



SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT OF MADISON COUNTY, FL

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

August 16, 2023

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Minutes for SWCD Board Meeting- Regular Session – August 16, 2023

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, August 16, 2023, at the Madison County Soil & Water Conservation District Conference Room. Supervisors present included: Mr. Billy Brown, Mr. Tyler Shadrick, and Mr. Buck Carpenter. Others present included: Mr. Matt Yates, Mr. Eli Curl, Ms. Cetta Barnhart, Mr. Andy Jackson from Suwannee SWCD, Dr. Sudeep Sidhu and Mrs. Nancy Plank.

Mr. Buck Carpenter 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, August 16, 2023, for adoption. Mr. Buck Carpenter 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 meeting minutes for July 19, 2023. Mr. Tyler Shadrick made a motion to approve the minutes; there was a second by Mr. Buck Carpenter - the motion carried.
- Mr. Buck Carpenter presented the Treasurers Report. Mr. Tyler Shadrick made a motion to approve the report as presented – Mr. Buck Carpenter seconded the motion - the motion carried.
- Mr. Buck Carpenter made a motion to pay The Net Group Online, Inc for Website Hosting and Updates for Fiscal Year 2022/2023. Mr. Tyler Shadrick seconded the motion. Motion Carried.
- Mr. Buck Carpenter made a motion to table the Long-Range Plan, By-Laws, and Sales Tax Exemption Updates and Discussions. Mr. Tyler Shadrick seconded - the motion carried.
- Mr. Tyler Shadrick made a motion for the SWCD to pay for the District Staff Assistant and Conservation Technician Annual AFCD meeting, travel, and meal expenses in the event that FDACS declines to pay for those expenses. Mr. Buck Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

SWCD Administration

Mr. Billy Brown welcomed Mr. Andy Jackson, Chairman of Suwannee SWCD.

Mr. Buck Carpenter reported on the MIL Contract Meeting at FDACS/OAWP on August 8, 2023, with West Gregory, James Fort, and Jason Seabolt. This was a good bridge building meeting, but we are not there yet. We received useful MIL contract information and clarification. Madison SWCD will watch the Legislative schedule to coordinate our future Budget requests, and will submit it early, before June 30th.

Special Project Report given by Dr. Sudeep Sidhu - The Everlizer corn plot harvest = 215 bushels vs No Everlizer corn plot harvest = 187 bushels = 28 bushels more with the Everlizer. The Everlizer seems to help hold more nitrogen and changes the soil properties but will need more research. Controlled Release Fertilizer vs Everlizer – the CRF gained four more bushels than the Everlizer. Good technology—how can we make it better and more cost effective? A full report will be presented upon completion. Dr. Sidhu would like to continue attending the Madison SWCD meetings and bring a few of his students.

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Conservation Technician Report – Mr. Eli Curl reported that he finished 10+ IVs and next month will work on 16-17 IVs. Currently working on a Cost Share.

FDACS ES-III Report – Ms. Cetta Barnhart reported that she is working on a list to not overlap what the Technician/Eli is doing. Some IVs and NOIs have been completed and is working on a Cost Share. Currently covering Hamilton, Suwannee, and Madison.

In the absence of the NRCS Conservationist, and IFAS/UF/Mr. Joel Love – No reports were given.

Mr. Matt Yates – Resource Conservation Partners, LLC (RCP) gave the MIL report. The MIL ICC meeting was held yesterday, and MIL Handbooks will be updated.

Mr. Buck Carpenter reported on the AFCD Annual Meeting on September 26 – 27, 2023, in Gainesville, FL, with limited funding available from AFCD for one Supervisor to attend. Registration deadline is August 25, 2023. The meeting will end at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 27, 2023.

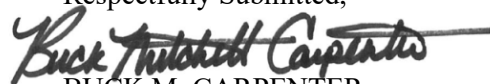
Mrs. Nancy Plank shared the 2024 NACD Poster Contest Theme “May the Forest be With You Always” SWCD funds spent on supplies for the upcoming 2024 Poster Contest: Crayons & Poster Paper.

The Ricoh Copier 5-year contract is due to expire in October. More information will be obtained from RJ Young and presented at the September Board Meeting.

Mr. Buck Carpenter is working on the By-Laws and the Long-Range Plan. Madison SWCD will hold a Workshop to go over the final preparations. Date to be determined.

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 12:37 p.m. The next regular scheduled meeting will be held at the Madison County Soil & Water Conservation District Conference Room on Wednesday, September 20, 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

Secretary/ Treasurer



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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CONSERVATION DISTRICTS STEWARDSHIP WEEK 2024