



SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT OF MADISON COUNTY, FL

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

June 19, 2024

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Minutes for Madison SWCD Board Meeting- Regular Session – June 19, 2024

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Billy Brown, Chairman of the Madison Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) at 9:10 a.m., Wednesday, June 19, 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, Mr. Buck Carpenter, and Mrs. Margie Foust McLeod. Others present included: Mr. Matt Yates/RCP, Mr. Joel Love/UF, Mr. Eli Curl/SWCD, and Mrs. Nancy Plank/SWCD.

Mr. Joel Love 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, June 19, 2024, for adoption. Mr. Tyler Shadrick made a motion that the agenda be adopted; there was a second by Mr. John Henry Phillips, Jr. - the motion carried.
- Mr. Billy Brown presented to the Board the SWCD Regular Meeting Minutes for March 20, 2024 (No Meeting in April – lack of Quorum and May 2024 Meeting was only reports due to a Medical Emergency of a Board Member – lack of Quorum). Mr. John Henry Phillips, Jr. made a motion to approve the meeting minutes for March 20, 2024; there was a second by Mr. Tyler Shadrick - the motion carried.
- Mrs. Nancy Plank presented the Treasurers Report for Supervisor Buck Carpenter prior to Appointment. 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 shared that a Russell Hedrick program on television showed that he utilizes agriculture sugar instead of pesticides. A test in Iowa on corn – new methods of integrating mix field stands to “harvest sunshine.”

Mr. Eli Curl gave the Conservation Technician Report – Working on one enrollment, two IVs, and still have one Cost Share to complete before June 30, 2024. New chicken houses are going up in Madison for Pilgrim’s Pride. Also reported on the 2024 Perennial Peanut Field Day in Quincy, FL.

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

No Report given in the absence of the NRCS/District Conservationist—Mrs. Jazelle Jusino is no longer with NRCS and Mr. Cliff Starling will be the Madison contact person until the position is filled.

Mr. Matt Yates/Resource Conservation Partners, LLC (RCP) gave the Mobile Irrigation Lab Report – Business as usual – things are going well. MIL Contract discussion. Mrs. Nancy Plank presented a copy of the MIL Budget and Table for the MIL Contract Amendment. MIL Contract negotiations for the FY 25-26 Budget will be addressed in the November 2024 time period. There was a motion by Mr. Tyler Shadrick to approve signing of the MIL Contract Amendment #27063 contingent upon approval from FDACS for future negotiations for FY 25-26 Budget. Mr. John Henry Phillips, Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried.

No Report given in the absence of Dr. Sidhu Sudeep on the UF Special Project Continuation.

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Mr. Joel Love – UF shared that UF Research Center held a tour and lunch for the NACD SE Region Event. UF-Suwannee will hold a Peanut Field Day in August.

Mr. Tyler Shadrick made a motion to Appoint Mrs. Margie Foust McLeod to Seat Two of the Madison SWCD Board and Mr. Buck Carpenter to Seat Four and acting Secretary/Treasurer to the Madison SWCD Board. Mr. John Henry Phillips, Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mrs. Nancy Plank presented the OPPAGA Draft Audit Report from Mauldin & Jenkins and Draft Response Letter. Discussion. Mr. Buck Carpenter made a motion to approve the response to Mauldin & Jenkins OPPAGA Draft Audit Report of the Madison SWCD after a review by Supervisors and send courtesy copies to Senator Corey Simons and Representative Allison Tant. Mr. Tyler Shadrick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Buck Carpenter made a motion to adopt the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 and Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget as presented and post for Public Record. Mr. John Henry Phillips, Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Buck Carpenter made a motion to approve payment by Madison SWCD for the cost of the Required Four-Hour Ethics Training for the Board Supervisors. Mrs. Margie Foust McLeod seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Discussion to seek support for Technology Information (IT) Hardware/Software Support. Mr. John Henry Phillips, Jr. made a motion for Mrs. Nancy Plank to research IT Support for Madison SWCD. Mrs. Margie Foust McLeod seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Buck Carpenter made a motion to approve the “Our Purpose” and the “About Us” Statements on the Madison SWCD Website. Mrs. Margie Foust McLeod seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Buck Carpenter made a motion to approve Madison SWCD to pay for refreshment expenses for the UF Special Project Tour with Dr. Sudeep Sidhu. Mr. John Henry Phillips, Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Buck Carpenter shared RCPP Proposal – The North Florida Land Trust is asking for a letter of support to bring the program to this area. This would provide the targeted EQIP Funding for the area. Discussion. Mr. Buck Carpenter made a motion to send a letter of support for the RCPP Program to bring additional Conservation Programs to the area. Mr. Tyler Shadrick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Buck Carpenter made a motion to Update the Inter-Local Agreement between Madison SWCD and Madison County Board of County Commissioners to address the addition of the District Staff Assistant and the SWCD Truck. Mr. Tyler Shadrick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Tyler Shadrick 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 12:37 p.m. The next regular scheduled meeting will be held at the Madison County Soil & Water Conservation District Conference Room on Wednesday, July 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

Respectfully Submitted,



BUCK M. CARPENTER

Secretary/ Treasurer