



*ESCAMBIA  
SOIL AND WATER  
CONSERVATION DISTRICT*

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES  
June 22, 2023**

**Board Members in Attendance**

Mr. Travis Tharp, Chair/Acting Secretary; Mr. Johnnie Odom, Vice-Chair/Acting Treasurer.

**Attendees**

Mrs. Carollyn Taylor, Guest; Mr. Joshua McElhaney, USDA/NRCS;  
Mrs. Debbie Williams, Escambia County NRCD.

**Call to Order**

Mr. Travis Tharp called the meeting to order at 9:11am.

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

**Minutes of the Last Meeting**

With no objection, May 2023 Board minutes were approved.

**Acknowledgment of Public Notice**

Meeting advertisement published.

**Treasurer's Report**

No activity with bank account.

**Public Forum**

Mrs. Carollyn Taylor introduced herself, gave a brief background of her interests and her interest in the Board.

**Reports**

Mr. Joshua McElhaney gave the District Conservationist Report. Mr. McElhaney gave an update to the ongoing funding for the approved applicants in the USDA/NRCS cost share programs. Mr. McElhaney gave a general background of USDA/NRCS to Mrs. Taylor.

**Old Business**

Mrs. Debbie Williams gave an update to the Gopher Tortoise educational signs. Sign designs will hopefully be done in the near future and costs will be determined at that time. Hopefully Three Rivers RC&D will be able to assist, however if costs aren't covered, the County's Natural Resources Conservation staff will try to obtain a grant.

Mrs. Williams stated Mr. Odom's name had to be resubmitted as a page coordinator for the Commission of Ethics. All information has been sent and Mr. Odom should be able to access the Board's information on the Commission of Ethics site.

**New Business**

Mr. Odom began discussions on the new requirements for becoming a District Supervisor, direction in which the Board wants to go, proposed projects, and the need to fill the Board vacancies.

Mr. Odom inquired if Mrs. Taylor was still interested in an appointment to the Board if she meets requirements. Mrs. Taylor stated if she meets the requirements, she is very interested in being appointed.

Mr. Odom stated he received interest from another citizen regarding the Board. Hopefully the interested party will attend the next meeting.

Mr. Odom proposed a special meeting to be held regarding the possible appointment of Mrs. Taylor and the other who is interested in the Board. With no objection, a special meeting will be on Thursday, July 13, 2023 at 9:00a. The regular schedule Board meeting will still be changed to Thursday, July 27, 2023 at 9:00a. Normal Board schedule will resume in August.

The July changes will be noted for advertisement.

With no further business coming before the Board and with all in favor, meeting adjourned at 10:38a.



Mr. Travis Tharp, Chair and Acting Secretary