ESCAMBIA SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

August 20, 2025

1651E Nine Mile Road

Escambia County Parks and Recreation Department 9:00a.m.

**District Supervisors in Attendance**

Ms. Carollyn Taylor, Chair; Mr. Johnnie Odom, Treasurer; Mr. Chris Curb; Mr. Travis Tharp, Vice-Chair via phone.

**Attendees**

Mr. Joshua McElhaney, District Conservationist USDA/NRCS;

Mrs. Debbie Williams, Escambia County NRM/Natural Resources Conservation Division.

**Call to** **Order**

Ms. Carollyn Taylor called the meeting to order at 9:12a.m.

**Acknowledgement of Quorum Present Acknowledgement of Public Notice**

**Agenda Updates/Changes**

No updates or changes.

**Minutes of the Last Meetlng(s)**

Mr. Johnnie Odom made a motion to approve the July 16, 2025 meeting minutes. Mr. Curb second the motion. With all in favor, motion passed.

**Reports**

Treasurer's Report

Mr. Odom stated no changes in the bank statement. Mr. Odom stated he would go by the bank to change the address.

District Conservationist Report

Mr. Joshua McElhaney gave the DC report. Discussed current office workload regarding contracts for CSP and EQIP. October 3, 202S will be the batching deadline for the FY26 EQIP and CSP.

Brief discussion held on updates regrading USDA/NRCS reorganizations.

**Old Business**

Mr. Odom gave an update on the billboard and presented the completed design. The design will be given to Lamar advertising. The digital billboard ls free of charge. Mr. Odom will also work on the District's website to include the Information needed on the Monarch butterfly project

Mr. McElhaney and Mrs. Debbie Williams gave an update regarding the Agriculture tour. Discussion held on the tour date, registration, Itinerary, lunch, and time frame of tour.

The FY26 budget outline was reviewed.

Mr. Odom made a motion to accept the FY26 budget. Mr. Curb seconded the motion. With all in favor the motion carried.

Discussion on the required Ethics' training which would need to be completed by the second week of September in order for the 202S Ethics' training to be reimbursed. Mrs. Williams will need an outline of the course, receipt of payment and a W-9 from each Supervisor. Items will need to be submitted to Mrs. Williams by the second of September 2025.

Discussion held on the remaining funds for FY25. Streamline has been **paid** to maintain the required website for another year.

Mr. Odom made a motion to sponsor the Escambia County Agriculture Tour in the amount of

$150.00. Mr. Curb seconded the motion. With all in favor the motion earned.

For the remaining balance, the funds will go to reimbursement for the Ethics training, which is

$79.00 per person and the purchase of shirts for each Supervisor. All were in favor of the expenditures.

Ms. Taylor will look into the availability and cost of shirts.

Mrs. Williams did state all expenditures for the District needs to completed in a timely manner In order to comply with the county's guidelines for closing FY25.

Mrs. Williams distributed a copy of the FY25 Goals and Objectives. These will be reviewed/evaluated for the next meeting. Evaluation will include how the Distinct reached the goals and objectives and discuss any that were not achieved.

**Open Discussions**

None held

**Adjournment**

With no further business coming before the District, Mr. Curb made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Odom seconded the motion. With all in favor the meeting adjourned at 10:29am

Signed Minutes on File