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AFCD Board of Directors Meeting January 11, 2008

The Association of Florida Conservation District (AFCD) Board of Directors held a meeting in the Conference Room at the NRCS office in Gainesville on Friday, January 11, 2007.

Those in attendance included Wilbur Dean, John Chamberlain, Steve Johnson, Barbara Gill, Hugh Thomas, Eva Webb, John Harris Michelle Thatcher, Ed Wright, Salvadore Salinas, Clegg Hooks

Wilbur Dean opens the meeting at 1:08 pm

Jackson moved to suspend the bylaws due to lack of having a quorum. Chamberlain seconded. Passed unanimously.

President's Report:

Wilbur gave his report: He has been working on the getting the contract straightened out. He also indicated that state funds for MIL is in the decision process.

Past President's Report:

Andy gave his report and discussed committee changes within NACD. His position changed and he now sits on the communications committee.

Financial Report: Given by Steve Johnson

Motion by Jackson to accept the Treasurer's report. Seconded by Chamberlain. Passed Unanimously.

Jackson moves that if the rates are comparable that we keep the Ellis Putnal CD at Wachovia for 6 months. Chamberlain seconded. Passed Unanimously.

John Harris called in: With John Harris, the board had a quorum

NRCS Report: Niles was not present

Salvadore, the acting State Conservationist gave the NRCS Report:

His detail is for a minimum of 160 days. He is from Texas.

The house and Senate has passed a respective Farm Bill. The committees will come together and vote on a final farm bill at some point in the near future.

He will be attending the NACD meeting. If we need something, just ask and he will get it done.

His focus is trying to obligate the EQIP dollars allocated to the states. Once the Farm Bill is signed all those funds will go away.

FDACS Report: Clegg Hooks

They (FDACS-OAWP) have had to cancel the contracts for all of the districts except **for** technicians. They had to go from 100 contracts to 20. The news from Legislature is that they will meet and reduce the budget by 4% to 8% percent. It would be devastating for most agencies. They are 2 billion dollars short.

MIL funds may be cut for the next year possibly. They have given presentations to try and keep it to the legislature. More than 50% of OAWP comes from the DOC stamps. This year will only be about 4.5 millions.

All of these cuts will dramatically impact all contracts including the AFCD's.

Minutes:

Chamberlain moves to approve the minutes of the last board meeting. Johnson seconded. Passed unanimously.

Barbara Gill Report:

According to FCDEA's Bylaw's, Barbara's term will expire and we need to find a new president to fill her position.

She would like a room for the Annual meeting for 10-15 employees to meet.

Michelle Report:

80% of time is spent on FDACS contract which is going very well. She has been getting a very good response from the Districts which are now turning to her for guidance on a regular basis.

Michelle put together a massive lobbying effort to try and secure funding until April. FDAC agreed to continue this funding, but she suggests that we start the lobbying process as soon as possible.

She has worked many hours to try and straighten out all of the accounting on both Excel and Quickbooks and has been able to secure help from Ian Thatcher and Craig Clossen.

Mr. Davis needs an audit to be performed. Michelle to send a formal letter.

Discuss 2008 Annual Meeting

The board has set the date to hold the meeting at the Marriott on August 14th 15th and 16th
Verbal confirmation from hotel of \$125 with minimum stay. 104 room night minimum.

Chamberlain makes a motion to have the meeting at Bay Pointe Marriott and make the commitment. Jackson seconded. Passed Unanimously

Dinner Cruise will be included with registration for Friday night

Charlie Rosborough, Steve, Wilbur, Andy and Eva, Ed Wright, and Michelle are on the committee.

Michelle suggested that we will need around 11-12 solid volunteers to help off and on throughout the meeting. Michelle asked Mr. Salinas if he would allow for Benita to come and help if she wanted to join us. He said that he would check into that.

Wilbur to call Chuck Aller to ask about Commissioner Bronson to speak.

Budget:

Jackson makes a motion to approve the budget. Harris seconded. Passed Unanimously.

Table the \$1000 for scholarship for next meeting. There are not enough funds in the checking account. To many funds were transferred into the cd.

Chamberlain moves to pay all bills. Jackson seconded. Passed Unanimously

Operating Account

1. \$15.05 to Barbara Gill for reimbursement for mailing the posters to the National Competition
2. \$775 for NACD Membership Dues
3. \$167 Jordan Agency, Inc. for Surety Bond.
4. \$165 Invoice for Website Hosting to NACD
5. \$1,500 For Ex. Dir. Services November, December, and January
6. \$502.23 Reimbursements for Michelle for rent, office supplies and mailing
7. \$972.59 Check from Operating to FDACS account. This was approved at the last meeting, but we were going to resubmit to see if FDACS would pay. They did not pay and reconfirmed that they would not pay these Annual meeting expenses.

FDACS Account

1. \$2,917.50 for Services through November 30th
2. \$3,997.50 for services through January 8th
3. \$385.10 for Reimbursement through November 30th
4. \$680.62 for Reimbursement through January 8th

Chamberlain makes a motion to meet at 3-21-08 for next board meeting at 1:00. Johnson seconded. Passed unanimously

Motion to adjourn

Michelle to send out notices to start planning for area meetings.