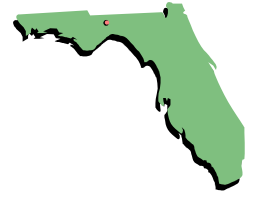




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AFCD Area II Minutes September 27, 2004 William Inman Agricultural Center Quincy, Florida

Supervisor Marcus Edwards called the meeting to order at 7 pm. Supervisor Dorothy Lewis offered prayer and everyone enjoyed a delicious meal prepared by Supervisor Mitch Lewis.

Following the meal, Supervisor Edwards welcomed everyone to this meeting and self-introductions were made around the room.

Supervisor Edwards gave a brief explanation of the Soil & Water Conservation Districts, the role of Supervisors, welcomed the new Supervisors and commended all for their service without pay.

Supervisor Edwards introduced Andy Jackson, President, of the AFCD.

President Jackson distributed and reviewed packets of information that covered the re-organizational efforts from the first meeting in Chipley, Florida, on June 5, 2003 to the present. The packets also included a current list of the AFCD Board of Directors, the adopted By-Laws, agendas and minutes from all meetings during this time period. President Jackson also informed the group that incorporation papers have been filed and adopted by the State of Florida.

As President Jackson was elected as President on July 16, 2004, the current state headquarters for the AFCD offices will be the Suwannee County Conservation District in Live Oak. A bank account for AFCD has been opened in Live Oak.

President Jackson thanked those attending and expressed his desire for the AFCD to become once again a unified voice for the natural resource concerns in our local communities and the state of Florida, providing leadership, public awareness and working very closely with our partners.

President Jackson gave a short autobiography so that his fellow Supervisors will know him better. Then he gave a short review of the past year's activities and asked for questions and/or comments:

- annual dues were discussed
- monies from the FACD were discussed

- 501C possibilities were discussed
- geographic Areas were discussed
- Speech / Poster themes were discussed
 - o Poster = “Celebrate Conservation”
 - o Speech = “Florida Celebrates Conservation”

Supervisor Edwards explained that the purpose of tonight’s meeting was to elect an Area Vice President & Alternate to serve on the AFCD Board of Directors (essential according to the by-laws to address many issues facing the AFCD).

The floor opened for nominations. Motion to elect Blas Gomez by Mitch Lewis, seconded by Terrell Rudd. There being no further nominations, the question was called and Blas Gomez was elected Area II Vice-President.

Dorothy Lewis nominated Terrell Rudd for Alternate, seconded by Bobby Durden. There being no further nominations, the question was called and Terrell Rudd was elected Area II Vice-President Alternate.

Blas Gomez spoke a few minutes regarding his desire to be an involved, knowledgeable Supervisor and how the Ochlockonee River SWCD (Leon County) is addressing serious pollution problems, not so much Agriculture as personal pollution issues and that they have a very capable Board. Previously, they have received a \$300,000 grant from DEP and are hoping for another grant.

President Jackson thanked Supervisors Gomez and Rudd for accepting these positions and reminded the group that the next AFCD meeting is Friday, October 29, 2004, 10 am at the NRCS State Offices in Gainesville, Florida.

Supervisor Rudd motioned to adjourn.

Please see attached list of attendees.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Gill, Resource Conservationist
Suwannee County Conservation District