



# SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT OF MADISON COUNTY, FL

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

March 20, 2024

## MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Minutes for Madison SWCD Board Meeting- Regular Session – March 20, 2024

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Billy Brown, Chairman of the Madison Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) at 9:04 a.m., Wednesday, March 20, 2024, at the Madison County Soil & Water Conservation District Conference Room. Supervisors present included: Mr. Billy Brown, Mr. John Henry Phillips, Jr., Mr. Tyler Shadrick, and Mrs. Margie Foust McLeod came in at 12:43 and Mr. Tyler Shadrick had to leave at that time. Others present included: Mr. Matt Yates/RCP, Mr. Joel Love/UF, Dr. Sudeep Sidhu/UF, Mr. Sukhveer Bhullar/UF Student, Ms. Aradhana Regmi/UF Student, Ms. Van Reed/NRCS, Mr. Marcus Shorter/NRCS, Mr. Eli Curl, Mrs. Nancy Plank.

Mr. Tyler Shadrick opened the meeting with a word of prayer and Mr. Billy Brown led the Pledge of Allegiance

Administration- Mr. Billy Brown

- Mr. Billy Brown presented the agenda for the Madison SWCD Board Meeting- Regular Session, Wednesday, March 20, 2024, 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 February 21, 2024. Mr. John Henry Phillips, Jr. made a motion to approve the meeting minutes; there was a second by Mr. Tyler Shadrick - the motion carried.
- Mrs. Nancy Plank presented the Treasurers Report. Mr. Tyler Shadrick 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 opened with introductions to everyone present at the meeting.

Mr. Marcus Shorter with NRCS presented a PowerPoint presentation about the USDA/NRCS Conservation Easement Programs.

Mr. Eli Curl gave the Conservation Technician Report – Working on three Cost Share and two Site Visits.

No Report given in the absence of the FDACS ES-III

No Report given in the absence of the NRCS/District Conservationist

Dr. Sudeep Sidhu with UF presented the 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Special Project. This is a continued project from last year with improved CRF placement. Lee Peanut/Birdsong will be the Special Project site and Harrell's will donate the fertilizer. Band fertilize in row first and then plant the corn. Mr. Tyler Shadrick made a motion to fund the UF 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Special Project at Lee Peanut in the amount of \$4,879.00. Mr. John Henry Phillips, Jr. seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Matt Yates gave the Mobile Irrigation Lab Report – Currently working on the NFREC-Suwanee Valley IFAS Research Center Pivots in Live Oak. Met with Farm Manager and will reach out to FDACS and SRWMD for Cost Share for the Research Center and checking the Pivots every two years.

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Mr. Joel Love – UF shared that there will be a Variable Rate Irrigation Project at the Jay Harris Farm, a 4R/Hi-Boy Demo at the Terry Farm, and other CRF Projects. FDACS has selected four farms to track production data on corn crops for the next three years.

Mr. Matt Yates presented the MIL Budget Proposal from Resource Conservation Partners, LLC (RCP) for the upcoming 2024/2025 Budget Year. Discussion. There have been no pay increases for RCP MIL Employees since 2017. A motion was made by Mr. Tyler Shadrick to submit the RCP Budget Request Option #2 (15% pay increase with possible 8% additional increase if workload is increased) to FDACS for the upcoming 2024/2025 MIL Budget. Mr. John Henry Phillips, Jr. seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Archive Files Discussion. Need to find Statutes for Records Retention. Mr. John Henry Phillips, Jr. made a motion to Table the Archive File Retention at this time until we know the Statutes for Records Retention. Mrs. Margie Foust McLeod seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mrs. Nancy Plank presented the Conservation Technician Budget Proposal for the 2024/2025 Budget Year for Conservation Technician, Mr. Eli Curl and District Staff Assistant, Mrs. Nancy Plank. Discussion. Mrs. Margie Foust McLeod made a motion to submit to FDACS for the 2024/2025 Budget Year, Pay Increases for Conservation Technician Mr. Eli Curl: Increase of \$1.16 per Hour = \$20.41/Hour and District Staff Assistant Mrs. Nancy Plank \$1.06 per Hour = \$18.66/Hour (6% increase each). Mr. John Henry Phillips, Jr. Seconded the Motion. Motion Carried.

Mrs. Nancy Plank presented the new website link to the Madison SWCD Board: [madisonflswcd.com](http://madisonflswcd.com) Discussion about the current Webpage on Madison BOCC website. Mr. John Henry Phillips, Jr. made a motion to remove meetings and agendas,... off of the Madison BOCC Webpage and only show basic information with an added link to our new website, [madisonflswcd.com](http://madisonflswcd.com) that will include all compliant website information. Mrs. Margie Foust McLeod seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mrs. Nancy Plank -Reported the Third Grade Ecology Day will be held on April 12, 2024. Madison SWCD will participate with a booth that will teach about Soil Erosion and Water Filtration through soil layers. Madison SWCD Poster Contest awards will be awarded at Ecology Day during Lunch Break.

Area 2 Meeting in Gainesville on May 9, 2024, with Ethics Training.

OPPAGA Audit – Going well. Information has been submitted except for Long Range Plan—Buck Carpenter is working on the Long-Range Plan.

NRCS Local Working Group Meeting will be held at 10:30 a.m. directly after the May 15, 2024, Madison SWCD Board Meeting.

Mrs. Margie Foust McLeod made a motion to adjourn the meeting with a second from Mr. John Henry Phillips, Jr. - motion carried. Mr. Billy Brown, Chairman adjourned the meeting at 1:30 p.m. The next regular scheduled meeting will be held at the Madison County Soil & Water Conservation District Conference Room on Wednesday, April 17, 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](http://www.madisonflswcd.com)

Respectfully Submitted,



BUCK M. CARPENTER

Secretary/ Treasurer