



## PUTNAM SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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### Regular Board Meeting Minutes

**Date:** September 15, 2022  
**Present:** Theo Siehler, Chairman  
J. R. Newbold, Vice Chairman  
Christy Largacci, Supervisor  
Doug Doran, Supervisor  
Larry Corn, Supervisor  
Wendy Mussoline, IFAS  
Julio Perez, IFAS  
Yesmarie Chaparro-Feneque, NRCS  
Marcos Crisanto, Rural Coalition  
Ana Luisa Trevino, Rural Coalition  
Gina Allen, Secretary

Meeting called to order at 8:30 a.m.  
Minutes from the previous meeting were approved.  
Bank balance as of 8-31-22 - \$120,116.13

#### **Old Business:**

Ravine Gardens Project: Perez stated he has 3 locations set up for the container gardening classes. 25 persons participated at Ravine Gardens State Park. Interlachen Community Center sold out. Lake Como Community Center had 9 sign ups. Stickers with SWCD and IFAS logo presented to Board for viewing. Introduction to Container Gardening flyers presented to Board for viewing. Board in agreement to provide more funding if necessary to finish project.

Bat Boxes: Board in agreement bat boxes would be too costly. Amazon prices cheaper but assembly would be required.

Tech Contract: Board agreed not to take on tech contract.

#### **New Business:**

Small Community Garden Project: Marcos Crisanto and Ana Luisa Trevino of Rural Coalition introduced themselves to the Board. Rural Coalition based in Washington is a nonprofit organization funded in 1978 to form an alliance of farmers, farm workers, indigenous, migrants, and working people in the United States, Mexico and Canada. Mission is to work together toward a new society that values unity, hope and land. Branch office located in Crescent City. Rural Coalition is working to better the lives of low income families in Putnam County by promoting back yard gardening to harvest healthier food. Trevino stated Rural Coalition needs the following items: seed, pots, plants, fertilizer, compost, irrigation systems etc.

Corn suggested planting crops that would reproduce and provide more food for families. Seihler suggested having a gardening class at a central location and follow up with each person individually. Mussoline suggested planning a gardening class in the spring or fall starting out with 35 people. IFAS would organize the class and SWCD will provide trays, seeds and giveaways. Largacci made a motion to fund \$500.00 toward the gardening class. Corn seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Local Working Group Meeting: Tentative date scheduled for October 20<sup>th</sup> (regular meeting date). LWG information packet presented to the Board for viewing.

**DC Report: Yesmarie Chaparro-Feneque (See Report)**

**Open Floor:**

No further discussion. The meeting adjourned at 9:35 a.m. The next regular board meeting scheduled for October 20, 2022.