



**ESCAMBIA
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**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES
January 21, 2021**

Board Members in Attendance

Mrs. Betty Wilson, Chair; Mr. Zackery Gossett, Vice-Chair; Mrs. Anne Bennett, Treasurer;
Mr. Louis Toth, Secretary.

Attendees

Mr. Joshua McElhaney, District Conservationist-NRCS; Mrs. Debbie Williams, Escambia
County Natural Resources.

Call to Order

Mrs. Betty Wilson called the meeting to order at 9:02am.

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

Mr. Josh McElhaney gave the Invocation.

Minutes of the Last Meeting

Minutes of the February meeting were approved via conference call on October 29, 2020.
Minutes from the October 29, 2020 conference call were approved with no objection.

Acknowledgment of Public Notice

Meeting advertisement was noted.

Treasurer's Report

Mrs. Wilson gave the treasurer report.

New Business

Discussion held regarding the election of officers and appointing someone to the vacant
Group 2 seat. With all in favor once officers were elected and appointment accepted, their
roles/positions were to be effective immediately.

Mr. Zackery Gossett made a motion to appoint Mrs. Anne Bennett to the vacant Group 2
position. Seconded by Mr. Louis Toth. With Mrs. Anne Bennett's acceptance, the motion
carried unopposed.

Mr. Toth made a motion to elect Mrs. Wilson as Chair. Mrs. Bennett seconded the motion.
With Mrs. Wilson's acceptance, the motion carried.

Mrs. Anne Bennett made a motion to elect Mr. Gossett as Vice-Chair. Mr. Toth seconded
the motion. With Mr. Gossett's acceptance, the motion carried.

Mr. Gossett made a motion to elect Mrs. Bennett as Treasurer. Mr. Toth seconded the
motion. With Mrs. Bennett acceptance, the motion carried.

Mr. Gossett made a motion to elect Mr. Toth as Secretary. Mrs. Bennett seconded the motion. With Mr. Toth's acceptance, the motion carried.

Discussion was held on the Board's meeting dates, time and place. Mr. Gossett made a motion to move to every other month, third Thursday, 9:00am at the Molino Farm Bureau building. Mr. Toth seconded the motion. Motion carried unopposed.

Mrs. Williams stated Mrs. Bennett completed the annual financial assessment report for 2020 and Mrs. Williams will submit the report electronically with the Chair's name listed for the Board.

Discussion was held on obtaining a new public depositor due to the current bank assessing monthly fees. Mrs. Bennett stated she would first contact the current bank to determine if something could be done before contacting other depositors.

Mrs. Williams stated the Board should begin to utilize AFCD for possible grants and other District functions. AFCD information was included in the packet.

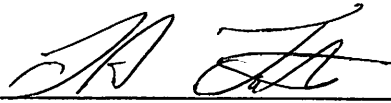
Discussion was held on trying to contact Mrs. Catherine Monore-Dismukes who was elected unopposed to Group 3.

Mrs. Dismuke's phone number was disconnected, she was not responding to emails or regular mail. Mrs. Wilson will try to reach out to her somehow.

Reports

Mr. Joshua McElhaney gave the District Conservationist report. Mr. McElhaney gave an update on the status of a new Area Conservationist, EQIP applications, and that the office was closed to the public. Citizens and/or producers would need to call to schedule an appointment.

With no further business coming before the Board, Mr. Gossett made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Toth. The meeting adjourned at 9:49am.



Mr. Louis Toth



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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES
February 18, 2021

No meeting
due
to lack of quorum



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**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES
March 18, 2021**

Board Members in Attendance

Mrs. Betty Wilson, Chair; Mrs. Anne Bennett, Treasurer; Mr. Louis Toth, Secretary.

Attendees

Mr. Joshua McElhaney, District Conservationist-NRCS; Ms. Jacqueline Rogers, Guest.

Call to Order

Mrs. Betty Wilson called the meeting to order at 9:15am.

Introduction of guests.

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

Mr. Josh McElhaney gave the Invocation.

Minutes of the Last Meeting

Mrs. Anne Bennett made a motion to accept the January 21, 2021 minutes. Seconded by Mr. Louis Toth. Motion carried unopposed.

Acknowledgment of Public Notice

The meeting advertisement was noted.

Treasurer's Report

Mrs. Bennett gave the treasurer report.

Public Forum

Ms. Jacqueline Rogers discussed her letter to the Department of Economic Development regarding amendments to the county's Comprehensive Plan. Ms. Rogers gave the Board a copy of her letter for review. In Ms. Rogers' letter, she pointed out where the correct procedures were not followed and violates Florida Growth Management Statutes. General discussion was held and the Board was in agreement with the incorrect procedures stated in Ms. Roger's letter.

Reports

Mr. Joshua McElhaney gave the District Conservationist report.

Old Business

Mrs. Wilson gave an update on Ms. Catherine Dismukes absence from attending the Board meetings and having no contact with her. Mrs. Wilson contacted AFCD and was suggested to speak with their parliamentarian Mr. Archi Mathews. Mrs. Wilson has left a message for him.

Mrs. Bennett stated the Board would stay with Bank of the South. The Board's monthly statements are now being sent via email to Mrs. Wilson since Mrs. Bennet does not have an email.

Mr. McElhaney gave an update to the Board's website. The site is undergoing ADA requirement changes and hopefully the site will be up again in the next couple of months.

New Business


Discussion held regarding changing the Board meeting from every other month back to every month.

Mrs. Bennett made a motion to change the meetings to every month, third Thursday, same location and time. Mr. Toth seconded the motion. Motion carried unopposed.

Discussion held regarding the proposed hybrid development plan for OLF-8. The property is located on 9 Mile Road next to Navy Federal Credit Union.

Discussion held on the NACD invoice. The Board does not have any funding source to pay the dues requested. Mrs. Bennett made a motion to not pay the NACD dues and submit a letter requesting exemption. Mr. Toth seconded the motion. Motion carried unopposed.

With no further business coming before the Board, Mrs. Bennett made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Toth. The meeting adjourned at 11:04am.



Mr. Louis Toth, Secretary



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**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES
April 15, 2021**

Board Members in Attendance

Mrs. Betty Wilson, Chair; Mrs. Anne Bennett, Treasurer; Mr. Louis Toth, Secretary.

Attendees

Mrs. Debbie Williams, Escambia County NRCS; Mr. Joshua McElhane, District Conservationist.

Call to Order

Mrs. Betty Wilson called the meeting to order at 9:23am.

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

Invocation was a moment of silence.

Minutes of the Last Meeting

Mrs. Anne Bennett made a motion to accept the March 18, 2021 minutes with the corrections of spelling and Treasurer Report. Seconded by Mr. Louis Toth. Motion carried unopposed.

Acknowledgment of Public Notice

The meeting advertisement was noted.

Treasurer's Report

Mrs. Bennett gave the treasurer report.

New Business

Mrs. Bennett handed out information on how to make natural mosquito spray repellent and information on plant pollinators. Discussion on earth day and seed packs. When able, the mosquito repellent and bee information will be put on their webpage.

Discussion on sending Farm Bureau a thank you note for letting the Board use their facility for meetings. Motion was made by Mrs. Bennett to send a letter to Farm Bureau and asked if Mr. Toth would draft the letter. Motion seconded by Mr. Toth. Motion carried unopposed.

Discussion on AFCD state conference and the upcoming AFCD area meeting. The Board members will try to attend the area meeting.

Mrs. Wilson has reviewed information from the State Division of Elections and spoke with AFCD's parliamentarian, Archi Matthew, regarding Ms. Catherine Dismukes absence from the Board meetings and having no contact with any Board member.

Ms. Wilson read the following and all were in agreement with the statement:

"Catherine Monroe-Dismukes ran unopposed for the Group 3 position of the Escambia Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors. Ms. Monroe-Dismukes failed to pay her state fee of \$10 and never signed or submitted the Oath of Office. Therefore, she has been impeached in office."

Discussion was held on the vacant seat and the Board will be looking at possibilities of appointing someone.

Old Business

The Board had approved not to pay the NACD dues during their March meeting and to send a hardship letter. The letter will be mailed out this month.

Discussion on the county's comprehensive plan and the changes to the plan. Both Mr. Toth and Mrs. Bennett on their own submitted letters of concern. Mr. Toth submitted his thoughts to the Board of Commissioners and the Department of Economics (DOE). Mrs. Bennett submitted a letter to the DOE as well.

Reports

Mr. Joshua McElhaney gave the District Conservationist report.

With no further business coming before the Board, Mr. Toth made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Mrs. Bennett. The meeting adjourned at 11:09am.



Mr. Louis Toth, Secretary



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**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES
May 20, 2021**

Board Members in Attendance

Mrs. Betty Wilson, Chair; Mrs. Anne Bennett, Treasurer; Mr. Louis Toth, Secretary.

Attendees

Mr. Adam Parden, Division Manager, Escambia county NRC; Mr. Joshua McElhaney, District Conservationist-NRCS; Mrs. Debbie Williams, Escambia county NRC.

Call to Order

Mrs. Betty Wilson called the meeting to order at 9:08am.

Introduction of guests.

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

Mr. Josh McElhaney gave the Invocation.

Minutes of the Last Meeting

Mrs. Anne Bennett made a motion to accept the revised March 2021 minutes and the April 2021 minutes. Seconded by Mr. Louis Toth. Motion carried unopposed.

Acknowledgment of Public Notice

The meeting advertisement was noted.

Treasurer's Report

Mrs. Bennett gave the treasurer report.

Reports

Mr. Joshua McElhaney gave the District Conservationist report.
Field office is continuing to work on EQIP and CSP applications/contracts.

New Business

Mrs. Debbie Williams stated the Board's webpage is now active.

Mrs. Wilson distributed a flyer on ECUA's composting program.

General discussion was held regarding different farming practices such as no-till and strip-till.

Old Business

Discussion on possible avenues to find someone to appoint to the Board's vacancy.

The Board reviewed the draft appreciation letter to Farm Bureau. Some revisions will be made and brought back for the Board's review in June.

Discussion on speaking with Blackwater SWCD regarding their outreach activities and contacting AFCD regarding possibility of grants.

Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Bennett will attend the AFCD. Public notice will be posted regarding this.

With no further business coming before the Board, Mr. Toth made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Mrs. Bennett. The meeting adjourned at 10:30am.



Mr. Louis Toth, Secretary



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**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES
June 17, 2021**

Board Members in Attendance

Mrs. Betty Wilson, Chair; Mr. Zackery Gossett, Vice-Chair; Mrs. Anne Bennett, Treasurer;
Mr. Louis Toth, Secretary.

Attendees

Mr. Joshua McElhaney, District Conservationist-NRCS; Mr. Adam Parden, Division
Manager, Escambia County NRC, Mrs. Debbie Williams, Escambia county NRC.

Call to Order

Mrs. Betty Wilson called the meeting to order at 9:09am.

Introduction of guests.

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

Mr. Josh McElhaney gave the Invocation.

Minutes of the Last Meeting

Mrs. Anne Bennett made a motion to accept the revised May 2021 minutes and the
Seconded by Mr. Louis Toth. Motion carried unopposed.

Acknowledgment of Public Notice

The meeting advertisement was noted.

Treasurer's Report

Mrs. Bennett, along with Mrs. Wilson, gave the treasurer report. Bank of the South has
mistakenly deducted the five-dollar service charge. Mrs. Wilson will contact the bank
regarding the issue.

Reports

Mr. Joshua McElhaney gave the District Conservationist report.
Field office is continuing to work on EQIP and CSP applications/contracts.

Mr. Adam Parden gave an update to the Natural Resources Conservation Division's
activities. The Division continues to assist citizens with environmental requests,
continue assistance to NRCS, and Ms. Cathy Hardin, County Forester has been invited to
the July Board meeting. Also working with vegetation management such as control
burns at Jones Swamp and the sports complex off Bauer Road. Assisting with a timber
sale at the Perdido Land Fill. County continues to monitor the possibility of a possible
storm in the Gulf. As of now, it is looking like six to eight inches of rain possible this
weekend.

New Business

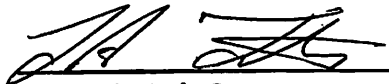
Mrs. Bennett suggested the possibility of listing the information from the show she watched regarding AgrAbility. It is an USDA program about farming for the disabled. Mrs. Bennett also gave a copy a Farm Sanctuary brochure. The organization helps home animals, which no longer serve as farm animals.

Mr. Toth lead the discussion was held regarding possible grants to apply for such as food programs to the less fortunate. The Board was in favor for reviewing potential grants.

Old Business

Discussion was held regarding finding an appointment for the Board. The office will speak with someone regarding if they are interest or if they know of anyone. Mrs. Bennett suggested Ms. Jacqueline Rodgers since she may be stepping away from her current obligations.

With no further business coming before the Board, Mr. Toth made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Mrs. Bennett. The meeting adjourned at 10:05am.



Mr. Louis Toth, Secretary



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BOARD MEMBERS

Anne Bennett, Zackery Gossett, Louis Toth, Betty Wilson

Board Meeting

July 15, 2021

NO MEETING

Lack of Quorum



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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES
August 19, 2021

Board Members in Attendance

Mrs. Betty Wilson, Chair; Mr. Zackery Gossett, Vice-Chair; Mrs. Anne Bennett, Treasurer;
Mr. Louis Toth, Secretary.

Attendees

Ms. Cathy Harding, County Forester; Mr. Adam Parden, Division Manager, Escambia
County Natural Resources; Mr. Joshua McElhaney, District Conservationist-NRCS;
Mrs. Debbie Williams, Escambia County Natural Resources.

Call to Order

Mrs. Betty Wilson called the meeting to order at 9:07am.

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

Mrs. Wilson called for a moment of silence.

Minutes of the Last Meeting

Mrs. Anne Bennett made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 17, 2021 meeting.
Mr. Louis Toth seconded. Motion carried unopposed.

Acknowledgment of Public Notice

Meeting advertisement was noted.

Treasurer's Report

Mrs. Bennett gave the Treasurer's report. Bank of the South has again deducted the five-dollar service fee, which was to be removed once e-statements started. Mrs. Bennett will contact the bank regarding the matter.

NACD has requested fees but due to the Board having no funding source, all were in favor to submit another hardship letter.

Public Forum

Ms. Cathy Hardin with the Florida Forestry Service gave an update to the services provided. Ms. Hardin works with landowners regarding tree questions such as diseases, types of trees, management plans, and available cost share programs. She has assisted with damage assessments with the County and City after Hurricane Sally, works with landowners implementing Best Management Practices (BMP), tracks species such as the Pine Beetle, and is involved with prescribed burning at times. In addition to these duties, she is active with educational outreach from events as Arbor Day and FFA.

Reports

Mr. Joshua McElhaney gave the Conservationist Report. Funding for this year's EQIP is ending. Applications are ranked, those approved, have been funded. Sign up for FY22 EQIP has been extended to October 1, 2021. New policies are coming out regularly regarding the office's procedures for Covid.

New Business

Mr. McElhaney discussed the Local Work Group meeting. The Board were all in favor of holding the meeting after their October 21, 2021 meeting. Mr. McElhaney will be sending out invitations to other agencies as well.

Mr. McElhaney discussed the request for an undated Corporative Working Agreement (CWA) between USDA/NRCS and the ESWCD. Since there is a CWA in place now, the State Office will contact the office again in September or October of this current year. Mr. McElhaney will bring an updated draft agreement to the Board once the State Office sends one.

Mr. Toth gave an update to the Blackwater Soil and Water Conservation District Board meeting he attended He stated the Board is active especially with projects dealing with runoff and pesticides. Included in the Board's packet was Mr. Toth's appreciation letter to Blackwater.

Mrs. Wilson gave an update from the AFCD Area 1 meeting she attended. Discussions at the meeting included herbicide being sprayed/dumped along road right of ways by the DOT. Mrs. Wilson watched a video and will be hoping to share with the Board soon.

Mr. Toth stated he started the Florida Conservation Districts Employees Association survey. Mrs. Debbie Williams will input the information into the PDF format and mail.

Mrs. Bennett distributed the article titled 'Coastal Landfills Meet Rising Seas'. The article addresses landfills that may affect watershed or wetlands. Discussion was held regarding the local landfills and the history of them. Mrs. Bennett suggested writing a letter to Escambia County regarding this county's landfill. Mrs. Wilson will draft and bring back to the Board for approval.

Mrs. Wilson distributed the IPCC AR6 Report, which discusses climate changes due to human influences.

Old Business

Mr. Toth stated the Farm Bureau thank you letter was completed with a couple of changes and will be mailed soon.

Mrs. Williams stated she had spoken with Mr. Jerry Sheppard regarding the vacant Board seat. The Board requested Mr. Sheppard be invited to the September 16 meeting.

With no further business coming before the Board, Mrs. Bennett made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Toth. The meeting adjourned at 10:00am.



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BOARD MEMBERS

Anne Bennett, Zackery Gossett, Louis Toth, Betty Wilson

Board Meeting
Molino Farm Bureau Building
September 16, 2021

AGENDA

NO MEETING



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**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES
October 21, 2021**

Board Members in Attendance

Mrs. Betty Wilson, Chair; Vice-Chair; Mrs. Anne Bennett, Treasurer; Mr. Louis Toth, Secretary.

Attendees

Mr. Jerry Sheppard, Guest; Mr. Joshua McElhaney, District Conservationist-NRCS; Mrs. Debbie Williams, Escambia County Natural Resources.

Call to Order

Mrs. Betty Wilson called the meeting to order at 9:05am.

Guest, Mr. Jerry Sheppard, introduced himself. Mr. Sheppard is retired from the Water Management District, has worked with the Soil Conservation Service, and is the President of the Farm Bureau Board.

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

Mr. Joshua McElhaney gave the Invocation.

Minutes of the Last Meeting

Mrs. Anne Bennett made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 2021 meeting. Mr. Louis Toth seconded. Motion carried unopposed.

Acknowledgment of Public Notice

Meeting advertisement published.

Treasurer's Report

Mrs. Bennett gave the Treasurer's report.

Discussions held regarding the Department of Economic Opportunity report, NACD dues, and the Public Depositor report.

All agreed to send in the required reports, and send hardship letter to NACD regarding dues.

NACD has requested fees but due to the Board having no funding source, all were in favor to submit another hardship letter.

Reports

Mr. Joshua McElhaney gave the Conservationist Report.

Mr. McElhaney stated the year-end program numbers, and introduced Mr. Levi Blackmon, Soil Conservationist for USDA/NRCS.

Mr. McElhanev reviewed the three Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) plan extensions. Extensions were for the following:

Cole/Godwin Trust – Tract 499

Boshears – Tract 740

Comalander – Tract 1227

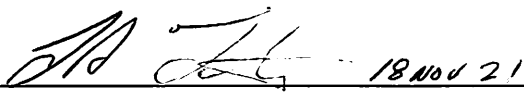
Mr. Toth made a motion to accept/approve the three updated CRP plans and extensions. Seconded by Mrs. Bennett. Motion carried unopposed.

Old Business

Discussion held with Mr. Sheppard regarding the vacant Board seat, direction the Board would like to go especially with obtaining grant funds for projects, and being more actively involved with educational projects.

Mr. Sheppard stated he would considered the appointment to the vacant Board seat and will get back with the Board at or before their next meeting.

With no further business coming before the Board, Mr. Toth made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Mrs. Bennett. The meeting adjourned at 9:58am.



Mr. Louis Toth



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**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES
November 18, 2021**

Board Members in Attendance

Mrs. Betty Wilson, Chair; Vice-Chair; Mrs. Anne Bennett, Treasurer; Mr. Louis Toth, Secretary.

Attendees

Mr. Joshua McElhaney, District Conservationist-NRCS;

Call to Order

Mrs. Betty Wilson called the meeting to order at 9:03am.

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

Mrs. Anne Bennett gave the Invocation.

Minutes of the Last Meeting

Mrs. Anne Bennett made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 2021 meeting. Mr. Louis Toth seconded. Motion carried unopposed.

Acknowledgment of Public Notice

Meeting advertisement published.

Treasurer's Report

Mrs. Bennett gave the Treasurer's report.

Public Forum

Open discussion by all present regarding the vacant Board seat. The Board is awaiting response from one person who may be interested.

Reports

Mr. Joshua McElhaney gave the Conservationist Report.

New Business

Discussion held regarding giving certificates to farmers who participate in conservation practices. Mr. McElhaney will try to develop a list for the Board to review at the January 2022 Board meeting.

Discussion held on participating in Earth Day, which is April 22, 2022 – April 23, 2022 at Bayview Park. Further discussion held regarding in participating at the Blue Jacket Jamboree usual held on the last Saturday in March, Farm Tour, and other education outreach events.

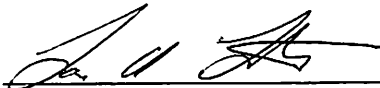
Discussion held on what materials would be possible to deliver during outreach events. A few items mentioned were conservation efforts, proper yard treatments with fertilizers/pesticides, and invasive species.

Discussion held regarding AFCD dues. Due to no funding available to the Board at this time, the Board will not be able to submit any payments.

Motion made by Mrs. Bennett to not pay requested dues and to submit a hardship letter to AFCD. Seconded by Mr. Toth. Motion carried.

Discussion held regarding the December 2021 Board meeting. Due to holidays, the meeting will not be held.

With no further business coming before the Board, Mr. Toth made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Mrs. Bennett. The meeting adjourned at 9:55am.



Mr. Louis Toth



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**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES
December 2021**

NO MEETING HELD