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AFCD Board of Directors Meeting 11-14-08

The Association of Florida Conservation District (AFCD) Board of Directors held a meeting at the NRCS office in Gainesville, Florida, on November 14, 2008.

Board members in attendance included Eva Webb, Wilbur Dean, John Chamberlain, Paul Still, (in Gainesville) Louise King, Deborah Schafer (after 2:00pm), and Misty Penton (via conference call).

Board members not able to attend included, Jack Bragg, Gary Brooker, John O'Connor, and James Williams

Others in attendance in Gainesville included NRCS Liaison to AFCD Ed Wright, Hugh Thomas, Andy Jackson, and AFCD Executive Director Michelle Thatcher

Others in attendance via conference call included FDACS/OAWP Rep Clegg Hooks.

President Eva Webb opens the meeting at 1:15 pm.

Financial Reports:

Michelle Thatcher gave the financial report: See attached. Wilbur Dean moved and John Chamberlain seconded a motion to approve Financial Reports. Motion passed unanimously.

John Chamberlain moved and Wilbur Dean seconded a motion to pay bills. Motion passed unanimously.

a. Operating account

- i. \$8.75- Palm Beach SWCD to send Posters**
- ii. \$165-Khimaira- Green Earth Host- Web hosting**
- iii. \$775.00 NACD Annual Dues**
- iv. \$856.55 Reimbursement**
- v. \$723.50 Exec. Serv.**
- vi. \$353.00 Wachovia Taxes 941**

b. FDACS Contract

- i. \$3706.13 Services**

- ii. **\$1808.24 Wachovia for 941**
- iii. **\$388.76 Reimbursement**

John Chamberlain moved and Misty Penton seconded a motion to obtain a credit card to purchase items up to \$200. Motion passed unanimously.

John Chamberlain moved and Wilbur Dean seconded a motion to approve the Contribution Agreement with NRCS. Motion passed unanimously.

NRCS Report- Ed Wright:

State Conservationist Carlos Suarez, AFCD President Eva Webb and Ed Wright had a meeting and it went really well. They talked about long and short term goals. Carlos feels that we should have those regular meetings.

Farm Bills rules should be finished by January. AFCD should start finding locations for orientation meetings. AFCD should develop a standard brochure districts can use to promote districts and explain how to become a supervisor. NRCS and help put together a video or videos highlighting CD success stories.

District Conservationist were asked "What are we doing right and what are some of the things we need to changes" NRCS FY09 Action Plan The 3 items related to efforts to

1. Make the information on requirements to run for District Conservationists in all offices. It can be handed out by whoever is in the office. Also to identify and provide names
2. We should have a brochure for "What is a district"
 - a. Strong Districts should have a plan of operation with goals. FDACS, AFCD and NRCS will help. "Locally led process is the key. From those meetings with partners, they need to put together that plan of operation. Timeline is supposed to be heavily into that by the end of December. That short list could go into the brochure
 - b. Brochures: Who is on the board? Contact information for them. Websites
 - c. Model Diversity and recruitment: Use information on NRCS website to develop a model. We work through partnerships.
 - d. Separate brochure on how to run for office and "What is a district".
 - e. Minutes should be reviewed.

Eva Webb to draft a letter to all districts asking for a half page summary of their goals, plan of work or operational plans for 2009.

FDACS Report: Clegg Hooks:

Cow Calf BMP with DEP. These BMP will be ready to be printed soon. AFCD, per contract will deliver when ready.

John Chamberlain moved and Wilbur Dean seconded a motion to hire DJ McCabe as a part time employee with duties to be defined by the Executive Director and the AFCD President. Motion passed unanimously.

John Chamberlain moved and Wilbur Dean seconded a motion to approve the Budget attached November revised. Motion passed unanimously.

John Chamberlain, Louise King, and Deborah Schafer left the meeting.

Wilbur Dean moved and Paul Still seconded a motion to suspend the quorum requirement for the rest of the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Paul Still moved and Wilbur Dean seconded a motion to name Andy Jackson as the AFCD Representative and Wilbur Dean as the alternate to NACD. Motion passed unanimously.

Paul Still moved and Wilbur Dean seconded a motion to name provide up to \$500 to cover expenses for Jackie Bailey to attend the NACD meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Michelle Thatcher to draft a letter to Jackie Bailey.

AFCD Annual Meeting

The Hyatt Regency at Jacksonville landing was selected as the site for the annual meeting if the facility meets the needs of NRCS as determined by Ed Wright. Eva Web will draft a letter to potential sponsors. Display tables will be priced at \$250 but sponsor would also have the option to sponsor breaks and other parts of the conference.

Lobbying effort for 2009 will be more of an effort to let legislators know about what CDs are doing and what they could do.

Paul Still will investigate Storm water/Erosion/Sedimentation Certification Courses

The Board indicated that it was not the responsibility of AFCD to become involved in attendance problems with district supervisors. This responsibility rests with the districts. AFCD can provide information to help districts find supervisors who will become active in their district. Removal of supervisors can only occur by resignation.

The idea of honoring supervisors who have passed or who have served for many years at the annual meeting was discussed.

Paul Still will draft a statement about compost regulations that need to be considered when evaluating the use of the South Dade composter.

The next board meeting was set for February 20, 2009 at 1:00 at the NRCS office in Gainesville

Meeting adjourned.