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AFCD Board of Directors Meeting 7-11-08

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, July 11, 2008.

Those in attendance included Wilbur Dean, Andy Jackson, John Chamberlain, Nicole Spencer, Barbara Gill, Michelle Thatcher, Paul Still and Ed Wright, John Harris, Melanie Peterson and Deborah Schafer.

Wilbur Dean opens the meeting at 1:15 pm

Motion by Jackson to approve the last 3 sets of minutes. Seconded by Chamberlain. Passed unanimously.

Chamberlain moved to put all approved minutes on the website. Jackson Seconded. Passed unanimously

Request to attach the balance sheet to future minutes.

President's Report:

Past President's Report:

Andy gave his report and said that the Southeastern meeting is coming up.

Financial Report: Given by Michelle

Chamberlain makes a motion to approve minutes. Jackson seconded. Passed unanimously

NRCS Report: Ed Wright Report

Mr Suarez is at a conference. The approval for Annual conference funding is moving forward in DC.

Initiative by state conservationist:

When Salvatore was present, he dedicated \$12,000 for “Capacity Building”. Carlos wants a contribution agreement. The Districts provide 50% and we provide 50%. The question is: If Suwannee wanted to participate, then they would have to match. They could possibly do up to 50% in kind. This is for accelerating farm bill assessments. We need to do follow up and proper data entry. If we enter into an agreement and the district is in NRCS office and use a government vehicle, then can they be part of this as far as in kind services? How much can district take? Typically it can take 10% for administration. If FDACS or County commission or resources and match with that it is a different scenario. That would be easier to get approval.

There has to be a need for “accelerated” work in a particular district
Point of contact is the area conservationist.

These have to be signed by the end of August. These are conservation agreements with conservation districts first. Then they will go with FDACS and Florida Fish and Game.

FDACS Report: Clegg Hooks:

FDACS has a meeting with NRCS on the 5th of August to spend the end of august money. Then they will look at the October 1, 2008 money.

Clegg requested Michelle to ask Costigan- How do we advertise for our trainings and how do we address the inactive districts with regards to DCA etc.

DEP has been holding meetings for TMDLs for Suwannee basin. They talked about actions needed to meet those goals. SWCD’s need to be involved. Districts need to be a part of this!

Barbara Gill Report:

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Still working on finalizing plans for DE’s workshop. There will be a photography workshop with Gail Hendrix. They are trying to build up their funds so they can get more DE’s to workshops. \$150 will be given to Becky Tindale of Marion SWCD. Audrey Driggers of Okeechobee SWCD has accepted Area VI Coordinator position. Barbara has accepted a new job and will no longer be President.

Melanie and Nicole- Education Co-Chairs

Suggestions for speech topics:

Jackson makes a motion to adopt the question “Describe one of the many faces of land use in Florida? As the speech contest in 2009. Later, we had discussed it further and concluded that “**What is one of the many land uses in Florida?**” would be the final topic.

Jackson moves that we adopt the 5-8 minutes on the Speech on the Speech Contest. Chamberlain seconded. Passed unanimously

Chamberlain moves that it is the responsibility of districts and areas to break ties in the speech and poster contest. Jackson seconded. Passed unanimously.

Speech Contest needs to emphasize that both the speech and poster contest can not send more than one. If there is a tie, then the districts or areas need to have a tie breaker. District and judges are responsible for tie breakers.

Old Business

Chamberlain moves to pay all 4 bills. Jackson seconded. Passed Unanimously

FDAC Contract

2842.50 Services for FDACS contract

1146.77 to State of Florida for the remainder of unspent contract funds.

Operating Account

604.21 Reimbursement for office etc.

1000.00 Executive Director Services

Chamberlain moves that we move forward with purchasing the Simply Everything phone plan and that Michelle pay \$40 of the phone bill. Jackson seconded. Passed unanimously.

Phone and FDACS contract: Michelle to draft an email request to ask to amend the contract for a new line item and where to reduce the budget from another line item.

Chamberlain moves that we pay the 3 bills. Jackson seconded. Passed unanimously.

Jackson reports that the audit will cost \$2500 and Mr. Davis will deliver to the Annual meeting.

Harris moves to pay \$2500 for the audit. Still Seconded. Passed unanimously

Annual Meeting:

Suggestions for filling up 2 slots.

Paul Still can fill up the extra 40 minutes with discussion on forestry.

Chamberlain suggested Tom Cunilio 386-418-0381 from the Florida Renewable RC&D with renewable energy. www.floridarenewablercdc.org

Mary Ann Gosa is a good option

Conservation Success stories in detail could be another option

Apalachicola cooperative weed management could be a good option.

Awards: Chamberlain moves to give Ed Wright and Barbara Gill an award and approve funding for any other awards that might come up. Harris seconded. Passed Unanimously

Discussion of 2009 Annual meeting location: Hugh Thomas suggested looking at High springs area- there is park. Camp Kalaqua run by seventh day Adventists.

Meeting adjourned.