



**SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**  
OF  
**MADISON COUNTY, FL**

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

February 18, 2026

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Minutes for Madison SWCD Board Meeting- Regular Session – February 18, 2026

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Billy Brown, Chairman of the Madison Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) at 9:10 a.m., Wednesday, February 18, 2026, at the Madison County Soil & Water Conservation District Conference Room. Madison SWCD Supervisors present included: Mr. Billy (James W.) Brown; Mr. John Henry Phillips, Jr.; Mr. David Adams; and Mr. Buck Carpenter. Others present included: Mr. Joel Love/UF/IFAS.; Mr. Matt Yates/RCP/MIL; Mrs. Emily Shadrick/Madison SWCD Tech; 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, February 18, 2026, for adoption. Mr. Henry Phillips, Jr. made a motion to adopt the agenda; there was a second by Mr. David Adams - the motion carried.
- Mr. Billy Brown presented to the Board the Madison SWCD Regular Meeting Minutes for January 21, 2026, Mr. Buck Carpenter made a motion to approve the meeting minutes; there was a second by Mr. David Adams – the motion carried.
- Mr. Buck Carpenter presented the Treasurers Report. Mr. Buck Carpenter made a motion to approve the report as presented – Mr. John Henry Phillips, Jr. seconded the motion - the motion carried.
- Mr. Buck Carpenter made a motion for the Madison SWCD to give Mrs. Nancy Plank, District Staff Assistant, to make purchases up to \$750 for the State Land Judging Expenses, there was a second from Mr. David Adams – the motion carried.

SWCD Administration

Mr. Billy Brown shared that labor is going to be short in construction and has been short in Agriculture. Local Producers are on the fence as to what to plant with low commodity prices.

Mrs. Emily Shadrick/Madison SWCD Conservation Technician – Working on files that Chris Tuten started. Doing new enrollments and will be completed by the end of the week. Went on a Site visit to a Taylor County Greenhouse last week. Also completed a site visit of a Hog Farm. Attended the Cover Crop Field Day at the Research Center in Live Oak. Will attend the Statewide Meeting in Orlando on March 4<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>. Need CARES nomination for Madison County. Discussion to nominate Mr. David Adams. Cost Share Allocations and Enrollments were discussed further.

Mr. Matt Yates/Resource Conservation Partners, LLC (RCP) – Workload is very heavy. Storm repair and replacement of pivots in the area are continuing. Have not heard anything concerning the MIL Program after the Contract runs out at the end of June 2026.

Mr. Joel Love/IFAS/UF – Reported that the CARES Event will be the first Thursday, May 7, 2026, at the Research Center in Live Oak. Suwannee River Water Management District (SRWMD) was approved for the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS) Regional Water Project that will pay to take off pivot end guns (approximately 2500 – 3000 pivots). Mr. Joel Love will be retiring on June 30, 2026 (Congrats Mr. Joel!).

In the Absence of Dr. Sudeep Sidhu/ IFAS/UF Special Project; Mr. Cliff Starling/NRCS/District Conservationist; and FDACS ES-III, no reports were given.

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New Business/Old Business:

Mrs. Nancy Plank gave the following updates:

Legislative Update – Struck out the language for the SWCDs for now.

State Legislative Audit Committee Email/Letter Received – Email and USPS/Return Receipt the Madison SWCD Response Letter to the State Legislative Audit Committee.

State Land Judging:

Sign or Banner to Thank Sponsors,... at Judging Event – Jim Bob Printing to possibly donate?

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The Madison SWCD Office Lease has renewed on 2/2026.

Poster Contest Goodie Bags are being put together and will be delivered February 20, 2026.

2026 Ecology Day will be held on Friday, April 10, 2026 at North Florida College.

Mr. David Adams 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 11:47 a.m. The next regular scheduled meeting will be held at the Madison County Soil & Water Conservation District Conference Room on Wednesday, March 18, 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](http://www.madisonflswcd.com) and at the Madison County Annex Building, Meeting Postings Board.

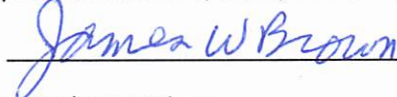
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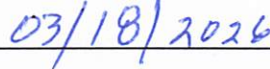
BUCK M. CARPENTER

Secretary/ Treasurer

Approved March 18, 2026, at the Madison SWCD Board Meeting.



Board Supervisor



Date

Attest:



District Administrator

Date