November 15, 2023

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Minutes for Madison SWCD Board Meeting- Regular Session – November 15, 2023

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Billy Brown, Chairman of the Madison Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) at 9:20 a.m., Wednesday, November 15, 2023, at the Madison County Soil & Water Conservation District Conference Room. Supervisors present included: Mr. Billy Brown, Mr. John Henry Phillips, Jr., Mr. Buck Carpenter, and Mr. Tyler Shadrick. Others present included: Mr. Matt Yates, Dr. Shivendra Kumar, UF, Mr. Eli Curl, and Mrs. Nancy Plank.

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

Administration- Mr. Billy Brown

* Mr. Billy Brown presented the agenda for the Madison SWCD Board Meeting- Regular Session, Wednesday, November 15, 2023, for adoption. Mr. John Henry Phillips, Jr. made a motion that the agenda be adopted; there was a second by Mr. Tyler Shadrick - the motion carried.
* Mr. Billy Brown presented to the Board the SWCD Regular Meeting Minutes for September 20, 2023, and Special Meeting Minutes for September 29, 2023. Mr. Buck Carpenter made a motion to approve both of the meeting minutes; there was a second by Mr. Tyler Shadrick - the motion carried.
* Mrs. Buck Carpenter presented the Treasurers Report. Mr. Buck Carpenter made a motion to approve the report as presented – Mr. John Henry Phillips, Jr. seconded the motion - the motion carried.

SWCD Administration

Mr. Billy Brown shared that there will be challenging times ahead with the Government Farm Budget

IFAS Special Project – Mr. Kumar Shivendra reported that the Lee Peanut Farm (LPF) Special Project full report will be given by Dr. Sudeep Sidhu at the December Board Meeting. LPF may not continue with Everlizer since there was only a 10-15 bushel/acre increase – it is not cost effective to continue another year. LPF will be getting a 30’ no-till drill for cover crops.

Conservation Technician Report – Mr. Eli Curl shared that he is working on several cost share opportunities. There is an IV moratorium for 60 days, but Producers can still voluntarily conduct IV with Conservation Technician. NOI’s, Enrollments, and Cost-Share is still ongoing.

FDACS ES-III Report – In the absence of Ms. Cetta Barnhart – no report

NRCS Conservationist – In the absence of the NRCS Conservationist -- no report

MIL Report given by Mr. Matt Yates – Resource Conservation Partners, LLC (RCP) reported that they are on track with Evaluations. Working on the Contract Amendment and looking to conduct reviews after January 1, 2024, and work on changes to be implemented on July 1, 2024. The MIL handbook will be added.

Mr. Buck Carpenter made a motion to request FDACS to grant more time until after January 1, 2024, with a request to implement the new amendment effective July 1, 2024. Mr. Tyler Shadrick seconded the motion – Motion carried.

Mr. John Henry Phillips, Jr. made a motion for Madison SWCD to provide lunch for the December 20, 2023, meeting for Board members and guests. Mr. Tyler Shadrick seconded the motion – Motion carried.

UF Report – Dr. Shivendra Kumar reported on the 40-acre Peanut Trial and the Stakeholder Engagement Program (STEP).

Mrs. Nancy Plank update on the Photo Contest – Will extend submission deadline one week and try to get more 4-H participation. The new Streamline website is in the works and will be up and going by the end of December 2023.

Mr. Eli Curl shared that the Grid Sampling at Madison High School FFA Farm will be done at the first of the year 2024.

Mr. Buck Carpenter suggested that we hold off on the Long-Range Plan, By-Laws, District Handbook and Sales Tax Exemption until after Legislation in the Spring 2024.

Mr. Buck Carpenter made a motion to adjourn the meeting with a second from Mr. Tyler Shadrick. Motion Carried. Mr. Billy Brown, Chairman adjourned the meeting at p.m. The next regular scheduled meeting will be held at the Madison County Soil & Water Conservation District Conference Room on Wednesday, October 25, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. Any changes to this meeting time/location will be posted prior to the revised time/location at the SWCD website: <https://madisoncountyfl.com/soil-water-conservation-district/> .

Respectfully Submitted,

BUCK M. CARPENTER

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