



PUTNAM SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Date: September 21, 2023
Present: Theo Siehler, Chairman
Doug Doran, Supervisor
Larry Corn, Supervisor
Christy Largacci, Supervisor
Brian Zielinski, NRCS
Wendy Mussoline, IFAS
Gina Allen, Secretary

Meeting called to order at 8:30 a.m.

Minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

Treasurer's report approved. Bank balance as of 8-31-23 -
\$133,194.15

Brian Zielinski, Acting District Conservationist, East Palatka
Service Center was introduced to the Board.

Old Business:

Rural Coalition Community Garden Project Followup: Mussoline presented a poster of the Rural Coalition Community Garden Project to the Board for viewing. Mussoline plans to partner with Yesmarie Chaparro-Feneque to hold another workshop in the spring of 2024. Largacci suggested increasing the amount to 50 invitations.

Container Gardening Project: Follow up with Julio Perez at next Board meeting.

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Drone Project Follow Up: Mussoline informed the Board of the ban on University of Florida drones due to drones containing Chinese parts. Mussoline suggested contacting Jim Fletcher, a private consultant, to do a drone presentation for the Board.

Soils Workshop: Ongoing discussion. Tabled to next Board meeting.

New Business:

AFCD Fall Meeting: To be held on September 26-27 at the Hilton University of Florida Conference Center in Gainesville.

**DC Report: Brian Zielinski, (Acting District Conservationist)
(See Report)**

Open Floor:

Mussoline presented a FAWN (Florida Automated Weather Network) Workshop flyer to the Board for viewing. The workshop will be held on October 10, 2023 at the St. Johns River Water Management District.

Drainage issues in the farming community was discussed. Corn suggested writing a letter to Putnam County Public Works addressing drainage issues on farms in the County. Mussoline suggested inviting J.T. Stout, Director of Putnam County Public Works to the next Board meeting to discuss the issues.

No further discussion. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m. The next regular board meeting scheduled for October 19, 2023.

