



SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT OF MADISON COUNTY, FL

James W. (Billy) Brown, Chairman • John Henry Phillips, Vice Chairman • Buck M. Carpenter, Secretary • Treasurer

May 20, 2026

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Minutes for Madison SWCD Board Meeting- Regular Session – May 20, 2026

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Billy Brown, Chairman of the Madison Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) at 9:15 a.m., Wednesday, May 20, 2026, at the Madison County Soil & Water Conservation District Conference Room. Madison SWCD Supervisors present included: Mr. Billy (James W.) Brown, Mr. Buck Carpenter, Ms. Margie McLeod, and Mr. David Adams. Others present included: Mrs. Emily Shadrick/Madison SWCD Tech, Mr. Joel Love/IFAS/UF, Mr. Cliff Starling/NRCS/USDA, Mr. Matt Yates/RCP/MIL, and Mrs. Nancy Plank/Madison SWCD Staff Assistant.

Mr. Matt Yates opened the meeting with a word of prayer and Mr. Buck Carpenter led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Administration- Mr. Billy Brown

- Mr. Billy Brown presented the agenda for the Madison SWCD Board Meeting - Regular Session, Wednesday, May 20, 2026, for adoption. Ms. Margie McLeod made a motion to adopt the agenda; there was a second by Mr. Buck Carpenter - the motion carried.
- Mr. Billy Brown presented to the Board the Madison SWCD Regular Meeting Minutes for April 15, 2026, Mr. David Adams made a motion to approve the meeting minutes; there was a second by Mr. Buck Carpenter – the motion carried.
- Mr. Buck Carpenter presented the Treasurers Report. Mr. Buck Carpenter made a motion to approve the report as presented – Ms. Margie seconded the motion - the motion carried.
- Mr. Buck Carpenter made a motion to discontinue the Annual Photo Contest due to lack of interest and participation. Ms. Margie McLeod seconded the motion – the motion carried.

SWCD Administration

Mrs. Emily Shadrick/Madison SWCD Conservation Technician – Reported that she has four IVs in progress and will be closing out two Cost Shares. Chris Denmark and West Gregory are no longer working for FDACS/OAWP.

Mr. Cliff Starling/NRCS/USDA – Shared that things are busy with June deadlines – keeping up with routine work. Marianna office to assist with RCPP assessment and rank. Working on EQIP ineligibility letters. USDA approved to hire ASIS Employee to work 24 hours per week – Billy Hamrick will start on July 15, 2026. CSP is pre-approved. Taking Easement Application year-round, including Tall Timbers. Local Working Group Meeting to follow at 10:30 a.m.

Matt Yates/RCP/MIL – Reported that they are on track. Five Evaluations to complete to finish before June. Focusing on those in need of Cost Share. RCP is working an RFP for the upcoming contract for OAWP. Looks like North Florida MILs will be subcontracted while all other MILs will be Fruit & Vegetable Employees.

Mr. Joel Love/UF/IFAS – Reported that the High Boy Corn Project is winding down. This is year six and the intention was originally to teach the 4R Principles but also found that there is value in the High Boy. Each year is getting better. Need to watch the MFLs closely. Dr. Sudeep Sidhu will no longer be working with IFAS/UF Quincy Research Center and has taken a job in the private sector. Water First Florida project looks like it will be put on hold for now. Emerson Susa will start at the Live Oak Research Center on July 1, 2026, he will be the new Regional Specialized Agronomic Agent (RSA) and is replacing Shavendra Kumar. Zack Bryam will be the new Agro-Ecologist and will be starting January 2027.

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New Business/Old Business:

Mrs. Nancy Plank gave the following updates:

Board Members (Seats 1, 3, and 5) Qualifying Week will be June 8-12, 2026, with early qualifying starting on May 25, 2026. Form 1 Financial Affidavit must be filed online by July 1, 2026.

Madison SWCD Third Grade Poster Contest winner, Kenley King placed second in the State Poster Contest and will receive an Amazon Gift card from FCDEA.

Mr. David Adams made a motion to adjourn the meeting with a second from Mr. Buck Carpenter – Motion carried. Mr. Billy Brown, Chairman adjourned the meeting at 10:35 a.m. The next regular scheduled meeting will be held at the Madison County Soil & Water Conservation District Conference Room on Wednesday, June 17, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. Any changes to this meeting time/location will be posted prior to the revised time/location at the Madison SWCD website: www.madisonflswcd.com and at the Madison County Annex Building, Meeting Postings Board.

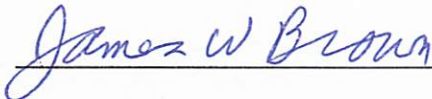
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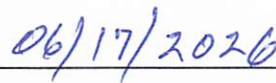
BUCK M. CARPENTER

Secretary/ Treasurer

Approved June 17, 2026, at the Madison SWCD Board Meeting.



Board Supervisor

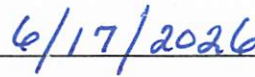


Date

Attest:



District Administrator



Date