



## PUTNAM SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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### Regular Board Meeting Minutes

**Date:** January 21, 2021  
**Present:** Theo Siehler, Chairman  
J. R. Newbold, Vice Chairman (Via Phone In)  
Christy Largacci, Supervisor  
Stacey Simmons, FDACS  
Wendy Mussoline, IFAS  
Larry Corn, Guest  
Yesmarie Chaparro-Feneque  
Gina Allen, Secretary

Meeting called to order at 8:40 a.m.  
Minutes from the previous meeting were approved.  
Bank balance as of 01/03/21- \$83,314.37

#### Old Business:

Newbold gave an update on the soil probe project. A meeting will be held at Lars Hagstrom Fernery in Volusia County on April 18<sup>th</sup>. Farm Credit will provide refreshments. Data accumulated from the soil probes will be presented at this time.

Drone project was next for discussion under old business. Mussoline informed the Board of an opportunity presented to her to hold a virtual drone summer camp. Stacy Strickland is head of the Drone Team. Estimated total is \$256.00 for student to be involved in the camp. Students will need a license and training to fly the drone. Siehler suggest having the training in group of ten students. Mussoline stated that it would have to be in the summer when school is out. Newbold. suggested students contribute \$25.00 towards the training sessions. Mussoline will come up with some proposed dates for the training. Hotel and mileage will need to be provided for the trainers. Mussoline will come up with a cost estimate. Newbold made a motion to put a cap of no more than \$3,500. Largacci seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

#### New Business:

Election of Officers was the first discussion under new business. It was decided unanimously by the Board to keep the same officers.

Appointment of seat 5 was next for discussion. Newbold made a motion to appoint Larry Corn to fill seat 5. Largacci seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Putnam County Fair was discussed. Newbold stated as of this time the Fair will be held on March 19 through the 27<sup>th</sup>. Changes due to covid-19 will be in order. Sanitation and social distancing will be required. District fair display will be postponed until next year. Conservation tray contest will still be held. Winners will be displayed in the 4-H section of the fair building.

NRCS office will be closed after March 15<sup>th</sup> due to remodeling. The remodeling will approximately take 3 months to complete. Chaparro-Feneque will work 2 days in the NRCS Volusia County field office and 3 days teleworking from home. Allen will work 5 days teleworking from home.

Simmons stated Allen would need office equipment to complete the FDACs cost-share contract. Deadline for the contract is June 31<sup>st</sup>. Items needed will be laptop or tablet, all in one printer, pre- paid cell phone with hot spot and 2 drawer file cabinet with lock. Newbold made a motion for \$2,000.00 to purchase the equipment. Largacci seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

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### **DC Report:**

Chaparro-Feneque gave the monthly Putnam County District Conservationist report. (See Report)  
Memorandum of Agreement between USDA, NRCS and Putnam Soil & Water Conservation District was presented to each Supervisor to take home a view. Comments will be accepted at the next Board meeting.

### **Open Floor:**

No further discussion. The meeting adjourned at 9:25 a.m. The next regular board meeting will be held on February 18, 2021.