The Gilchrist Soil & Water Conservation District (GSWCD) held a regularly scheduled monthly meeting on Tuesday, October 10, 2023 with the following Supervisors in attendance: Jeff Reed-Chairman, BJ Wilkerson-Co-Chair, Brett Crawford-Supervisor, Steven Borek-Supervisor, Ashley Cook-Gregory, Administrator, Dale Stone FDACS, Brittany O’Neal Technician, Tammy Hinkle- FDACS, Barton Wilder FDACS, Morgan Marrow- FDACS,

1. Meeting called Order: Chairman Jeff Reed called the meeting to order at 6:04
2. Approval of Minutes – approval of October Minutes Supervisor Wilkerson approved, seconded by Supervisor Borek, all approved
3. Approval of Financials – Supervisor Wilkerson motioned to approve, seconded by Supervisor Borek, all approved
4. Partner Reports

**FDACS –**

New field service director, Steven Smith- In person meeting on Thursday 1/ 18

**NRCS-**

No one present

**Suwannee River Water Management District**

 No one present

1. Staff Reports-
2. District Staff Report-

Ethics Training

OPPAGA Update

1. Conservation Technician Report

Technicians gave an update on new enrollments, Cost-Share, and IV

3. AFCD Executive Director

 Katrina- gave a SE NACD Meeting update and asked for help from Gilchrist

1. Old Business

No Old Business

1. New Business
	1. Dues Paid

AFCD- $350.00

NACD- $775.00

FDEO- $175.00 \*\*\* Florida Department Economic Opportunity

* Cook updated the board on dues that had been recently paid. No discussion.
	1. Reports Submitted

Public Depositor Annual Report to Chief Financial Officer

Records Management Compliance Statement

* Cook updated the board on submitted reports. No discussion.
	1. Technician Raises

Does the district want to cover until contract is signed/ contract is anticipated to be amended by the end of the month.

Raises start on the 12th not 11th – 11th is the last day of the pay period

* Supervisor Crawford recommended waiting until the contact had been amended and signed. Co-Chari Wilkerson seconded. Discussion followed. All approved.
	1. Tires for Brittney’s Truck – Santa Fe Ford

Quote Attached

Co-Chari Wilkerson motioned to move forward with seeking approval from the state. Supervisor Borek seconded. All approved.

* 1. Annual Stewardship Banquet

Tuesday, February 27th @ Otter Springs Lodge

Cowboyz Confirmed as caterer

 - Meal for 75; prime rib, potatoes, green beans, Cesar salad, rolls)

Select Stewardship of the Year Award

* Co-Chair Wilkson motioned that we select Alliance Dairies and move forward with plans. Supervisor Crawford seconded. All approved.
	1. GSWCD Sr Scholarship
* Item was discussed and tabled until next month.
	1. Speech & Poster Contest

Host contest in the end of February

1st- $250

2nd- $175

3rd $100

Past prizes also included a $25 gift card to all participants.

* Item was discussed and tabled until next month.

* 1. NACD Regional Meeting

Hosted by Florida, Sunday, June 16th – Tuesday, 18th

\*Tours Tuesday, June 18th – Hart Springs

Katrina with AFCD gave more details on the meeting and what support they are seeking. Discussion followed. Supervisor Crawford motioned we move forward with helping. Supervisor Borek seconded. All approved.

* 1. HB1075 & SB1772
* Discussion regarding bills and the stance the board which to takes. Moving forward and monitoring action on both bills.

 **DATES TO REMEMBER**

 February 5th- Manure Lunch

February 20th – GSWCD Board Meeting

 February 27th- Stewardship Banquet

 March 19th- GSWCD Board Meeting

1. Announcements/Adjourn