

# Jackson Soil & Water Conservation District

## Board of Supervisors February 2025 meeting minutes

Location: Jackson County UF/IFAS Clover Room - 2741 Penn Ave, Marianna, FL, 32448

Date: February 10, 2025

Time: 8:00 AM

Board members present: Steve Basford, Mack Glass, Tom Stadskev, Jeff Pittman

Quorum: YES

Absent: David DeFelix

Administrative staff: Haylee Sapp, District Coordinator, Peggy Gilley, Financial Analyst Administrator.

Attendees present: Katie Moore, JSWCD BMP Tech, Peter Scott, Environmental Consultant – OAWP, Doug Mayo, UF/IFAS Extension Director, Abbey Smith, Ag agent, Ethan Carter, Ag agent, Clay Milton, P.A., Gary Chew, NFWFMD, Michael Felton, NRCS, Brittany Peacock, Florida Peanut Producers Association Admin.

Supervisor Basford called the meeting at 8:02 am. He welcomed the attendees.

Supervisor Pittman motioned to accept the agenda, seconded by Supervisor Glass. Carried unanimously.

Supervisor Glass motioned to accept the January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025, meeting minutes as read, seconded by Supervisor Pittman. Carried unanimously.

Sponsorship: Abbey Smith represents Danielle Williams and requests sponsorship for the Citrus Health Forum, which educates producers on citrus health. The Forum will be held on March 6<sup>th</sup> at the NFREC in Quincy from 8:30 to 2:30 EST. Supervisor Pittman motioned to sponsor the Citrus Health Forum for \$200.00, seconded by Supervisor Glass. Carried unanimously.

Brittany Peacock is requesting sponsorship for the FL Peanut Producers Annual Meeting that will be taking place on February 27<sup>th</sup>, which includes an event table space and 4 meal tickets for attendees. Supervisor Pittman motioned to sponsor the FL Peanut Producers Annual Meeting for \$100.00, seconded by Supervisor Glass. Carried unanimously.

UF/IFAS: The Central Panhandle Pesticide Training series is from February 18<sup>th</sup> to the 20<sup>th</sup> in Bonifay, \$25.00 per session. On February 25<sup>th</sup>, The Jackson County Extension Office is hosting a workshop, Management of Wild Hogs and Deer in Agricultural Lands from 1:45 to 5:00 pm. It is free, all are invited to attend. The Row Crop Short Course is on March 6<sup>th</sup> in Peanut Hall, from 7:15 until lunch, meal included. Doug reported that the weather in January was freezing. Damage to farms due to cold weather is being reported to see what the losses were during that time. Dry weather is impacting the west which is making cattle numbers low.

NRCS: The dates for the Local Working Group meetings are being discussed to see what days will work best for the communities. There are 160 applicants this calendar year.

NFWFMD: Gary reported that there are changes in their cost-share program. Producers can apply one time per calendar year for equipment. They must list all the equipment at that one time. All parcels must be

enrolled to apply. They are getting the bulk cover crop applications done and will start on the equipment applications after that.

BMP/FDACS/OAWP: Petter reports that seven cost-share agreements have been funded. Two have been completed, estimated at \$240K. IVs are being worked on.

Finances: In the supervisor's packets are the financial reports. Peggy informed the board that she added a column on the financial report to reflect the amount of money that needs to be transferred back to the MIL and BMP accounts when reimbursements are received. Peggy let the board that spending was low in January. BMP and MIL invoices were sent to the state for reimbursement. Supervisor Glass motioned to approve the financial report, seconded by Supervisor Stadskev. Carried unanimously.

District Coordinator: Preparation for Land Judging in March is underway. Multiple people have volunteered to help with the event. In past years, a donation of \$250.00 was made for lunch at the Land Judging Event. The cost of lunch in 2024 was \$400.00. Haylee asks the board to sponsor the Land Judging this year. Supervisor Pittman motions to sponsor the Land Judging for \$400.00, seconded by Supervisor Glass. Carried unanimously.

A letter to the community organization members was put together by Peggy to gain their support to 'Save the FL Soil & Water Conservation Districts'. We would like the board's assistance with the letter. The floor was open for discussion; the supervisors replied that they would like the letter sent to the Jackson County Board of County Commissioners. Supervisor Glass wants the information to be simplified, to inform the readers how long we have been here and why we are here. They want to see broader information. Once these revisions are completed, the supervisors have requested to see the revised versions of the letter to approve it. Once approved, the board suggested having copies at events the JSWCD will be attending for producers too.

Unfinished Business: The personnel policy is from 2021. It needed to be updated and rephrased to be clearer. Clay Milton comments that the changes that were made look good to him. The board asked to show the revision date on the cover of the JSWCD Personnel Policy. Supervisor Pittman motions to accept the revised personnel policy, seconded by Supervisor Glass. Carried unanimously.

Adjourned at 9:00 am.

**03/10/2025: Supervisor DeFelix motioned to approve the minutes as read; Supervisor Pitman seconded it. Carried unanimously.**