**ESCAMBIA SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

**DISTRICT SUPERVISORS' MINUTES**

**March 19, 2025**

**District Supervisors in Attendance**

Ms. Carollyn Taylor, Chair; Mr. Travis Tharp, Vice-Chair; Mr. Chris Curb.

**Attendees**

Mrs. Debbie Williams, Escambia County NRCD; Mr. Joshua McElhaney, USDA/NRCS District Conservationist.

**Call to Order**

Ms. Carollyn Taylor called the meeting to order at 9:21am.

**Acknowledgement made of Public Notice.**

**Acknowledgement of a Quorum present. Agenda Updates/Changes**

Add under New Business: SB 1118/HB 1209 and SB 1242/HB 991.

**Those present stated the Pledge of Allegiance.**

**Minutes of the Last Meeting**

The March *5,* 2025 workshop minutes were reviewed. Pending changes to state who adjourned the meeting, Mr. Tharp made a motion to approve the workshop minutes. Mr. Curb seconded the motion. With all in favor, motion carried.

The February 19, 2025 minutes were reviewed. Mr. Travis Tharp made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Chris Curb seconded the motion. With all in favor, motion carried.

**Reports**

Treasurer's Report - The bank statement was reviewed and no additions or subtractions have been made.

Discussion held regarding Ms. Taylor contacting the bank and having her name included as an authorized user.

District Conservationist Report - Mr. Joshua McElhaney discussed current office workload. Stated the Local Working Group (LWG) will be held on May 21, 2025 at 10:30.

**Old Business**

Recap on the Blue Jacket Jamboree being held on Saturday, March 29, 2025 and what the Supervisors will bring.

Discussed workshop and regular meeting location. As of now the workshop meetings will be at the new location (3363 West Park Place). The regular meeting location will be deferred to another meeting when all Supervisors are present.

Update was given on the County's Natural Resources new building.

# New Business

Mrs. Debbie Williams mentioned the upcoming required Annual Financial Assessment Report, which accounts for the expenditures and revenues for the District. The report is due by June 30, 2025.

Ms. Taylor stated she would assist with the report if need be.

Brief discussion held on any updates with the SB 986 and HB 973.

Mr. Curb gave a brief overview of SB 118 and HB 1209. The bills would impact the agriculture lands by allowing them to be converted to residential high density development. Also gave an overview on the SB 1241 and HB 991. The bills would terminate community redevelopment agencies.

Mr. Curb, speaking on behalf as a citizen and not representing the ESWCD, spoke to Representative Michelle Salzman regarding the impacts of the Senate and House Bills.

As a Board, Ms. Taylor and Mr. Tharp would need to review these articles in full before taking a position and would prefer all members be in attendance to discuss further.

# Adjournment

With no further business coming before the District Supervisors, Mr. Tharp made a motion to adjourn. With all in favor, meeting adjourned at 10:49am.

\*\*Signed Minutes on File

Ms. Carollyn Taylor, Chair