



## PUTNAM SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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### Regular Board Meeting Minutes

**Date: June 19, 2014**

**Present:** Theo Siehler, Chairman  
Robert Revels, Supervisor  
Doug Duran, Supervisor  
Albert Stoddard, Supervisor  
J. R. Newbold, Supervisor  
George Johnson, NRCS  
Jody Lee, FDACS  
Gina Allen, Secretary

Meeting called to order at 8:3 a.m.

Minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

Bank balance as of 6-1-14 - \$4,392.55

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

The Annual Area 2 AFCD meeting was held on Thursday, April, 24, 2014 in Chiefland. Johnson attended. He gave a brief report on the events that took place at the meeting. The Area 2 speech contest was held at this time. Patty Fletcher, AFCD Coordinator, gave a video presentation on ongoing District projects for Lake County SWCD.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

The Association of Florida of Conservation Districts 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting will be held on Friday August 1 thru Sunday August 3<sup>rd</sup> in Ocala. Stoddard plans to attend.

District Elections was next for discussion. Duran, Stoddard, Revels and Newbold are up this year. Qualifying dates are noon June 16 to noon, Friday June 20<sup>th</sup>.

#### **DC-REPORT – GEORGE JOHNSON:**

Currently have 1 EQIP application.

Application has been ranked and approximately \$7,600 is being requested.

EQIP funding will be decided soon.

There are 3 active EQIP contracts.

Contract reviews have been done – 1 modification is prepared and one more is needed.

One payment is ready to be made.

Checkouts for payments will be made soon on 2 farms.

Working on plans & maps for EQIP applicant.

Working on technical assistance for farm ponds for a client.

#### **OPEN FLOOR:**

Changes to the new Farm Bill were discussed. Johnson stated that EQIP and the CSP Program will stay the same.

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Lee stated that 5 technicians have been hired statewide to help with implementing the BMP program. He stated that DEP will fine growers if not in compliance with the BMPs. The BMP manuals are designed to fit each individual crop grown by the growers.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There was no further discussion, meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m. The next regular board meeting will be held on July 17, 2014.