



**ESCAMBIA
SOIL AND WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

**February 1, 2024
Pensacola Library
219 N Spring St
Pensacola, FL
4:45PM-6:45PM**

Board Members in Attendance

Mr. Travis Tharp, Chair; Mr. Johnnie Odom, Vice-Chair; Mrs. Carolyn Taylor, Secretary;

Attendees

N/A

Call to Order

Mr. Travis Tharp called the meeting to order at: 5:00PM
Those present stated the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag in unison.

Acknowledgment of Public Notice

Workshop meeting change posted to Soil and Water website

New Business

Workshop meeting locations: Ms. Taylor stated that she put in a request to book Library meeting space on Spring St for Feb, March, & April workshops per last conversations. Mr. Brian Foreman was not present, but we are to re-visit workshop dates and times per his correspondence with Chair Travis Tharp, to be discussed at regular Feb. Meeting.

ESWCD Logo shirts: Per past discussions Mr., Travis Tharp visited Weatherfords to inquire about shirt sponsorship, and this was not a viable option. Tharp said as far as color and gender specific fit, shirt options were limited. Ms. Taylor stated that in the event that our board would like to move forward with shirts, we should look at more cost efficient options, especially if the board foots the costs. Ms. Taylor followed that up with classic fishing shirts made by Magellan at Academy. Ms. Taylor suggested it was at a more reasonable price point and should we also need to pay for branding, there are cost effective ways to do so. Ms. Taylor emailed samples of said fishing shirts in reply to Mr. Tharp's original shirt suggestion from Weatherfords.

Vacancy/District 5 resignation: Mr. Tharp and Mr. Odom brought up the current bill moving through the Florida house to make significant changes to water and soil boards across the state. As such, we are also in an election year, so with these pending factors, all in unison agreed to continue the course as it were, and if there is a qualified candidate interested in the vacancy, we can address it when necessary.

Upcoming Blue jacket Jamboree: the board revisited the idea of having a booth at the BJJ at Northview High school, upcoming in March. The present board members agreed in union that we would like to move forward with this, as we have mentioned before, and get a plan in order. Mr. Odom stated that it would be \$40 for a booth and \$60 for a booth and an AD with a March 1, 2024 deadline to secure a spot. In terms of what the board wishes to display, we discussed different exhibit farming options to show the revolution and uses for plants like Beggar weed and/or Milkweed. In addition to making sure we present well in unison, we will have a shirt/name tag situation figured out by event.

Audit/OPPAGA- Ms. Taylor picked up a stack of paperwork related to audit from Ms. Debbie Williams prior to the workshop. As such, Mr. Travis Tharp took possession and responsibility of the packet when the meeting was adjourned. In the paperwork we discussed having a roundabout idea of what they were looking for, but Mr. Travis Tharp stated that we had not yet received an official checklist. As such, we were to track and gather our current progress and experiences with GIS Mapping (Mr. Odom) and upcoming events. Mr. Tharp stated that once we got a better idea of how to divide tasks via the checklist, we would have a better idea on where to go. However, based on the information gathered, the board members present have a good understanding of where this is going and how to conduct this business.

With no further business coming before the Board, Mr. Johnnie Odom motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Ms. Carolyn Taylor. With all in favor, the meeting adjourned at 6:33 PM.



Mrs. Carolyn Taylor, Secretary