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AFCD Board of Directors Meeting Minutes Friday, July 29, 2005 10:30 a.m.

Location of Meeting, Mission Inn Howie In The Hills

Attendance: Andy Jackson, Earl Ziebarth, John Chamberlain, H. Marcus Edwards, Wilbur Dean, Linda & John O'Connor, Teresa Owens, Barbara Gill, Nadine Foley, Terry Godts, Tim Reich, Phylis Vandevere, Mark Cross, Jack Bragg, Ray Hodges, Glynn Key, Tim Adams, Clegg Hooks.

President Jackson called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. with Introductions by all present.

President Jackson stated that out of 63 Districts 48 paid dues with seven of those paying hardship of \$25.00, one district paying \$400.00 and one paying \$125.00. President Jackson stated that there are provisions in the by-laws for District's hardship allowing them to pay \$25.00 with submittal of letter of explanation.

John Chamberlain, AFCD Secretary/Treasurer, presented AFCD Financial Report. The ending balance as of 7/29/05 was \$20,057.44. Bills submitted for payment included: 1) Earl W. Ziebarth, Jr. \$1,276.08 (expenses for AFCD travel to other Areas); 2) Volusia SWCD \$152.05 (expenses for meeting); 3) Suwannee County Conservation District \$ 228.14 (expenses for meeting); 4) Andy Jackson \$ 1,169.98 (travel expenses to NACD Regional Meeting and other travel expenses); 5) Howell's \$32.99 (District voting delegate signs, laminating sheets). Wilbur Dean moved that bills be paid. This move was seconded by Marcus Edwards and was so carried.

Minutes of previous meeting were reviewed. President Jackson noted a correction to minutes on number of Districts paying dues. Earl Ziebarth moved that minutes be approved as corrected. This move was seconded by Mark Cross. This move was so carried.

Barbara Gill, AFCDE Representative, requested a theme for next years Speech and Poster Contest. Wilbur Dean suggested establishing a calendar for education items and posting it on the web site. Speech Contest theme was tabled until later.

Bill Ziebarth reported on AFCD Auxiliary activities for Norma Ziebarth. He stated activities included a workshop for auxiliary members. Mr. Ziebarth stated that a silent auction will be held during the Annual Meeting. He stated that 100 percent of auction will go back into the Speech and Poster Contest.

He stated that Mrs. Norma had been traveling to Florida District Areas with him. He stated that anyone can be a member of the Auxiliary, but Officers had to be the spouse of a District Supervisor. He noted that there had not been a lot of response from Area Districts.

There was a discussion on refunding District Employee lunch tickets for District Employees stationed at the registration table and Tommy Brooks, NACDEA Representative. After discussion, Earl Ziebarth moved to refund lunch tickets to District Employees and Mr. Brooks. This move was seconded by Wilbur Dean and was so carried.

NEW BUSINESS

There were two resolutions from Volusia SWCD brought before the Board of Directors to be discussed. 1) Volusia SWCD recognizes that Florida fresh water resources are finite and the Volusia SWCD support alternative ways to create desalinization facilities in Volusia County. This resolution was endorsed by Area IV at the June 29th Annual Meeting. 2) Volusia SWCD supports a 5013C Foundation to support youth activities. The Foundation Board would consist of Area Vice-Presidents along with the AFCD Secretary/Treasurer who would serve as a voting member and Treasurer of the Foundation.

President Jackson stated that Mark Cross will be heading up the Resolution Committee, and Wilbur Dean will be heading up Nomination Committee. President Jackson appointed Terry Godts and Glynn Key to service on the Resolution Committee with Mark Cross. President Jackson appointed Nadine Foley and John O'Connor to serve on the Nominating Committee with Wilbur Dean. Formation of other committees was briefly discussed. Earl Ziebarth suggested that other committees be appointed after the general membership arrived and was so tabled.

A letter was reviewed from the Chipola River SWCD requesting hardship exemption and requested the AFCD to consider acceptance of \$25.00 for annual dues. John Chamberlain moved to accept Chipola River SWCD hardship request and payment of \$25.00 in dues. This move was seconded by Marcus Edwards and was so carried.

Ray Hodges, Dixie SWCD, requested an oral hardship and the AFCD's acceptance of \$25.00 for dues. Earl Ziebarth moved the AFCD accept Dixie SWCD hardship and payment of \$25.00 in dues. This move was seconded by Wilbur Dean and was so carried.

There was a brief discussion of lobbying legislature in Tallahassee.

Barbara Gill, AFCDEA Representative, requested that the AFCD up the poster awards from \$25.00 to \$50.00 for First Place and \$15.00 to \$30.00 for Second Place. Earl Ziebarth moved that the poster awards be reset at \$50.00 for First Place and \$30.00 for Second Place. This move was seconded by Mark Cross and was so carried.

There being no further business, Earl Ziebarth moved at 11:55 a.m. that AFCD Board of Directors meeting adjourn. This move was seconded by John Chamberlain and was so carried.