



## PUTNAM SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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### Regular Board Meeting Minutes

**Date:** April 21, 2022  
**Present:** Theo Siehler, Chairman  
J. R. Newbold, Vice Chairman  
Christy Largacci, Supervisor  
Doug Doran, Supervisor  
Stacey Simmons, FDACS  
Clegg Hooks, FDACS  
Chris Denmark, FDACS  
Gina Allen, Secretary

Meeting called to order at 8:35 a.m.  
Minutes from the previous meeting were approved.  
Bank balance as of 3/31/22- \$111,698.39

#### **Old Business:**

Ravine Gardens Project. Newbold and Putnam extension agent Julio Perez plan to meet with Ravine Garden representative on May 9<sup>th</sup> to discuss joint venture.

Senate Bill 1078. Hooks stated the Soil & Water District will be subdivided into five numbered subdivisions that match the county commission district or school board district. Supervisors must qualify for the following: Activity engaged, or retired after 10 years, in agriculture. Employed by an agriculture producer. Owns, leases, or actively employed on land classified as agriculture. SWCDs must meet with all 5 Supervisors in person in calendar year 2022. SWCDs that have not held a meeting in the calendar year 2022 with all 5 Supervisors present may automatically be dissolved on January 1, 2023.

#### **New Business:**

AFCD dues hardship letter denied. Newbold made a motion to increase dues to \$350.00. Largacci seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Secretary salary. With a vote of 4 it was decided to increase hourly salary to \$14.00 per hour.

Simmons presented the Board with a bat box project. Cost estimates and installation material was discussed. A discussion on how bat boxes benefit soil & water conservation followed.

Hooks, Simmons and Denmark presented scope of work for a new FDACS tech contract. SWCD would be responsible for hiring 3 technicians, payroll, vehicle purchasing and

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insurance. FDACS would provide benefit package to employee. Techs must have agricultural background. Board will read the contract and discuss at the next meeting.

**DC Report:** No report.

**Open Floor:**

No further discussion. The meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m. The next regular board meeting scheduled for May 19,2022.