

Jackson Soil & Water Conservation District

Board of Supervisors January 2025 meeting minutes

Location: 2741 Penn Ave, Marianna, FL, 32448

Date: January 8, 2025

Time: 8:00 am

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

Quorum: YES

Absent: 0

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

Attendees: Katie Moore, JSWCD BMP Tech, Rex Patterson, JSWCD MIL Tech, Kevin Warren, JSWCD MIL Tech, John Baggett, FDACS/OAWP Environmental Manager, Ethan Carter, AG Agent, Peter Scott, Environmental Consultant – OAWP, Abbey Smith, AG agent, Doug Mayo, UF/IFAS Director, Gary Chew, NFWFMD, Clay Milton, PA, and Michael Felton, Supervisory District Conservationist.

Supervisor Glass called the meeting to order at 8:02 am. He welcomed attendees.

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

Supervisor Pittman motioned to accept the December 11th, 2024, meeting minutes as read, seconded by Supervisor Basford. Carried unanimously.

UF/IFAS: Doug Mayo reported that the staff is preparing for the event season. Doug asked the board to sponsor the Beef Cattle Conference on 2/12/25. Doug thanked the board for sponsoring the Tri-State Fruit and Vegetable Conference. He reported that at the end of 2024, there was a total of 61.2 inches of rain, and they are predicting Spring of 2025 will be dry. Doug let the board and attendees know that the extension office is doing well.

Ethan Carter asked the board to sponsor the Row Crop Short Course on 3/6/25 which includes a vendor spot for JSWCD. Ethan also reports that last year's Row Crop Short Course's attendance had over 170 people participating. Ethan estimates there will be approximately 150 in attendance. The Row Crop Short Course begins at 7:45 am.

Abbey Smith apologized for her absence at the December board meeting, she was off to prepare for their wedding that weekend. Abbey is grateful for the board's support. This sponsorship includes a vendor spot for JSWCD.

Supervisor DeFelix made a motion to sponsor the Beef Cattle Conference and Row Crop Short Course for \$250.00 each, seconded by Supervisor Basford. Carried unanimously.

NFWFMD: Gary Chew reports that their cost share will be available at the end of March. They are talking with lawyers about the cattle cost share portion to request more money.

FDACS/OAWP/BMP: Katie Moore has IVs scheduled for this week. Garrett and Peter have turned in cost-share agreements. John Baggett has 413 cost-share agreements begun for the state. The producers are concentrating more on irrigation and nutrient management this year.

MIL: Rex Patterson reports that everything is running smoothly. They are ahead of schedule. Rex is hoping that it will warm up.

Financial: The financial report is in the Supervisors' packets. Peggy Gilley reports that the audit was turned in yesterday. BMP and MIL November invoices were turned in and reimbursed. Cost share is slowly coming in.

Supervisor DeFelix made a motion to accept the financial report, seconded by Supervisor Basford. Carried unanimously.

District Coordinator: Haylee Sapp reports that there are checks that will need to be signed. Our upcoming events are the Tri-State Fruit and Vegetable Conference on January 28th at 7:15 am. The Beef Cattle Conference is on February 12th at 7:30 am. April 27th to May 4th will be the NACD Sponsored Stewardship Week. The theme is "Home is where the Habitat is". Haylee is planning to do a box habitat display with our middle schoolers and a speech contest in our high schools. Peggy and Haylee have been working on making the JSWCD website ADA-compliant by reviewing and remaking the 2024 agendas and minutes. Haylee reminded the board supervisors that their financial disclosures are due July 1st, 2025.

Supervisor Basford reported that he went to the local legislature meeting to advocate for the FL soil & water conservation districts. Mr. Basford spoke to Representative Abbott and Senator Trumbull regarding the options in the letter from the FCDEA. Mr. Basford reported that they will be supporting us when/if a bill is created in this session.

No other Supervisor Reports.

A question regarding pesticide testing for CEUs was asked. Doug reports that paper testing will end on October 1st, 2025, at UF/IFAS offices. Laptop exams will only be available at UF/IFAS extension offices until the end of 2025. After 2025 all testing will be done through FDACS. There are free study manuals available at the office. FDACS has set up a program called Everblue. There will be a price per test to be paid.

NRCS: Michael Felton reports that NRCS has a new Turkey Wildlife Officer. They are doing site visits regarding turkey wildlife. Cost share renewals are taking place. RCCP line will take effect on September 31st in Jackson County.

Unfinished Business: The revised personnel policy is ready for Supervisors' review. They can stop by the office for paper copies. Please check your emails for your electronic copy. Tabled until our next meeting. Supervisor Glass reported that Employee evaluations will be done today.

New Business: There is a scheduling conflict with our February board meeting and the Beef Cattle Conference. Supervisor Basford made a motion to move the February board meeting to February 10th, seconded by Supervisor DeFelix. Carried unanimously.

Election of Officers: Supervisor Glass is stepping down as the Board Chairman. Supervisor Pittman nominates Supervisor Basford as Chairman. Supervisor Basford accepted the nomination. Supervisor DeFelix seconded the motion. Carried unanimously.

Supervisor Stadslev is stepping down as Treasurer. Supervisor Stadslev nominated Supervisor Pittman as Treasurer. Supervisor Pittman declined and nominated Supervisor DeFelix for Vice Chair/Treasurer. Supervisor DeFelix accepted the nomination. Supervisor Basford made a motion for Supervisor DeFelix to be the Vice Chair/Treasurer. Supervisor Pittman seconded the motion. Carried unanimously.

Adjourned: 9:03 am. Next Meeting 2/10/25 @ 8:00 a.m. UF/IFAS Clover Room.

02/10/2025: Supervisor Glass motioned to accept the meeting minutes as read, seconded by Supervisor Pittman. Carried unanimously.