

ESCAMBIA SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

August 17, 2023

Board Members in Attendance

Mr. Travis Tharp, Chair/ Acting Secretary; Mrs. Carlyn Taylor, Member; Mr. Brian Foreman.

Attendees

Mr. Johnnie Odom, Vice-Chair/ Acting Treasurer via phone call; Mrs. Debbie Williams, Escambia County NRCD; Mr. Levi Blackmon, NRCS; Mr. Joshua McElhaney, District Conservationist, NRCS.

Call to Order

Mr. Travis Tharp called the meeting to order at 9:11am.

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

Minutes of the Last Meeting

Mrs. Carolyn Taylor made a motion to accept the July 27, 2023 Board minutes with the correction of the spelling to Mr. Brian Foreman's name. Seconded by Mr. Brian Foreman. 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 of the office activities and workload.

Old Business

Mr. Tharp stated he recently spoke with the guest from the July's Board meeting who was interested in the Board. Due to qualifying requirements to serve, the individual will hold off on seeking appointment at this time.

Mr. Odom began discussions on two potential citizens interested in the Board. Mr. Odom will obtain further information on them and get with the Board at the next meeting.

Mr. Tharp discussed the notice in which ECUA has changed again their updated policies and rates. Until final decision is made by ECUA, the Board's letter will be on hold.

New Business

Mr. Foreman inquired to more specifics regarding Board's duties, further discussions on Chapter 582, outreach and current environmental concerns.

Mr. McElhaney stated the Labor Day Classic Cow show will be held Saturday, August 26, 2023 at Escambia County's 4-H facility. The event would be a good outreach event for the Board. After discussion, one or more of the Escambia Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors will attend the event

Discussion held on holding a workshop meeting to focus more on the Board's collective position of their duties and which small project or outreach will be done. Date, time and location will be decided after obtaining a location. The workshop information will be available on the FSWCD website.

With no further business coming before the Board Mrs. Taylor motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Foreman. With all in favor, the meeting adjourned at 10:18a.

Mr. Travis Tharp, Chair and Acting Secretary