



Jackson Soil and Water Conservation District
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Jackson Soil & Water Conservation District Meeting Minutes
March 10, 2022
8:00 a.m.
UF/IFAS-Clover Room

Board members present: Mack Glass, & Tom Stadskev. (No Quorum)

Administrative staff: Alisha Dunaway, Peggy Gilley.

Others present: John Alter, NW FL Water Mgmt. Dist., Chris Denmark, FDACS., Stephen Fulford, OAWP., Terri Keith, UF/IFAS Family and Consumer Sciences Agent, Doug Mayo, UF/IFAS County Extension Director, Rex Patterson, JSWCD-MIL, Chris Menhennett, NRCS Defuniak Springs District Conservationist, Kevin Warren, JSWCD-MIL, Garrett Williams, JSWCD-BMP.

Meeting called to order at 8:07 a.m. by Supervisor Mack Glass and let everyone know we do not have a quorum. Reports will be made but nothing may be voted on.

Supervisor Glass welcomed attendees and guests.

Terri Keith-UF/IFAS Family and Consumer Services Agent has a request for monetary assistance for a new class they are setting up. It will teach residents about their Water Well & Septic Systems. Terri is looking for monetary donations to help pay for the water samples that will be brought in and sent to the lab through Environmental Health at the Health Department. It is \$22.50 per test, they are hoping to do 25-30 tests with the first class. There was discussion and questions but not able to vote on anything due to the lack of a quorum. Supervisor Mack said he would like to say that the board would like to help but will have to hold the thought until our next meeting.

NRCS Report: Chris Menhennett from the Defuniak Springs NRCS office came to introduce himself and give the NRCS report. Chris is our interim District Conservationist while Brendaly is working in California and wanted to let us know that she is doing well. The State office is funding applications ahead of schedule for the end of March. There are 6 CSP renewals in Jackson County. Evaluations and ranking will be done by 3/28/22 to fund in April. Covid limitations are still at 25% of staff. The date is set for 5/1/22 to re-open the office doors. Everything is going well, and Chris is trying to be here a couple of days a week if anyone needs assistance.

BMP Report: Garrett Williams is bumping along to get the Cost Share work in. He is doing visits and getting work done that is assigned to him. Garrett just finished up Cost Share at HCSWCD.

OAWP Report: Steve Fulford. Cost Share has over 1.7 Million dollars allocated for Jackson County. There is still money available for people with projects that can be done before 6/30/22. The \$200,000. remaining dollars is split up between 3 producers. The contract has been found & crops have been verified. Supervisor Glass asked for the contract to be sent to Peggy so she can forward it to the Supervisors. S. Glass said he did not get to speak with Angela about paying the one producer by check(s) instead of ACH. Steve Fulford said he did, and she said that would be fine in this circumstance. Supervisor Glass asked Peggy to email Angela to confirm before we write the check(s).



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FDACS Report: Chris Denmark reports that Tallahassee has been given permission to reorganize departments. The current Director is leaving, today is his last day. The day-to-day operations shouldn't change-work will get done. There are 10 new positions to pass through legislature with OAWP. They asked for 27, getting 10 to place throughout the state.

UF/IFAS Report: Doug Mayo reported that Caroline our 4-H Agent has taken the position as BMP Tech at HCSWCD. She will be missed by the Ag team, but everyone here will be working more closely with her. Ethan Carter had the Row Crop Short Course last Thursday, Doug felt there was good positive energy despite the gloomy extra costs we are all facing. Input costs have been the discussion. An AGA speaker showed them how to still make a profit. Doug also reported on the drought we have been in. We have abnormally low rainfall numbers, relief is coming this week. CEU's have been offered to those that expired. Ethan is working on it. Pesticide training class in Blountstown went well. We are in the meeting season and people are getting back out it's good to see interaction going again. The drought is being monitored and hopefully it is not going to be a big issue. There was some more discussion about the Well & Septic class, it is structured more for homeowner well testing, not ag wells. Also, it is for anyone that wants to learn more, the owner or the tenant.

MIL Report: Rex Patterson reports they are moving along. The 22nd is still on for Rex's neck surgery and Kevin will be off for Spring Break. Their numbers will be in for the quarter.

John Alter, district board member of NW FL Water Mgmt. reported that on March 3rd the NW FL Water Mgmt District celebrated the planting of its 20 millionth longleaf pine tree with a ceremony @ Econfina Creek Water Mgmt. Area. John also reported that the Peacock Bridge land acquisition is moving along-good news.

Financial Analyst Report: Alisha Dunaway reported that there isn't a financial report in the Supervisor packets this month. QuickBooks would not let her update. Alisha is working on FDACS funding. She has checked the tracker, approximately \$104K is due to deposit today, payments to date total approximately \$103K, the invoicing is in process for those. She is still working with Misty at FDACS to check on any missing invoices. Alisha is tracking down the information they need to get those done. Alisha was asked if there was any news on the audit process. Alisha thought that was done, she is working with Grimsley to get them the information. They have sent an email with a list of information they have to have. Alisha said all the info was supposed to be filed in Peggy's office. Alisha has some of the information needed that Lolla had, the rest is available at the bank or in Peggy's office. The bank had issues with ACH & bill pay processing in their system recently that affected the amounts to send out.

District Coordinator Report: Peggy Gilley reported that she has a check that needs to be signed for The Times. The Times has asked if we want to pay for a year of monthly meeting ads. Peggy suggested that we wait until we get through a year of meetings. The busy season for farmers is upon us, let's see how our meetings pan out for the summer first. We can bring up that option again in Oct or Nov. All agreed. The Supervisor of Elections office emailed that both Supervisors, Basford and Hall have picked up their packets. Was going to



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ask if they are filled out and turned in yet, but they are not here today. On 3/3/22 we had a table set up at the Row Crop Short Course with our new table cover, it was a great morning.

The Land Judging event was held on 3/4/22 in Graceville. The list of winners and some pictures are in the Supervisor packets. Some stats for you: 9 schools from 5 counties, 12 High School teams with 42 students, 8 Middle School teams with 28 students totaling 70 students. With 32 adults made up of school personnel, Ag agents, Soil & Water Conservation Districts staff and Natural Resources Conservation Service staff. 102 people total. 30 pizzas, 2 huge pans of salad + waters, sodas, and tea. Farm Credit is covering the cost of the pizza and salad as soon as Peggy gets them our W-9 form. Winn Dixie donated 8 24packs of water and the Ag agents had a pile of sodas that we were allowed to use. Caroline Chappell and her parents allowed us to use their pasture for the event, the City of Graceville let one of their guys bring over a rig to dig the pits, and Graceville Assembly of God opened their church to us for registration and lunch with awards. Teamwork made an excellent morning for everyone involved.

This past Tuesday Peggy was a judge at the FFA Ornamental Horticulture event as well. Peggy brought up a call she just received about someone wanting to cut down Black Gum in a creek. That the people have reached out to the EPA. Supervisor Mack suggested we not get involved, let them make that call and do what the EPA tells them.

Peggy said there is a flyer in the packets for the JC Cattlemen's Assoc. 2022 Golf Classic. We do not have a quorum, so discussing any donation is not on the table today.

Chris Menhennett mentioned the MOU between JSWCD and NRCS. He said he will have a draft done by 4/1/22. The board will then have a chance to go over it. Chris said it will remain vague according to State needs.

Supervisor Tom, asked about an update regarding the Bills before the FL House and Senate. The authors have changed the verbiage. There are 2 inactive Districts that will go, but the bills are nothing like they started out. They are now worded that Supervisors have to be people with Ag backgrounds.

Supervisor Mack asked about Holmes Creek Soil & Water Conservation District. Alisha replied that she and Chris Denmark met last week with the Holmes Creek board, with Steve Fulford on the phone. There were a lot of questions. They have reached out to Angela to ask if they need an MOU. Angela said it is not necessary, but one would help with language and address the issues that have been discussed. It would be great to get the members of both boards together for a meeting. Supervisor Mack mentioned that Alisha needs to self-protect, we want to be able to work together, but they need to strategize to fix the back load at HCSWCD and not dump it all on Alisha. They will continue with the process and let us know.

Meeting adjourned at 8:56 a.m.