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AFCD Board of Directors Meeting 5-9-08

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, May 9, 2008.

Those in attendance included Wilbur Dean, Andy Jackson, John Chamberlain, Steve Johnson, Barbara Gill, John Harris, Eva Webb, Michelle Thatcher, Carlos Suarez, Paul Still and John O'Connor

Wilbur Dean opens the meeting at 1:15 pm

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

President's Report:

Michelle, Andy, and I met up in Tallahassee with Rich Budell and Clegg Hooks. It was a very positive meeting and FDACS made a promise to continue to fund the contract.

Past President's Report:

Andy gave his report and said that the Southeastern meeting is coming up before ours. We have a chance to submit candidates. Suwannee is nominating a person. NACD is putting together a Coastal Resource Policy Group. They need a rep from the southeast. Wilbur may have someone on the board who may be interested.

Financial Report: Given by Michelle

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

Annual Meeting:

Packages:

Touch Base with Blas with costs of packages:

The Cruise is set up for August the 15th. The Ladies name is Jerri L. 1800 360-0510 with Captain Anderson's Dinner Cruise will be mailing a confirmation to Sanford. Deposit Required of \$250.00 Need to send once we have an idea of how many spots we need to reserve.

Webb moved to pay the \$5000 to the Marriott in Panama City. Passed Unanimously.

NRCS Report: Carlos Suarez Report

Update that the new Farm Bill. In current form in what congress passed yesterday, they think that it may be vetoed by the President. The next step that will happen is that they will vote in the house and senate. If he vetoes then they will go back to congress to see if they have enough votes to veto the measure.

In the meantime, we are under a short term extension. We have 700,000 extra for EQIP. They may get more money if we have another extension for a year.

Wilbur brought up the fact that it costs \$3600 per computer and questioned how we might lower the costs. Mr. Suarez said that that number is going down and that it was \$5000 at one time.

Mr. Suarez is working on setting up an Area meeting and NRCS meeting at the AFCD meeting.

FDACS Report: Not Present:

Barbara Gill Report: 7 district employees have committed to come to the Annual meeting. \$150 stipend will hopefully be given to everyone who qualifies.

Steve has acknowledged Barbara for her excellent help on the new Envirothon. Barbara wanted to thank her Suwannee Conservation District for their support of her helping them. Without their support, she would not have been able to go. Steve also wanted to thank the West Florida RC&D

Old Business

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

Operating Account

1. 1000.00 for April and May Services
2. \$553.46 in Reimbursement

FDACS Account

1. 4897.50 Contract Services for 3-18-08 to 5-9-08

Broward discussion of WID

The board does not have the authority to override the decision of the membership at last year's annual meeting. If the membership wishes to change their position, they can do so at this year's annual meeting.

Annual Meeting:

Table the motion for the next annual meeting.

Chamberlain makes a motion to not cover the speech and poster contest for Area 4.

Chamberlain moves to pay for Michelle to go to the Legislative conference not to go over \$600.

Next Board meeting is the 11th from 1-5.

Motion to adjourn by Jackson. Chamberlain seconded. Passed Unanimously.