

Minutes for the Wakulla Soil and Water Conservation District Meeting held July 9, 2020 at the Wakulla County Extension Offices, 84 Cedar Avenue, Crawfordville, Florida, 32327

The Meeting was called to order at 5:05pm by Vice Chairman Dusty Leimbach. Other members present were Dallas Marshal, Donnie Miley, Wayne Cooper and Cal Jamison. Guest Steve Tullar, NRCS, participated by phone.

Minutes for the June Meeting were approved. Moved by Wayne, 2nd by Donnie.

The bank statement was read into the minutes by Cal. The balance was \$4,958.97. There were no transactions and the balance remained unchanged from the May statement.

Old Business:

Supervisor resignations. The Robert Roddenberry resignation letter to the Governor is in progress. Although he has resigned we have not received Larry Goolsby's letter of resignation as yet.

Dusty will send a letter of appointment of Donnie Miley to the seat vacated by Larry Goolsby.

The clerical position remains vacant. A motion to increase the pay offer in the contract hire to \$1200.00 for a six month period was made by Wayne and 2nd by Dallas. It was passed. Included in the motion were requirements of minimum of 4 hours and a maximum of 8 hours per month and a requirement to take minutes at the regular meetings and keep the calendar.

Wayne has reached out to the County Commissioners regarding the septic tank upgrades to advanced wastewater treatment. He will follow up and report back at the next meeting.

New Business:

A fundraising effort was discussed and Wayne moved that we sell 50 tickets at \$20.00 each for a total of \$1000 for the opportunity to win a hunting shotgun. Ticket purchasers must be 18 years old or older. The winner must show a Hunters Safety Certificate or a Concealed Carry Permit or take the Hunters Safety Course before receiving the shotgun. The motion was 2nd by Donnie and passed on a 4/1 vote.

Cal reported that he had received a request from the Hillsborough County Soil and Water Conservation District for us to participate in a survey originated by the Florida Conservation District Employees Association. A motion was made for Dusty to further review the request with the authority to complete or reject the survey and report back at the next meeting. The motion passed, moved by Donnie and 2nd by Dallas.

Wayne suggested that our District to take a greater role in advising the Wakulla Planning and Zoning Department and the County Commission on matters dealing with water conservation. This was well met by the members. Also, discussed was the idea of us investigating the possibility of projects on unused government lands and Wayne will continue to look into these ideas and report back at the next meeting.

Steve reported on NRCS activities and the obligation of funds for the 2020 contracts for conservation practices. Of the \$61,000 obligated for high priority projects \$10,300 had been designated for a long leaf pine project in Sopchoppy. He has sent in our District's response to the working group to NRCS. He also reported that the costs for a 5" x 7" plaque for Robert Roddenberry for his service will run between \$15-\$20. It will be available for presentation by our August Meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm. Moved by Dallas and 2nd