**ESCAMBIA SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES**

**October 17, 2024**

**Board Members in Attendance**

Mr. Travis Tharp, Chair; Mr. Johnnie Odom, Vice-Chair/Acting Treasurer; Mrs. Carollyn Taylor, Secretary; Mr. Jeff Deweese, Member.

**Attendees**

Mr. Chris Curb, Flood Defenders, Guest; Mr. Joshua McElhaney, USDA/NRCS; Mrs. Debbie Williams, Escambia County NRCD.

**Call to Order**

Mr. Travis Tharp called the meeting to order at 9:12am.

Quorum was present to officially hold meeting.

Those present stated the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag in unison.

**Minutes of the Last Meeting**

Motion was made by Mr. Jeff Deweese to approve the September 5, 2024 workshop minutes. Seconded by Mrs. Carollyn Taylor. With all in favor, the motion passed.

Motion was made by Mrs. Taylor to approve the September 19, 2024 regular meeting minutes. Seconded by Mr. Deweese. With all in favor, motion carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Deweese to approve the October 3, 2024 workshop minutes. Seconded by Mrs. Taylor. With all in favor, the motion carried.

**Acknowledgment of Public Notice**

Meeting advertisement published.

**Treasurer's Report**

The bank statement ending September 30, 2024 was reviewed by the Board.

**Public Forum**

Mr. Chris Curb gave a brief introduction and his experienced background in engineering, stormwater control and erosion issues. Mr. Curb is interested in participating with the Escambia Soil and Water Conservation District.

Brief discussion of NRCS duties and programs and the current requirements to become a Board member.

**Old Business**

Mrs. Debbie Williams informed the Board for the FY25, $2,000 was given as assistance to the District for items submitted in their draft budget. The funds will not be directly given to the Board but will be allocated under the Natural Resources Conservation division.

Mrs. Williams stated the items required for the Board’s website should all be available on the site now.

Regarding the Board’s vacancy and Mr. Curb’s interest, further discussion will be brought up at the November regular Board meeting.

Brief discussions held on regular meeting day and time along with the workshop meeting day and time.

Mrs. Taylor will send a request to the Pensacola Library inquiring the availability for their workshop meeting either November 7 or November 14. Mrs. Taylor will let Mrs. Williams know of the outcome in order to post as public notice on the website.

**New Business**

Review of the Public Depositor and the Florida Commerce Special District’s reports. Mr. Odom signed the documents and Mrs. Williams will email the reports to the agencies.

With no further business coming before the Board, Mr. Deweese made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mrs. Taylor. With all in favor, meeting adjourned at 10:26am.

**SIGNED MINUTES ARE ON FILE**

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Mrs. Carollyn Taylor, Secretary