ESCAMBIA SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT DISTRICT SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

April 16, 2025

Molino Farm Bureau Building 9:00a.m.

# District Supervisors in Attendance

Ms. Carollyn Taylor, Chair; Mr. Travis Tharp, Vice Chair; Mrs. Karen Sindel, Secretary, Mr. Chris Curb.

# Attendees

Mrs. Debbie Williams, Escambia County NRM/Natural Resources Conservation Division, Mr. Joshua McElhaney, District Conservationist, USDA/NRCS.

# Call to Order

Ms. Carollyn Taylor called the meeting to order at 9:16a.m.

# Acknowledgement of Quorum Present. Acknowledgement of Public Notice.

**Agenda Updates/Changes**

Agenda accepted as is.

# Those present stated the Pledge of Allegiance. Minutes of the Last Meeting(s)

Mrs. Karen Sindel deferred April 2, 2025 minutes. Meeting minutes were not attached.

Mr. Travis Tharp made a motion to approved April 5, 2025 special meeting minutes. Mrs. Sindel seconded the motion. With all in favor, motion carried.

Mr. Tharp made a motion to approved March 19, 2025 regular meeting minutes. Mrs. Sindel seconded the motion. With all in favor the motion carried.

# Reports

Treasurer's Report - No action taken.

District Conservationist Report- Mr. Joshua McElhaney gave an update on the office workload. NRCS will have an Area meeting next week, and he reminded the Supervisors the Local Working Group (LWG) will be held on May 21, 2025 after the ESWCD meeting.

Next Farm Tour meeting will be Thursday, May 1, 2025.

# Old Business

Ms. Taylor attended the committee session held on April 7, 2025 in Tallahassee, FL. She delivered the Supervisors' position on HB973. The Supervisors' letter was also email to Representative Salzman's office. However, the HB did pass at the session.

Brief discussion on workshop and regular meetings. As noted before, workshop meetings will remain at the COC. The regular meetings will be revisited after the final decision on the removal of SWCD in Florida.

Mr. Tharp gave an overview of the Northwest Florida Water Management Districts' Land Management Reviews of the Perdido and Escambia Rivers event The review consisted of how NWFWM manages the area, Long Leaf Pine restoration area, management of the wetlands, how they address issues such as vandalism, invasive species control, and how they work with outside agencies/partners.

# New Business

Regarding email correspondences, it was reminded to be mindful on items sent out and the recipients of such emails.

Mrs. Williams noted an opportunity for a grant offered by the American Farm Bureau Foundation/White-Reinhardt

All present discussed potential schools and targeted age groups. Possible projects such as working with Scouts for Merit Badge opportunities and something similar to Santa Rosa's educational soil tunnel.

Mr. Travis will contact the Scout's Director and Ms. Taylor will reach out to FFA groups.

# Open Discussions

None held.

# Adjournment

With no further business coming before the District Supervisors, Mr. Tharp made a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Sindel seconded the motion. With all in favor, meeting adjourned at 9:48a.m.

Signed Minutes on File

Mrs. Karen Sindel, Secretary