

Minutes for the WSWCD Meeting held July 11, 2024, at the Wakulla County Extension Office, 84 Cedar Avenue, Crawfordville, FL 32327

The Meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by Vice Chair David Shepard. Other members present were Dallas Marshall, Kelly Keys and Cal Jamison.

Guests: Emily Johnson

The agenda was approved unanimously. Moved by Cal and seconded by David.

The June 13, 2024, meeting minutes were approved unanimously. Moved by Kellie and seconded by Dallas.

The Treasurer Report was given by Dallas. The Prime Meridian checking balance is \$5,500.10.

There were no citizens to be heard.

Old Business:

Cal stated that the Annual Financial Report to DEO was past due. This was previously done by former chairman Dusty Leimbach. Dallas will provide the bank statements and other information for Cal to attempt to complete the report.

Review the Draft Performance Report from Mauldin and Jenkins. This item is tabled until the August Meeting.

Kellie reported that the BOCC Springs Ordinance Workshop has still not been scheduled. She will provide an update at the August meeting.

New Business:

The appointment of Emily Johnson to fill the vacancy created by Dusty's resignation is postponed allowing for the gathering of additional information on appointments.

Kellie reported that FSU received a \$750,000 legislative appropriation for Wakulla Springs to fund research and educational outreach. The FSU Coastal and Marine Lab received \$500,000 of the funding and is developing a plan for the science. The FSU School of Communications received \$250,000. Kellie works in this department and will be developing a plan for educational outreach and communication research. The money will help support students whose research interests align with the project.

Cal provided the Wakulla Springs update. The spring continues its clearing trend with visibility hitting the 70' range. Manatees are in the spring and river and the river grasses are continue to expand. The sinking streams are still flowing, but their contribution isn't obvious in the water color which is still green. The nitrate readings are in the .4/.45 ppm range and over the BMAP goal of .35 ppm.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm. Moved by Kellie and seconded by Dallas. The vote was unanimously approved