel  
Michael Spencer – High Tunnel  
Elgin Dairy – EQIP  
Ford Development

Cheyne informed the Board that High Tunnels can be heated now but have to be previously row cropped.

**OPEN FLOOR:**

Lee explained to Stoddard the role Florida Department of Ag and Consumer Services (FDACS) has in advising Soil & Water Conservation Districts.

Lee informed the Board that State is in the process of developing a Wildlife Best Management Practices Manual under the new administration of Ag Commissioner Adam Putnam.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There was no further discussion, meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.