



PUTNAM SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

111 Yelvington Road, Suite 4, East Palatka, FL 32131
Telephone: (386) 328-6522 (ext: 3)
Fax: 1-855-464-1951

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Date: September 18, 2014

Present: Theo Siehler, Chairman
Albert Stoddard, Supervisor
J. R. Newbold, Supervisor
George Johnson, NRCS
Gina Allen, Secretary

Meeting called to order at 8:35 a.m.

Minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

Bank balance as of 9-1-14 -\$4,308.23

OLD BUSINESS:

The Association of Florida of Conservation Districts 10th Annual Meeting was held on Friday August 1 thru Sunday August 3rd in Ocala. Stoddard and Johnson attended and gave a brief report of some of the items discussed during the meeting. Farm Bill programs discussed. Chapter 582 of the Florida Statutes was discussed. SWCD's powers and duties and the implementation of conservation practices were discussed. It was announced all SWCDs will be required to have a website to post budgets. Deadline is October 1, 2015.

NEW BUSINESS:

A statement of work for cooperative agreement between NRCS and Putnam SWCD was reviewed and signed by Chairman, Siehler.

Conservation tray contest sponsorship was next item for discussion. Newbold made a motion to sponsor the contest. Stoddard seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Land judging and Envirothon contests were discussed. A list of new FFA leaders was presented to the Board. Siehler suggested contacting the FFA leaders by phone and email to see if anyone is interested in having a team for the contests in 2015. A workshop will be needed to educate the new leaders.

DC-REPORT – GEORGE JOHNSON:

Currently have one 2014 & two EQIP applications
Application has been ranked and approximately \$7,600 is being requested.
EQIP funding is over, application will be deferred
There are 3 active EQIP contracts.
Checkouts for firebreaks, prescribed grazing, legume planting, well, pump, pipeline and water troughs have been completed on 2 farms
EQIP & CSP are programs to be promoted for new fiscal year
Working on plans & maps for EQIP applicant
Working on technical assistance for farm ponds for a client
Taken on DC duties for Clay, Putnam and St. Johns counties
Met with 4 new clients and will begin planning and working towards program applications
Attended State AFCD annual meeting

PAGE TWO
PUTNAM SWCD MEETING
September 18, 2014

Met with Putnam County Administrator about possible NRCS programs to help clean drainage canals. He suggested the Floridan RC&D as a resource and will forward contact information.

OPEN FLOOR:

ADJOURNMENT:

There was no further discussion, meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m. The next regular board meeting will be held on October 16, 2014.