



**ESCAMBIA  
SOIL AND WATER  
CONSERVATION  
DISTRICT**

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES  
January 20, 2022**

**Board Members in Attendance**

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

**Attendees**

Mr. Joshua McElhane, District Conservationist-NRCS; Mr. Levi Blackmon, Soil Conservationist-NRCS; Mrs. Debbie Williams, Escambia County NRC.

**Call to Order**

Mrs. Betty Wilson called the meeting to order at 9:12am.

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

Mr. Levi Blackmon gave the Invocation.

**Minutes of the Last Meeting**

Mrs. Anne Bennett made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 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.

**Reports**

Mr. Joshua McElhane gave the Conservationist Report.

**Old Business**

Discussion was held on selecting a Conservation Farmer of the Year. Due to Covid and schedules, the selection will be held back for now.

**New Business**

Discussion was held on the use of permaculture farming which is a process to help agriculture be more sustainable and Biochar which is produced from plant materials and used to increase soil health.


Discussion held regarding adding more educational information to the Board's website.

Discussions were held on the proposed House Bill 783 and Senate Bill 1078 which would eliminate Florida's Soil and Water Conservation Districts.

Ms. Wilson attended the AFACD zoom conference and gave an update to what AFCD, and other Districts are doing to get their voice heard opposing the legislation.

Mrs. Bennett drafted a letter to our local Representatives; all were in favor with corrections that may be needed as well. A typed draft will be sent to Mrs. Betty Wilson, Chair for submission to our State Representatives.

With no further business coming before the Board, Mr. Toth made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Mrs. Bennett. The meeting adjourned at 10:35am.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'L. Toth', written over a horizontal line.

Mr. Louis Toth