ESCAMBIA SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

**DISTRICT SUPERVISORS' MINUTES**

**January 15, 2025**

**District Supervisors in Attendance**

Mr. Travis Tharp, Chair; Mr. Johnnie Odom, Vice-Chair/ Acting Treasurer; Mrs. Carollyn Taylor, Secretary; Mrs. Karen Sindel; Mr. Chris Curb.

# Attendees

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

Call **to Order**

Mr. Travis Tharp called the meeting to order at 9:09 Quorum was present.

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

# Minutes of the Last Meeting

Motion was made by Mrs. Karen Sindel to approve the December 19, 2024 minutes. Mr. Chris Curb seconded the motion. With all in favor, motion carried.

# Acknowledgment of Public Notice

Meeting advertisement published in the Pensacola News Journal and noted on the County's website.

# Treasurer's Report

The bank statement was reviewed by the Board.

# REPORTS

Mr. Joshua McElhaney, District Conservationist with USDA/NRCS gave a DC report. Discussion held on the office workload, producers updating required program documents, and upcoming NRCS trainings.

The Supervisors discussed loss of agriculture lands and the possibility of obtaining cost-share programs funding amounts paid. Mr. McElhaney stated he could get a report of the funding allocated in Escambia County.

Brief discussion held on the Supervisors' views on development and impacts to soil or water quality. The Supervisors agreed this would be a workshop meeting topic.

# Old Business

2025 positions and nominations were reviewed. Mrs. Sindel made a motion to approve the nominations listed below. Mr. Odom seconded the motion. With all in favor, motion carried.

Mrs. Carollyn Taylor: Chair Mr. Travis Tharp: Vice-Chair Mr. Johnnie Odom: Treasurer Mrs. Karen Sindel: Secretary

Mr. Odom stated he will bring updates on the current website and the possibility of creating a new website to the next workshop meeting.

Mr. Curb stated the workshop meetings are able to be held at the Central Office Complex (COC) located off of Fairfield Drive.

The workshop meetings for January 22, 2025 and February 5, 2025 will be held at the Pensacola (Main) Library on N Spring St from 3:00pm- 5:00pm.

The workshop meetings will move the COC for the remaining year.

Mrs. Taylor reminded others of the Northwest Florida Water Management conducting Land Management Review meetings on January 22, 2025 and January 23, 2025. One or more of the Supervisors will be attending these reviews.

Discussion held on the possibility of moving the regular meetings further south, possible at the COC as well.

Mrs. Debbie Williams stated the check had been cut for the Northview Blue Jacket Jamboree vendor registration fees.

Brief discussion held on the purpose/duties of Association of Florida Conservation Districts (AFCD) and National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD).

Regarding the landowner agriculture cost-share program clinic, Mr. McElhaney will be contacting the Extension Office in order to pinpoint a day for the event. Further details will be discussed at the next workshop meeting on January 22, 2025.

**Adjournment**

With no further business coming before the District Supervisors, Mrs. Sindel made a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Taylor seconded the motion.

With all in favor, meeting adjourned at 10:01am.

