



# SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT OF MADISON COUNTY, FL

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

15 February 2023

## MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Minutes for SWCD Board Meeting- Regular Session –15b February 2023

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Billy Brown, Chairman of the Madison Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) at 0915, Wednesday, February 15, 2023 at the Madison County Soil & Water Conservation District Board Room. Supervisors present included: Billy Brown, John Henry Phillips, Jr., Buck M. Carpenter, and Tyler Shadrick. Others present included:, Nancy Plank, Matt Yates, John Sowell, Sam Agner Jr., and Dr. Sudeep Sidhu. Mr. John Sowell opened the meeting with a word of prayer. 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, February 15, 2023, for adoption. Mr. Tyler Shadrick made a motion that the agenda be adopted; there was a second by Mr. John Henry Phillips- the motion carried.
- Mrs. Nancy Plank presented to the Board the SWCD meeting minutes for Wednesday December 21, 2023 and Special Session for UF Proposal. Mr. Buck Carpenter made a motion to approve the minutes; there was a second by Mr. Tyler Shadrick- the motion carried.
- Mr. Buck Carpenter presented the Treasurers Report. Mr. Buck Carpenter made a motion to approve the report as presented- Mr. Tyler Shadrick seconded- the motion carried.
- Mr. Buck Carpenter made a motion to support the UF/IFAS with funding in the amount of \$3750.00 to cover the sampling, shipping, labor and UF indirect fees in direct support to the research proposal to study controlled release fertilizers and chicken litter products on crops.
- Mr. Buck Carpenter made a motion to approve the cost of the Harrell's controlled release fertilizer on the small target area in the event that Harrell's is unable to fund the donation of the product. Mr. Tyler Shadrick seconded- the motion carried.
- Mr. Tyler Shadrick made a motion to table the long-range plan for the present. Mr. Buck Carpenter seconded- the motion carried.
- Mr. Tyler Shadrick made a motion to authorize Mrs. Nancy Plank to make administrative purchases for the SWCD in the amount of \$500 or less without Board approval. Mr. John Henry Phillips seconded-the motion carried.
- Mr. Tyler Shadrick made a motion to approve the purchase of bags and other promotional items for the Ecology Day event. Mr. John Henry Phillips seconded- the motion carried.
- Mr. Buck Carpenter made a motion to restructure the Conservation Technician job advertisement and publish the ad in Madison and Valdosta, GA.

### SWCD Administration

Mr. Billy Brown, Mr. Buck Carpenter and Mrs. Nancy Plank provided a report on the AFCD Annual Meeting held in Gainesville FL. Mr. Buck Carpenter was elected the AFCD President and in this role will be leading the organization with goals and initiatives designed to strengthen and enable the Florida SWCD's to improve the efficiency and availability of stewardship resources in the State.

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The SWCD discussed the benefits and importance of having and maintaining tax exemption status, Mr. Buck Carpenter will look into this process and report to the Board the findings.

The SWCD further discussed the long-range plan and decided to table the plan for the present realizing the need to accomplish this product but also the considerations that go into formulating the plan. Due to the demand of diligence, this will be an ongoing project to revitalize.

#### UF/IFAS Research Proposal

Dr. Sudeep Sidhu presented the Controlled Release Fertilizer and Everlizer Research project to the SWCD. Dr. Sidhu was approached by Lee Peanut Farms to evaluate the benefits of replacing traditional Broiler Litter with cooked, granulated chicken litter in a product called Everlizer. According to the empirical data, Everlizer has the potential to reduce nitrogen inputs by as much as 30% while still being a controlled/ slow-release nutrient source. This project would allow the UF/IFAS to research what is causing the benefits and if natural resources conservation is a factor. The SWCD agreed to support the project on a smaller scale- a 20 Acre pivot on the Lee Peanut Farm with costs associated strictly with sampling, , shipping, labor and UF indirect fees for the project. FDACS Best Management Practices (BMP's) will be adhered to during the study.

A motion was made by Mr. Tyler Shadrack and seconded by Mr. Buck Carpenter to adjourn the meeting- the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned by Mr. Billy Brown-Chairman at 1218. The next meeting will be held at the Madison County Soil & Water Conservation District Board Room Wednesday, March 15, 2023 at 0900. 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

Secretary/ Treasurer