

ESCAMBIA SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES September 21, 2023

Board Members in Attendance

Mr. Travis Tharp, Chair; Mr. Johnnie Odom, Vice-Chair; Mrs. Carollyn Taylor, Secretary;
Mr. Brian Foreman, member.

Attendees

Mrs. Debbie Williams, Escambia County NRCD; Mr. Joshua McElhaney, District Conservationist,
NRCS.

Call to Order

Mr. Travis Tharp called the meeting to order at 11:39am.

Those present stated the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag in unison.

Minutes of the Last Meeting

Mr. Johnnie Odom made a motion to accept the August 17, 2023 Board minutes. Seconded by
Mrs. Carollyn Taylor. Motion carried unopposed.

Acknowledgment of Public Notice

Meeting advertisement published.

Treasurer's Report

Mr. Johnnie Odom gave the Treasurer report. No activity
with bank account.

Reports

Mr. Joshua McElhaney gave an update on the office activities, number of contracts, funding
allocated, and stated he will be attending the AFCD Annual meeting.

Mr. McElhaney distributed the news release for the USDA/NRCS cost-share programs being
offered in the fiscal year of 2024. Applications should be submitted by November 17, 2023
for FY24.

Old Business

Mrs. Taylor reminded the Board she will be attending the upcoming AFCD Annual meeting
being held the last week of September in Gainesville.

Mr. Tharp stated still waiting on ECUA's final determination on recycling. Until final decision
is made by ECUA, the Board's letter will be on hold.

New Business

Discussion on giving the Secretary duties to Mrs. Taylor. Motion was made by Mr. Odom to appoint Mrs. Taylor to Secretary. Seconded by Mr. Forman. With Mrs. Taylor's acceptance, motion passed.

Prior to the regular Board meeting, the members held a workshop to discuss items such as the Board's roles and responsibilities, project leads, logs and the purchase of shirts, additional Board member, and incorporating workshop meetings the first Thursday of each month with location to be determined.

The Board reviewed the draft minutes. Mr. Odom made a motion to accept the workshop meeting minutes. Seconded by Mrs. Taylor. Motion carried.

Final typed minutes will be submitted to the office for record keeping.

Discussions on exhibit farming, farming around county owned holding ponds, and any possibilities of doing work on the green roof at the county's COC building.

Discussions held on the cow show and types of exhibits at the Interstate Fair being held in October.

Inquiry was made to Mr. McElhaney if he had any leads of a citizen in the North end of the county who may be interested in the sitting on the Board. Mr. McElhaney sated no leads at this time.

With no further business coming before the Board, Mr. Odom motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Foreman. With all in favor, the meeting adjourned at 12:37.

Mrs. Carollyn Taylor, Secretary