



*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.



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Mr. Louis Toth



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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**

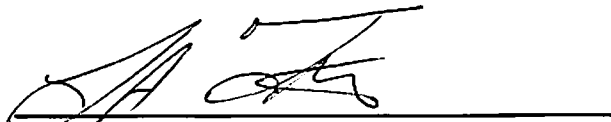
Discussion held regarding changing the Board meeting from every other month back to every month.

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.



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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 McElhaneey, 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.



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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.**



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**Mr. Louis Toth, Secretary**