Escambia Soil & Water Conservation District Board Workshop Meeting Minutes

March *5* 2025 3363 West Park Place

District Supervisors in Attendance at Call to Order of Meeting:

Mr. Travis Tharp, Vice Chair; Mr. Johnnie Odom, Treasurer; Mr. Chris Curb

District Supervisors in Attendance at Call to Adjourn:

Mr. Travis Tharp, Vice Chair; Mr. Johnnie Odom, Treasurer; Mr. Chris Curb

Call to Order/Establishment of Quorum Acknowledgement of Public Notice: Mr. Travis Tharp called the meeting to order at 3:0Op.m.

Quorum was established. Public notice was established.

**Discussion Items**

Blue Jacket Jamboree:

Discussion held on lessons learned from last year's event. Focus on identifying the organization more clearly, increase engaging content at the booth, interact more with citizens around the livestock area.

Primary content of the booth will be GIS maps showing agriculture and wilderness encroachment provided by Mr. Johnnie Odom, roles and impacts of SWCD to local conservation and economy provided by Mr. Tharp, and updates on monarch/pollinator conservation.

Landowner Agriculture Cost Share Program Clinic:

Discussed feasibility of holding a landowner clinic in August 2025.

Public Forum Event

Mr. Odom suggested the possibility of holding public forum event in order to gather data on specific concerns of the public.

SB986

Mr. Tharp presented the draft version of SB 986 and discussion held of its implications for the SWCD, should it become law.

Adjournment

With nofurther business coming before the Board, Mr. Odom made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Mr. Curb. With all in favor, meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

\*\*Signed Minutes on File

Mr. Travis Tharp, Vice Chair