



PUTNAM SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Date: April 20, 2023
Present: Theo Siehler, Chairman
J. R. Newbold, Vice Chairman
Doug Doran, Supervisor
Larry Corn, Supervisor
Sol Looker, FDACS
Drew Wike, FSA
Conrad Wysocki, NRCS
Myles Duncan, NRCS
Julio Perez, IFAS
Gina Allen, Secretary

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

Minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

Treasurer's report approved. Bank balance as of 3-31-23 -
\$117,401.80

Drew Wike, County Executive Director for the Farm Service Agency was introduced to the Board.

Myles Duncan, Soil Conservationist for E. Palatka Service Center was introduced to the Board.

Old Business:

Perez gave a summary of the container gardening workshops held in Interlachen and Lake Como last year. 59 people attended the workshop. 11 containers were left over and donated to ARC of Putnam County. Maximum of cost was not to exceed \$4,000.00. Boxes hold 4 plants. Siehler suggested doing research on bigger containers. J.R. suggested making an annual event. Doran made a

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motion to replicate last year's workshop. Newbold seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Rural Coalition Small Community Garden Follow Up: Workshop was a success. 26 people attended. Follow up with Wendy Mussoline at next meeting.

New Business:

USDW/SWCD Civil Rights Agreement: Civil Rights Agreement presented to the Board for signatures.

Area 2 AFCD Meeting: May 18th, Trenton Women's Club, Trenton, Florida. Allen plans to attend.

Future Goals & Projects: Drone project successful in the past. Siehler suggested offering the training and licensing to producers interested in the project.

DC Report: Conrad Wysocki, (Acting District Conservationist)

Open Floor:

No further discussion. The meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m. The next regular board meeting scheduled for May 18, 2023.

