



# SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT OF MADISON COUNTY, FL

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

August 21, 2024

## MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Minutes for Madison SWCD Board Meeting- Regular Session – August 21, 2024

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Billy Brown, Chairman of the Madison Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) at 9:27 a.m., Wednesday, August 21, 2024, at the Madison County Soil & Water Conservation District Conference Room. Supervisors present included: Mr. Billy Brown, Mr. John Henry Phillips, Jr., Mr. Tyler Shadrick and Mrs. Margaret S. Foust. Others present included: Mr. Joel Love/UF, Mr. Eli Curl/SWCD, and Mrs. Nancy Plank/SWCD.

Mr. John Henry Phillips, Jr. opened the meeting with a word of prayer and Mr. Billy Brown led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Administration- Mr. Billy Brown

- Mr. Billy Brown **presented** the agenda for the Madison SWCD Board Meeting- Regular Session, Wednesday, August 21, 2024, for adoption. Mr. Tyler Shadrick made a motion that the agenda be adopted; there was a second by Mrs. Margaret S. Foust - the motion carried.
- Mr. Billy Brown presented to the Board the SWCD Regular Meeting Minutes for July 17, 2024. Mr. Tyler Shadrick. made a motion to approve the meeting minutes for July 17, 2024; there was a second by Mrs. Margaret S. Foust - the motion carried.
- Mrs. Nancy Plank presented the Treasurers Report for Supervisor Buck Carpenter in his absence. Mr. John Henry Phillips, Jr. made a motion to approve the report as presented – Mrs. Margaret S. Foust seconded the motion - the motion carried.

## SWCD Administration

Mr. Billy Brown shared his concerns that Agriculture is heading towards tough times. Areas out West might go under water restrictions. Cattle numbers are the lowest since the early 1950's and no indication of herb building.

Mr. Eli Curl gave the Conservation Technician Report – Mr. Eli Curl turned in his resignation via email as of August 16, 2024, and assured the Madison SWCD Board that all his reports will be caught up and completed by his last day August 23, 2024. He also reported that he spoke to Suwannee River Water Management District in Live Oak concerning the Flooding in the South/Southeastern parts of Madison County and he was told “Something has changed in the Hydrology.”

No Report given in the absence of the FDACS ES-III

Mr. Matt Yates/Resource Conservation Partners, LLC (RCP) Mobile Irrigation Lab Report – Mr. Matt Yate had previously contacted the Chairman and asked that the Chairman share that RCP is on track for the month.

Mr. Cliff Starling/NRCS/District Conservationist – Emailed handout was shared with everyone in Mr. Cliff Starling's absence.

Dr. Sudeep Sidhu/UF – Special Project – No Report in Dr. Sudeep's absence.

Mr. Joel Love/UF shared that there will be an Irrigation Expo Field Day on October 10, 2024, at the Live Oak Research Center with morning and afternoon sessions. Mr. Joel Love attended SRWMD's MFL meeting. Watching to see what rule will be adopted for Santa Fe as well as Suwannee and Ichetucknee, End Guns were also discussed.

Mr. Billy Brown discussed future Ecology Day Wildflower seeds to hand out to the children in the goodie bags. Start contacting places for seed donations (example: Walmart, Tractor Supply,...)

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Mr. John Henry Phillips, Jr. made a motion to Advertise the Conservation Technician Position in the Local Newspaper and through Career Source North Florida/Employ Florida. Mr. Tyler Shadrick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mrs. Margaret S. Foust made a motion that we move forward with Perry Connections to provide IT support to District Staff Assistant and Board Members on an as needed basis. Mr. Tyler Shadrick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Tyler Shadrick made a motion to participate in Light up Madison with a Christmas Tree/Fee of \$35 payable to Madison County Community Bank. Mr. John Henry Phillips, Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mrs. Margaret S. McLeod made a motion to Donate to the Lubee Bat Conservancy in Memory of Jen Eells Wilder/Barton Wilder's wife in Liu of flowers. Mr. John Henry Phillips seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. John Henry Phillips, Jr. made a motion to Table the Grid Sampling. Mrs. Margaret S. Foust seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. John Henry Phillips, Jr. made a motion to Table the Archive File Discussion. Mrs. Margaret S. Foust seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mrs. Margaret S. Foust made a motion to Table the Long-Range Strategic Plan. Mr. John Henry Phillips seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mrs. Margaret S. Foust made a motion to Table the Bi-Laws, District Handbook, and Sale Tax Exemption. Mr. Tyler Shadrick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Tyler Shadrick made a motion to adjourn the meeting with a second from Mr. John Henry Phillips, Jr. - motion carried. Mr. Billy Brown, Chairman adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m. The next regular scheduled meeting will be held at the Madison County Soil & Water Conservation District Conference Room on Wednesday, September 18, 2024, 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](http://www.madisonflswcd.com)

Respectfully Submitted,



BUCK M. CARPENTER

Secretary/ Treasurer

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Approved on September 18, 2024, at the Madison SWCD Board Meeting.

James W Brown  
Board Supervisor, Chairman  
James W. Brown

9-18-2024  
Date

Attest:

Nancy J. Plank  
District Administrator, District Staff Asst.  
Nancy J. Plank

9/18/24  
Date