



**ESCAMBIA
SOIL AND WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES
March 16, 2023**

Board Members in Attendance

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

Attendees

Mr. Joshua McElhaney, USDA/NRCS; Mr. Levi Blackmon, 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, February 2023 Board minutes were approved.

Acknowledgment of Public Notice

Meeting advertisement published.

Treasurer's Report

Due to bank statement being unavailable, the Treasurer's report will be deferred.

Reports

Mr. Levi Blackmon gave an update regarding the current workload in the office. Brief background given on the ranking process, EQIP, CSP, number of applicants, and the new Climate Smart Initiative. March 24, 2023 is the deadline for sign up for Climate Smart and CSP.

Discussion held on the benefits of the programs including funding process.

Mr. Joshua McElhaney invited the Board to the upcoming GCA/NRYO livestock show being held on Saturday, March 25 at the 4-H facility in Molino. Along with the show, the Northview High School will be having their Blue Jacket Jamboree event.

Old Business

Regarding the updates of Board vacancies, short and long term projects, and outreach opportunities will be addressed in further detail at the April 20, 2023 meeting.

Updating the Board's bank authorized users will be taken care of within the few days after the March 16, 2023 Board meeting.

New Business

Mr. Tharp's new email to use is eswcd4@protonmail.com.

Mr. Tharp's contact information on the Board's website will be updated and moved from District 3 to District 4.

The Annual Financial Report (AFR) is now due. The annual report contains the Board's financial information such as revenues and expenditures. The AFR is completed on the *myfloridacfo* website and requires two authorized names/titles for certification. Mr. Tharp and Mr. Odom reviewed the entered financial data and were in agreement the information was correct. Mr. Tharp and Mr. Odom approved their names to be listed as certifying the report. Once certified, the report was submitted.

With no further business coming before the Board and with all in favor, meeting adjourned at 9:43.



Mr. Travis Tharp, Chair and Acting Secretary