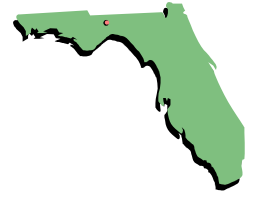




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## ASSOCIATION OF FLORIDA CONSERVATION DISTRICT 2004 Annual Meeting Minutes July 16, 2004 Gainesville, FL 32060

1. The meeting was called to order with a welcome by Acting President Andy Jackson at 1:30 p.m. on July 16, 2004.
2. The opening prayer was presented by Ed Wright.
3. The pledge of allegiance was conducted by Acting President Jackson.
4. It was noted that representatives of ten conservation districts were in attendance:

Alachua, Clay, Dixie, Gadsden, Gilchrist, Hardee-Peace River, Lake, Levy, Suwannee County and Volusia were in attendance.

The minutes of the July 22, 2003 Annual Meeting and of the Board of Directors meetings of May 24, 2004 and July 8, 2004 were read by Secretary-Treasurer Chamberlain. Minor spelling corrections were made. Motion to adopt was made by Earl Ziebart of Volusia and seconded by Marcus Edwards of Gadsden - Passed unanimously.

5. Acting President Jackson then presided over the election of officers for the coming year. Motion to elect Andy Jackson of Suwannee County as President was made by Nadine Foley of Lake and seconded by Nancy Barnes of Suwannee County. There being no further nominations the question was called and Andy Jackson was elected President for the coming year. President Jackson then opened the floor for nominations for First Vice President. Nancy Barnes of Suwannee County nominated Earl (Bill) Ziebarth of Volusia for First Vice President, the motion was seconded by Leon Carter of Clay. There being no further nominations the question was called and Earl Ziebarth was elected First Vice President unanimously for the coming year.

President Jackson then opened the floor for nominations for Second Vice President. Nadine Foley of Lake nominated Marcus Edwards of Gadsden for Second Vice President, the motion was seconded by Allen Cooke of Volusia. There being no further nominations the question was called and Marcus Edwards was elected Second Vice President unanimously for the coming year. President Jackson then opened the floor for nominations for Secretary-Treasurer. Leon Carter of Clay nominated John Chamberlain of Alachua for Secretary-Treasurer, seconded by Allen Cooke of Volusia. There being no further nominations the question was called and John Chamberlain was elected unanimously to serve as Secretary-Treasurer for the coming year.

- 6. Annual dues have to be decided each year. Discussion followed. Motion made by Nadine Foley of Lake and seconded by Marcus Edwards of Gadsden to set the annual dues at \$250 per district and to continue to permit districts with low funds to petition, the Board of Directors by letter, for a hardship exemption which would allow them to pay a due of \$25. The question was called and passed unanimously.**
- 7. Motion made by Nadine Foley of Lake and seconded by Allen Cooke of Volusia to ask the officers to begin the process of contacting districts and supervisors in**

the six state areas to hold area meetings between now and May of 2005 and to elect Area Vice Presidents. Discussion followed. The question was called and the motion passed unanimously.

8. Motion was made by Nancy Barnes of Suwannee County to direct President Jackson and Secretary-Treasurer Chamberlain to file the incorporation papers with the Florida Department of State Division of Corporations within the next three weeks. John Chamberlain will be designated the registered agent and Andy Jackson will be designated the Incorporator in accordance with documentation requirements. Motion was seconded by Earl (Bill) Ziebarth of Volusia. Discussion followed . The question was called and passed unanimously.

9. In 2005 it is Florida's turn in the rotation system to host the Southeastern Regional Conference of the National Association of Conservation Districts. Discussion followed over correspondence received from officials of NACD. Motion was made by John Chamberlain of Alachua and seconded by Nancy Barnes of Suwannee County that the AFCD Board of Directors would meet with NACD officials at the Southeastern NACD Regional Conference in Savannah, Georgia during August of 2004. The Board will offer to host the Southeastern Regional Conference of NACD at the Adam's Mark Hotel (depending upon hotel availability) in Daytona Beach, Florida during the first half of August, 2005. The day preceding the beginning of the Southeastern Regional Conference will be conducted as the 2005 Annual Meeting of the Association of Florida Conservation Districts. After further discussion the question was called and passed unanimously.

10. President Jackson then asked the officers to set a date for the regular quarterly meeting of the Board of Directors as required by the bylaws. By consensus the Board agreed to meet in Gainesville at 10:00 am on Friday August 20, 2004 at the state office of NCRS located at 2614 NW 43rd Street Gainesville. 11. There being no further business a motion to adjourn was made by Nancy Barnes of Suwannee County and seconded by Marcus Edwards of Gadsden passed unanimously at 3:35 pm Friday July 16, 2004.

Respectfully Submitted,  
John Chamberlain - Secretary-Treasurer.

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