



*ESCAMBIA
SOIL AND WATER
CONSERVATION
DISTRICT*

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