# SUWANNEE COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

March 20, 2025

Approved in the SCCD Board of Supervisors Meeting held on May 15, 2025 with a motion by James Williams and a second by Larry Sessions.

The Suwannee County Conservation District Board of Supervisors held their regularly scheduled meeting Thursday February 20, 2025 at The USDA Service Center located at 1525-B Ohio Avenue South in Live Oak, FL 32064. Supervisors that attended were Andy Jackson, Chairman; James Williams, Secretary/Treasurer; and Larry Sessions, Supervisor (by phone). Also attending were Garrett McCray, SCCD Programs Administrator; Joni Sapp, SCCD Administrative Assistant; John Garrison, SCCD Conservation Technician; Alton Goff, SCCD Conservation Technician; Joel Love, UF/IFAS BMP Education Coordinator; De Broughton, 6 Gen Ag Services; and Raymond Balaguer Barbosa, UF/IFAS Extension Agent.

Chairman, Andy Jackson, called the meeting to order at 7:04pm.

The Minutes of the previous meeting held February 20, 2025 were reviewed. James Williams made a motion to approve the minutes, and there was a second by Larry Sessions.

The Financial Reports were reviewed. James Willimas made a motion to approve those reports, and there was a second by Larry Sessions.

The Board appointed De Broughton to Seat 4 on The Board of Supervisors. Larry Sessions made a motion to approve, and there was a second by James Williams.

Garrett McCray, SCCD Administrator, discussed our current cost-share contracts. For BMP Tools Cost Share, we have approximately $947,564 obligated with 14 CSA’s. RESTORE Energy has approximately $820,000 obligated. RESTORE BMP has approximately $418,000 obligated.

Joel Love, UF/IFAS BMP Education Coordinator, reminded everyone of the upcoming CARES Dinner on May 1, 2025. The Board agreed to the contribution of $250. James Williams made a motion to approve and there was a second by De Broughton.

Alton Goff and John Garrison, SCCD Conservation Technicians, gave reports of working on IV’s and finishing up with the emergency pivot cost share agreements.

OLD BUSINESS:

Legislative Update – A bill has been introduced to dissolve 37 of 51 Soil and Water Conservation Districts. More updates to come.

Conservation Farm Family of the Year is tabled until the next Board Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

The ordinary bills from Verizon Wireless and Jim Hinton Oil were presented for payment. James Williams made a motion to pay the bills, and there was a second by De Broughton.

The next District Meeting will be held Wednesday April 16. 2025 at 1:00pm following the NRCS Local Working Group Meeting held at the UF/IFAS Research Center.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Joel Love, UF/IFAS BMP Education Coordinator, asked The Board for their support in replanting the perennial peanut sprigs into the estimated 6.5 acres of dry corners at the UF/IFAS Research Center project which previously failed. Southern Pioneer Farms will submit a quote to complete this project. The Board agreed to move forward with this if they wait until the summer months which will provide the needed precipitation. James Williams made a motion to approve, and there was a second by De Broughton.

There being no further business presented, James Williams made a motion to have the meeting adjourned, there was a second by De Broughton, and Andy Jackson adjourned the meeting.