



**SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
OF
MADISON COUNTY, FL**

James W. (Billy) Brown, Chairman • John Henry Phillips, Vice Chairman • Buck M. Carpenter, Secretary- Treasurer

September 18, 2024

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Minutes for Madison SWCD Board Meeting- Regular Session – September 18, 2024

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Billy Brown, Chairman of the Madison Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) at 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, September 18, 2024, at the Madison County Soil & Water Conservation District Conference Room. Supervisors present included: Mr. Billy Brown, Mr. John Henry Phillips, Jr., and Mr. Buck Carpenter. Others present included: Mr. Matt Yates/RCP, Mr. Cliff Starling/NRCS, Ms. Michelle Aobared, Dr. Sudeep Sidhu/UF Quincy Research Center, and Mrs. Nancy Plank/Madison SWCD.

Mr. Matt Yates. opened the meeting with a word of prayer and Mr. Buck Carpenter led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Administration- Mr. Billy Brown

- Mr. Billy Brown **presented** the agenda for the Madison SWCD Board Meeting- Regular Session, Wednesday, September 18, 2024, for adoption. Mr. John Henry Phillips, Jr. made a motion that the agenda be adopted; there was a second by Mr. Buck Carpenter - the motion carried.
- Mr. Billy Brown presented to the Board the SWCD Regular Meeting Minutes for August 21, 2024. Mr. John Henry Phillips, Jr. made a motion to approve the meeting minutes for August 21, 2024; there was a second by Mr. Buck Carpenter - the motion carried.
- Mr. Buck Carpenter presented the Treasurers Report. Mr. John Henry Phillips, Jr. made a motion to approve the report as presented – Mr. Buck Carpenter seconded the motion - the motion carried.

SWCD Administration

Mr. Cliff Starling/NRCS introduced the new Madison NRCS Soil Conservation Technician, Michelle Aobared. He also reported that the Deadline for the 2025 Application Year is November 1, 2024. Hurricane Debby damage was less than Idalia, but a lot of water concerns, especially in the 53 South Area. The Hurricane Idalia Program will be done by March 2025.

Mr. Matt Yates/Resource Conservation Partners, LLC (RCP) Mobile Irrigation Lab Report – Workload has increased, but still on track. Some Data was lost due to Hurricane Debby.

Dr. Sudeep Sidhu/IFAS/UF – Special Project – CRF was looking great before Hurricane Debby, now the corn is laid down flat on the ground. Had to pick up the CRF Corn. During the November meeting the Special Project Report will be given.

IFAS/UF – In Mr. Joel Love’s absence, Dr. Sudeep Sidhu shared that there will be an Irrigation Field Day on October 10, 2024, at the Live Oak Research Center.

Mr. Buck Carpenter made a motion to meet on September 27, 2024, about the Long-Range Strategic Plan Outlining Goals & Transparency that is Due on October 1, 2024. Mr. John Henry Phillips, Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Buck Carpenter made a motion that the Madison SWCD will pay for any expenses incurred for Records Management Training for District Staff Assistant. Mr. John Henry Phillips, Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Conserving Natural Resources for Our Future..

Mr. Buck Carpenter made a motion that the Madison SWCD pay for Renewal of the Directors & Officers Liability Insurance to Suwannee Insurance for the five Board Members. Mr. John Henry Phillips, Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Buck Carpenter made a motion to Adopt the 2025 Madison SWCD Meeting Schedule. Mr. John Henry Phillips, Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Buck Carpenter made a motion to Authorize Perry Connections to create Domain Specific Email Addresses for the five Board Members to be paid for by Madison SWCD. Also, create Domain Specific Email for District Staff Assistant that should be a FDACS reimbursable expense, if not, the Madison SWCD will cover that cost as well. Mr. John Henry Phillips, Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Buck Carpenter made a motion for Madison SWCD to pay any recurring Microsoft 365 Subscription costs that might be incurred for the five Board Members Domain Specific Email Addresses, as well as District Staff Assistant costs if not Reimbursable by FDACS. Mr. John Henry Phillips, Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Buck Carpenter made a motion to Approve all travel and lodging expenses for the District Staff Assistant to attend the Brainstorming Meeting to be held in Gainesville along with the FCDEA Training Session. Mr. John Henry Phillips seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Buck Carpenter made a motion to Approve travel, lodging, and any associated costs for the Board Members to attend the AFCD Annual Meeting in Sandestin. As well as the District Employees' costs incurred if not reimbursable by FDACS. Mr. John Henry Phillips, Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned by General Consent of the Supervisors present. Mr. Billy Brown, Chairman adjourned the meeting at 10:30 a.m. The next regular scheduled meeting will be held at the Madison County Soil & Water Conservation District Conference Room on Wednesday, October 23, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. Any changes to this meeting time/location will be posted prior to the revised time/location at the Madison SWCD website: www.madisonflswcd.com

Respectfully Submitted,



BUCK M. CARPENTER

Secretary/ Treasurer

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Approved on October 23, 2024, at the Madison SWCD Board Meeting.

James W Brown, Chairman
Board Supervisor James W. Brown Date 10-23-24

Attest:

Nancy J. Plank, District Staff Asst.
District Administrator Nancy J. Plank Date 10/23/2024