

**YRSWCD District
Board Meeting Minutes
September 12, 2023**

Attendance:

David Clark, Vice Chairman
Josh Luke, Treasurer
Melody Irwin, Secretary
Brad Johnson, Board Member
Darryl Williams, USDA-NRCS District Conservationist Okaloosa County
Tara Llewellyn, YRSWCD District Administrator
Dr. Linda Johnson, Earth Team Member

Absent:

Andy Baber, Chairman

David Clark opened the meeting at 6:25 PM.

The Board Meeting Minutes from the June 12, 2023 meeting were reviewed. Brad Johnson made a motion to accept the minutes and Josh Luke 2nd the motion. The minutes were accepted by the Board.

Old Business

YRSWCD Website update

The website is functional and is hosted by AFCD. Previously AFCD personnel were to post documents to the YRSWCD section of the AFCD web site. However, now we are responsible for such posting. Tara Llewellyn indicated she had received calls from a group offering to maintain our website for \$1700/month. David Clark said he would call Charlene Meeks about the procedures to update our page on the Florida AFCD website.

YRSWCD 5-Year Plan update.

Brad Johnson reported that he was waiting for the 2023 US Agriculture Census Report to finish Section I, Introduction, of the document. The contents of Section II, which covers Natural Resource Challenges, Natural Resource Opportunities and General Outline of Proposed Solutions needs input from the entire Board. Potential community outreach opportunities were discussed. Comments are to be sent to Tara Llewellyn only.

Financial Report – Treasurer

Tara Llewellyn is now sending the monthly financial statement to each Board member. There was another Freedom of Information Act request about the YRSWCD checkbook register. She is working with our CPA to resolve the problem. It was suggested she contact the county on how they handle such requests. Ms. Llewellyn also reported she had received another IRS late payment notice that was from a period prior to her starting with the Board.

New Business

AFCD statewide meeting

The next AFCD meeting will be September 26-27 in Gainesville. Hotel and mileage will be paid by AFCD for Board Presidents.

OPOAGA Soil and Water Conservation District survey

The OPOAGA Soil and Water Conservation District survey has not been sent out. They should only receive one response from each District. Answers should be positive. The Department of Agriculture said besides water and soil conservation one of their goals was better use of nutrients in cost sharing.

YRSWCD Christmas Party

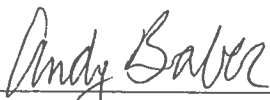
The Christmas Party will be discussed at the next Board meeting on October 19 2023 (Thursday) at 7PM.

Conservationist's Corner: Darryl Williams, District Conservationist

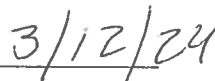
EQIP contract obligations come to an end September 15, 2023. Final amounts will be provided at the next board meeting.

Adjourn

With discussions at an end, David Clark made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was 2nd by Melody Irwin and approved by the Board. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.



Andy Baber, Chairman



Date