



PUTNAM SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Date: May 21, 2026
Present: Theo Siehler, Chairman
Doug Doran, Vice Chairman
Jody Counts, Supervisor
Christy Largacci, Supervisor
Chance Clay, Supervisor
Joslyn Mingus, NRCS
Wendy Mussoline, IFAS
Sol Looker, FDACS
Gina Allen, Secretary

Meeting called to order at 8:38 a.m.

Minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

Treasurer's report approved. Bank balance as of 4-30-26-\$137,515.83.

Old Business:

Bank Card Signature: Doran plans to meet Siehler at the bank today to make the change on the signature card.

New Business:

Grid Sampler Update: Mussoline presented an equipment budget sheet with line items to the Board for viewing. Proposed cost of equipment compared to actual cost of equipment. Total cost of equipment was \$38,674.00. An I-pad and software will need to be purchased. Estimated cost of I- Pad and software is \$2,450.00. An account is set up at Waters Lab for the monthly fee to load the software. \$3,100.00 would cover laptop, keyboard/cover and software. This amount would have to be purchased with the SWCD credit card. Largacci made a motion to approve

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funding in the amount of \$5,000.00 to cover extra expenses. Counts seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

FDACS Contract Update: Looker gave an update on the cost-share contracts. Contract completions are a problem this year and extensions have been requested for 5 producers. Chris Denmark is no longer with FDACS. Steve Smith is filling his position temporarily. Looker will continue to manage contracts. Nick Zurasky is Looker's new Supervisor. Communication between PSWCD and FDACS still an ongoing issue.

AFCD: Board has received an invitation to join the new Association of Florida Conservation Districts. A dues invoice was included with the invitation. Siehler suggested the Board postpone submitting the dues until more information is acquired.

Putnam SWCD Audit: Audit documents have been mailed to CPA and audit is in process.

Putnam Elections: Seats 1,3,4 and 5 up for election this year. Qualifying dates are noon, June 8th thru noon, June 12th.

DC- Report: Joslyn Mingus

Open Floor:

A motion was made by Largacci to add Jody Counts name to the present list for the January 16, 2025 Board meeting. Clay seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Largacci informed the Board of a St. Johns River Cleanup project being held on July 11, 2026. The Northeast Florida Association of

Realtors (NEFAR) is putting on the event. A motion was made by Clay to Sponsor the event for the \$1,000.00 level. Counts seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. This level includes flyers, banner and t-shirts with the PSWCD logo.

Mussoline stated that the Tourist Development Council is rebranding Putnam County by promoting tourism within the County.

New District projects ideas discussed. Mussoline suggested a project promoting water conservation during the drought season.

Mussoline would like to hold another Soil Probe and Wind Meter workshop in the fall due to the previous workshop being a success.

There was no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 9:42 a.m. The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 18, 2026.