



PUTNAM SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Date: November 16, 2023
Present: Theo Siehler, Chairman
J.R. Newbold, Vice Chairman
Doug Doran, Supervisor
Larry Corn, Supervisor
Conrad Wysocki, NRCS
Ginger Feagle, FFW
Wendy Mussoline, IFAS
Chris Kelcourse. Sunshine Compost
Gina Allen, Secretary

Meeting called to order at 8:36 a.m.

Minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

Treasurer's report approved. Bank balance as of 10/31/23 - \$132,188.10.

Old Business:

Rural Coalition Community Garden Project Follow Up: Mussoline stated that a tentative date for February 24, 2024 has been set for another workshop. Board agreed to increase funding from \$500.00 to \$1,000.00 to double the amount of participants.

Container Gardening Project: A fact sheet for the Container Gardening Project was handed out for viewing and discussion.

County Drainage Problems and Solutions: Hastings Drainage District discussed. Corn informed the Board that the County tried to form an East Palatka Drainage District but was not successful. Farmers and landowners were going to be taxed per acre. Kelcourse suggested applying for grants from the State. She suggested forming a committee with Putnam County to discuss

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applying for the grants to secure funding to help with some of the drainage issues.

Feagle informed the Board of a Land Use Planning Project offered by the Fish and Wildlife Service.

New Business:

Annual Dues: Newbold made a motion to approve the following: AFCD + Ellis Putnam Donation (Youth Awards) - \$500.00 NACD - \$250.00. Doran seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Audit Service Engagement Letter: Audit Letter presented to the Board and signed by Chairman Siehler.

SJRWMD Land Management Advisory Group Meeting: Rice Creek Conservation Area Management Advisory Group will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, December 5, 2023 at the SJRWMD Headquarters in Palatka. A representative from Putnam SWCD was invited to attend. Corn is interested in attending.

DC Report: Conrad Wysocki (See Report)

Open Floor:

Kelcourse informed the Board that Sunshine Compost received a USDA organic certification. Sunshine Compost has applied for a research grant for mixing biochar and compost together and needs of a letter of support. Newbold made a motion to write a letter of support. Corn seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

No further discussion. The meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m. The next regular board meeting scheduled for January 18, 2024.

