

Jackson Soil & Water Conservation District

Board of Supervisors November 2024 meeting minutes

Location: 2741 Penn Ave, Marianna, FL, 32448

Date: November 13, 2024

Time: 8:00 am

Board members present: Mack Glass, Steve Basford, David DeFelix, and Jeff Pittman

Quorum: YES

Absent: Tom Stadslev

Administrative Staff: Haylee Sapp, District Coordinator

Attendees: John Baggett, FDACS/OAWP Environmental Manager, Kevin Warren, MIL Tech, Katie Moore, BMP Tech, Carol Dunaway, Supervisor of Elections, Doug Mayo, Ag Extension Director, Garrett Williams, Environmental Consultant – OAWP, Peter Scott, Environmental Consultant – OAWP, Gary Chew, Northwest Florida Water Management District, and Micheal Felton, Supervisory District Conservationist.

Supervisor Glass called the meeting to order at 8:06 am. He welcomed the attendees. Supervisor Pittman made a motion to accept the agenda. Second by Supervisor Basford. Carried unanimously.

Supervisor Pittman made a motion to accept the minutes from the October 11th, 2024, special board meeting as read. Second by Supervisor Basford. Carried unanimously.

The Financial Report was reviewed by each supervisor. Supervisor Basford motioned to approve the report. Second by Supervisor Pittman. Carried unanimously.

Doug Mayo reported that the UF/IFAS program is way ahead of schedule. The Farm City Banquet will be held on Tuesday, November 19th, 2024. They have already chosen the conservationist of the year, Mike Padgett. According to Doug Mayo, Jackson County reportedly has the largest farm banquet in the region.

Micheal Felton reports that applications have closed for Equip. There were 128 applications that have been submitted which 25 applicants were new. Field visits are being made to landowners to help bring insight. NRCS has recently gained two new employees.

Gary Chew reports that NFWFMD is starting to work on the cost-share applications. The applications are expanding the boundaries of it. They welcomed new applicants due to the new boundaries.

John Baggett welcomed their new BMP Tech, Katie Moore. He reports that there still is no agreement on the cost share funding. Some producers need help applying for the cost share, while others are applying independently.

Kevin Warren reports that the MIL department is running smoothly. Currently, Rex Patterson is attending ICC for training in Sebring.

Haylee Sapp reports that Forestry in the Classroom in October was a success among the fourth graders in Jackson County. She is planning on improving the program for next year. She reports that Peggy Gilley is attending training in Gainesville. Tomorrow, Apalachicola Watershed Coordination Blueprint has a meeting at Eastpointe that Haylee Sapp, Peggy Gilley, and Katie Moore are attending. There is The Certified District Administrative Professionals Program that will be happening in January 2025 that Peggy Gilley and Haylee Sapp are requesting to attend.

Supervisor Pittman motioned to approve the travel and attendance to the training. Second by Supervisor Basford. Carried unanimously.

Unfinished Business, Supervisor Glass mentioned the personnel policy. Since Peggy Gilley and Rex Patterson were not in attendance, Supervisor Pittman motioned to table the policy until the next board meeting. Second by Supervisor DeFelix. Carried unanimously. New Business, in the Supervisors' packets, there is a request for sponsorship from the Jackson County Youth Livestock & Equine Association. Supervisor DeFelix motioned to sponsor JCYLEA on the gold level. Second by Supervisor Pittman. Carried unanimously.

Adjourned at 8:40 am.

12/11/2024: Motion to approve minutes by Supervisor Basford, seconded by Supervisor Stadslev. Carried unanimously.