



*ESCAMBIA
SOIL AND WATER
CONSERVATION
DISTRICT*

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES
January 19, 2023**

Board Members in Attendance

Mr. Travis Tharp, Chair; Mr. Johnnie Odom, Vice-Chair.

Attendees

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

Call to Order

Mr. Travis Tharp called the meeting to order at 9:20am.

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

Mr. Joshua McElhaney gave the Invocation.

Minutes of the Last Meeting

Mr. Johnnie Odom made a motion to accept the December 2022 minutes as is. All were in favor. Motion carried unopposed.

Discussion held on Board officers. With all in favor, officers are:

Mr. Travis Tharp, Chair and Acting Secretary

Mr. Johnnie Odom, Vice-Chair and Acting Treasurer

Acknowledgment of Public Notice

Meeting advertisement published.

Treasurer's Report

Discussion held on current bank and authorized Board members who have access to bank activities. Mr. Tharp will contact The Warrington Bank regarding changes to the active Board members. Prior members will be removed and current members will be added as authorized users to access the account and the on line banking.

Reports

Mr. McElhaney gave a background of USDA/NRCS.

Mr. McElhaney also gave an update regarding the current workload in the office.

Discussion on the Area AFCD meeting being held February in Gainesville, FL.

Mr. Odom will be attending the meeting. Mr. Tharp may attend but is unsure at this time.

New Business

Discussion held on the Board meeting schedule. With all in favor, the meetings will continue on the third Thursday of the month, 9:00am, at the Farm Bureau building in Molino.

Discussion also held regarding the public notice meetings.

The 2022 Public Depositors' report was reviewed and discussion held on the submittal for the report. Once the site is opened, the 2022 report will be submitted. Mr. Odom will also be added as an editor in order to view, submit or make changes needed.

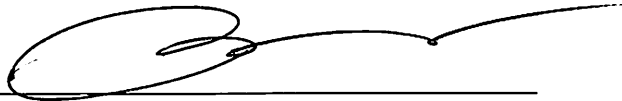
Discussion held regarding the three vacancies on the Board and new requirements for members under the SB 1078.

Discussion held on the current website. Mr. Odom will review the current active site and if possible, remove other sites no longer needed.

Brief discussion held on required Escambia SWCD reports. The Board's files has all information needed for the reports and Mrs. Williams will send a copy of past reports for the Board to review.

Action items for the next meeting in February will be; potential names for appointments to the three vacant seats, any updates to the website and inactive sites, transfer of active bank members, updates from the Area AFCD meeting, and sources of funding.

With no further business coming before the Board and with all in favor, meeting adjourned at 10:54.



Mr. Travis Tharp, Chair and Acting Secretary