



PUTNAM SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Date: February 15, 2023
Present: Theo Siehler, Chairman
J.R. Newbold, Vice Chairman
Doug Doran, Supervisor
Larry Corn, Supervisor
Christy Largacci, Supervisor
Myles Duncan, NRCS
Wendy Mussoline, IFAS
Heather Pogue, IFAS
Sol Looker, FDACS
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 1-31-24 - \$131,527.75.

Old Business:

Rural Coalition Community Garden Project Follow Up:

Mussoline stated the workshop is schedule for Saturday, February 24th. A check in the amount of \$1,000.00 was signed by Siehler to cover the cost of the workshop.

New Business:

Election of Officers: Board decided unanimously to keep same officers as last year.

2024 Election: Waiting to hear from AFCD if seats 2 & 4 are up for election this year.

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Commission on Ethics: Beginning July 1, 2024 the COE will email all filers the notification to file their financial disclosure form via the Electronic Financial Disclosure Management System. Local officers will no longer file with the County Supervisor of Elections Office.

New Senate Bills 1772 & 1075: Siehler briefly explained the contents of the new bill concerning the future of SWCDs to the Board.

Putnam County Fair Display: Prize monies for poster and photo contest to remain the same as last year. An increase was added to the Conservation Tray Contest to cover the cost increase of materials.

Future Goals & Projects: Looker stated soil moisture sensors and cover crop could be a potential project the SWCD could sponsor in the future.

Mussoline led a discussion of the importance of starting a compost facility in Putnam County. County Commissioner Larry Harvey is on board and would like to have a small compost facility at the fairgrounds. Siehler suggested meeting with the Commissioners and other stakeholders to discuss the facility to see if it is cost effective.

Pogue gave a power point presentation on the youth drone camp she is organizing. Newbold made a motion to sponsor the camp. Largacci seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. \$5,500.00 was approved for the drone camp.

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Largacci stated that scholarships promoting Ag in the school system is needed. A discussion led to various scholarships related to soil & water conservation the SWCD could sponsor in the future.

DC Report: Myles Duncan (See Report)

Open Floor:

Local Working Group meeting is scheduled for May 16th (regular meeting date).

Board agreed to invite J. T. Stout, Putnam County Public Works, to the next board meeting discuss drainage problems in the farming community.

No further discussion. The meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m. The next regular board meeting scheduled for March 21, 2024.