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AFCD Board of Directors Meeting April 25, 2007

9 The Association of Florida Conservation District (AFCD) Board of Directors held a
10 meeting in the City Manager’s Conference Room in Sanford City Hall, Florida April 25,
11 2007

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13 In attendance: John O’Connor, Ed Wright, Andy Jackson, John Chamberlain, Wilbur
14 Dean, Clegg Hooks, Blas Gomez, Mike Barr, John Harris, Don Spence and Michelle
15 Thatcher

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17 Mike Barr makes a motion to waive the quorum requirements to start meeting. O’Connor
18 seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

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20 **Reports:** Ed Wright: Farm Bill

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22 Ed Wright gave an update on the administration’s proposal for the 2007 Farm Bill.
23 The Administration’s Proposal for the 2007 Farm Bill is to consolidate existing programs
24 (Environmental Quality Incentives Program, Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program,
25 Agricultural Management Assistance Program, Forest Land Enhancement Program,
26 Ground and Surface Water Conservation Program, and the Klamath Basin Program) that
27 provide financial assistance to customers through cost-share and incentives for working
28 lands under a newly-designed Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP).
29 Simplify and streamline these activities, reduce redundancies, and produce more cost-
30 effective environmental benefits. Create a new Regional Water Enhancement Program
31 (RWEPP) that focuses on cooperative approaches to enhancing water quantity and/or
32 quality on a regional scale, and invest additional resources in the Conservation
33 Innovation Grants program.

34 The three existing easement programs for working lands—the Farm and Ranchland
35 Protection Program, the Healthy Forest Reserve Program, and the Grasslands Reserve
36 Program--would become one new Private Lands Protection Program with a shared goal
37 of protecting farmland and open space. Funding would be increased by \$900 million over
38 ten years.

39 The Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP) would be enhanced and expanded. The
40 enrollment cap would expand from 2.3 million acres to 3.5 million acres with an annual
41 goal of enrolling 250,000 acres. The easement function of the Emergency Watershed
42 Program and the WRP would be combined into one WRP.

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44 Ed stated that the National SWS society is hosting the international meeting in
45 Saddlebrook and are looking for volunteers to take tickets.

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47 This is also a conference for the Florida Earth Foundation in Orlando. Registration fee is
48 \$75

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50 **Land Judging:**

51 Wilbur submits a bill for \$346.14 for the Land Judging Contest. Mike Barr moves to
52 pay. Blas seconded.

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54 Chamberlain arrived and there is a quorum.

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56 **FDACS Report:**

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58 Clegg is following up on our payment.

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60 We discussed sending out the survey and Clegg agreed for us to send them to all district
61 supervisors and employees.

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63 **Area Meetings**

64 O'connor moves to waive the 90 day requirement for the Area meetings prior to Annual
65 meeting. Chamberlain seconded. Passed unanimously.

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67 **RC&D**

68 The President of RC&D will meet with the President with AFCD to see how we can start
69 partnering with each other. We will issue an invitation. John O'Connor will get these
70 two together.

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73 **Annual Meeting**

74 Andy suggested that we explore the possibility of finding a place for the President's
75 reception. It was suggested to ask Eva.

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77 It was suggested that Jay Livingston under commissioner Bronson was a good speaker to
78 discuss Alternative Fuel. It would also be good to have an NACD Representative.

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80 Awards: Hall of Fame Person for the SE NACD meeting

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82 Appoint a District with the best project

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84 Andy moves that we spend no more than \$150 for award for Dr. Randy Brown

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AFCD Administration

Mike made a motion to pay the money we had budgeted (\$500) for the last 6 months for administration already received. O'Connor seconded. Andy felt that there were not enough funds in our budget. Mike provided a comprehensive budget. There was much discussion. Motion Passed, Andy opposed.

Blas makes a motion that between now and the end of the year we pay for administration in the amount of \$500 a month. Chamberlain seconded. There was much discussion concerning budget. Motion Passed, Andy opposed.

Travel:

Andy stated that their there was a Legislative Conference in Washington DC and asked for funds for he and Wilbur to attend. Blas made a motion for Wilbur and Andy to attend if the AFCD had the funds to do so. Chamberlain seconded. Passed Unanimously.

Michelle's Report

Michelle submitted 2 written report of the progress made; one for the FDAC's Contract and one for the AFCD administration.

Budget:

Mike makes a motion to pay the bills. Chamberlain seconded.

Chamberlain authorizes payment of bills to the hotel for May, June and July. Mike seconded. Passed unanimously

	Land Judging	\$
Randall B. Brown	Awards	346.14
		\$
Michelle Thatcher	65 stamps for Dues Notice	25.35
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Michelle Thatcher	Dr Brown award materials	27.54
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Barbara Gill	Shipping to Return Posters	31.23
West Palm Beach		\$
Marriott	May 1st Payment for Annual Meeting	1,000.00
West Palm Beach		\$
Marriott	June 1st Payment for Annual Meeting	1,000.00
West Palm Beach		\$
Marriott	July 1st Payment for Annual Meeting	1,000.00
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Michelle Thatcher	6 months Services Nov-April	3,000.00

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FDAC's Contract Bills- Reimbursements to Michelle

Supplies			
Cruzer Micro 2 GB USB	\$24.99	\$1.75	\$26.74

Post it Notpads	\$5.99		
Ink	\$62.99		
File Folder Labels	\$23.99		
		\$6.51	\$99.48
Mileage			
Gainesville meeting to submit report Round Trip 247.46	.445		\$110.10
Gainesville Contract Meeting Round Trip 233.22	.445		\$103.75
Labelle Presentation- Round Trip 312.12	.445		\$138.85
Hotel			
Labelle	\$62.10	\$5.59	\$67.69
Toll Roads			
Tolls for April 5 th and February 23 rd			\$11.50
Meals			
Labelle Presentation			\$12.43
Gainesville Contract Meeting			\$11.62
Gainesville meeting to submit report			\$5.28

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115 Payment to Michelle for Services

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February 21, 2007 to April 25, 2007 Services Provided	135.375 Hours	\$30.00hour	\$4061.25
(See attachment for detail of hours)			

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119 **Motion to adjourn**

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