



PUTNAM SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Date: April 16, 2015

Present: Theo Siehler, Chairman
Robert Revels, Supervisor
Doug Duran, Supervisor
John Newbold, Supervisor
Lakeisha Barber, NRCS
Gina Allen, Secretary

Meeting called to order at 1:10 p.m.

Minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

Bank balance as of 3/31/15 - \$4,262.42

OLD BUSINESS:

No Land Judging contest this year. Siehler will contact the Putnam County School Board to see if any teachers would be interested in participating next year. Barber stated that the biggest challenge for students is before and after school activities. Barber suggested the Board adopt a written plan with goals as a guideline for District projects.

NEW BUSINESS:

Lakeisha Barber was introduced to the Board as the new District Conservationist for the East Palatka Service Center.

An invoice for Association of Florida Conservation Districts (AFCD) annual dues was presented to the Board for payment. Revels made a motion to submit \$100.00 to AFCD for annual dues. Newbold seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

The Annual Area 2 AFCD meeting will be hosted by the St. Johns County Soil & Water Conservation District. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 22, 2015 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the St. Johns County Agricultural Center auditorium. Newbold made a motion to contribute \$30.00 toward the awards for the speech and poster contests. Duran seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

DC-REPORT – Lakeisha Barber:

Environmental Quality Incentives Program – EQIP

- . Currently there are 10 EQIP applications. 2 have been pre-approved for funding on grazing lands; Estimated cost \$10, 570.00.
- . 2 pre-approved applicants notified by mail and have 15 days to respond.
- . Will be finalizing plans, designs etc. over the next couple of months to promote contracts.

Conservation Stewardship Program - CSP

- . There are no existing CSP contracts and 2 2015 CSP-applications.
- . Applicants must be eligible by April 24th.

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Other

- . Will continue to work closely with George Johnson to learn the Florida NRCS way of doing things and to Provide seamless customer service.
- . A little bit about me: Born and raised in Alabama; B.S. in Environmental Science from Alabama A & M University; M.S. in Soil & Water Science from the University of Florida; taught school in Clay County for 2 years prior to starting NRCS career in Florence, South Carolina in August 2005. Been a District Conservationist in York, South Carolina for 7 years; married and have a son and another son expected at end of July.
- . Plan to attend the Area 2 Association of Florida Conservation Districts next week.

OPEN FLOOR:

ADJOURNMENT:

There was no further discussion, meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m. The next regular board meeting will be held on May 21, 2015.