



SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT OF MADISON COUNTY, FL

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

December 20, 2023

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Minutes for Madison SWCD Board Meeting- Regular Session – December 20, 2023

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Billy Brown, Chairman of the Madison Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) at 9:25 a.m., Wednesday, December 20, 2023, at the Madison County Soil & Water Conservation District Conference Room. Supervisors present included: Mr. Billy Brown, Mr. John Henry Phillips, Jr., Mrs. Margie Foust McLeod, Mr. Buck Carpenter, and Mr. Tyler Shadrick. Others present included: Dr. Sudeep Sidhu with UF, Mr. Eli Curl, Ms. Cetta Barnhart, 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, December 20, 2023, for adoption. Mr. Tyler Shadrick. made a motion that the agenda be adopted; there was a second by Mrs. Margie Foust McLeod - the motion carried.
- Mr. Billy Brown presented to the Board the SWCD Regular Meeting Minutes for November 15, 2023. Mr. Buck Carpenter made a motion to approve 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 a study of big swamps release substantial amounts of methane gas. Farms and livestock production are not as high in methane gas as the media is reporting.

IFAS Special Project – Dr. Sudeep Sidhu shared his Power Point presentation of the results of the Lee Peanut/Birdsong Everlizer/CRF Special Project. This is the first steppingstone to more research, with more research on controlled release fertilizer in the future.

Conservation Technician Report – Mr. Eli Curl reported that he is working on several cost share opportunities and also on the FDACS Special Project PIVOT.

FDACS ES-III Report – Ms. Cetta Barnhart – reported that she is working on four cost share projects and is working between Madison and Tallahassee offices.

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

MIL Report – In the absence of Mr. Matt Yates with Resource Conservation Partners, LLC – no report

Mrs. Nancy Plank Reported on the 2023 Photo Contest

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Mr. Buck Carpenter made a motion to make up the difference for the lack of sponsorship in the amount of \$200 to pay towards the 2023 Photo Contest Awards. Mr. Tyler Shadrick seconded the motion – the motion carried.

Mr. Buck Carpenter made a motion to invite Marcus Shorter with NRCS/USDA to speak at an upcoming Madison SWCD Board Meeting. Mr. Tyler Shadrick seconded the motion – motion carried.

Mr. Tyler Shadrick made a motion to reschedule the January 17, 2024, Madison SWCD Board Meeting to January 10, 2024, due to Board Member schedules. Mr. John Henry Phillips, Jr. seconded the motion – motion carried.

Mr. John Henry Phillips, Jr. made a motion to approve one day of paid time off to be used anytime for both Nancy Plank, District Staff Assistant and Eli Curl, Conservation Technician as well as \$200 to both as a thank you gift. Mr. Mr. Buck Carpenter seconded the motion – motion carried. Tyler Shadrick abstained from voting.

Mr. John Henry Phillips, Jr. made a motion to table #7 Old Business at this time. 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 1:29 p.m. The next regular scheduled meeting will be held at the Madison County Soil & Water Conservation District Conference Room on Wednesday, January 10, 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Buck M. Carpenter". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

BUCK M. CARPENTER

Secretary/ Treasurer