

Gilchrist Soil and Water Conservation District

**Monthly Meeting
Gilchrist SWCD Office
729 East Wade Street
Trenton, Florida 32693
Tuesday, April 9, 2024
6:00 PM
Minutes**

The Gilchrist Soil & Water Conservation District (GSWCD) held a regularly scheduled monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 9, 2024 with the following Supervisors in attendance: Jeff Reed-Chairman, BJ Wilkerson-Co-Chair, Brett Crawford-Supervisor, Steven Borek-Supervisor, Myles Langford-supervisor, Ashley Cook-Gregory, Administrator, Dale Stone FDACS, Brittany O'Neal Technician, Grace Ward- FDACS, Barton Wilder FDACS, Morgan Marrow- FDACS,

I. Meeting called Order: Chairman Jeff Reed called the meeting to order at 6:02

II. Approval of Minutes – approval of January Minutes Supervisor Wilkerson approved, seconded by Supervisor Borek, all approved.

III. Approval of Financials – Supervisor Wilkerson motioned to approve, seconded by Supervisor Borek, all approved.

IV. Partner Reports

1. FDACS – Barton Wilder

Bruce Thomas has moved in to an FDACS position.
Gilchrist Technician position listed to fill the role vacated by Ashley O. Cook

2. NRCS- Paul Gleason

Paul Gleason and Cody Smith stationed at the Trenton office
Rayann Lackee - resigned

3. Suwannee River Water Management District

No representative present

V. Staff Reports-

1. District Staff Report

Ashley attended the April Manure lunch for networking opportunities.

2. Conservation Technician Report

The technicians reported they have been busy with cost share and iv's

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3. AFCD Executive Director

VI. Old Business

1. OPPAGA- document has been submitted. We will receive our written report in June and can submit any dispute in writing.

2. Technician Raises

Amended contract has been signed and raises received.

VII. New Business

1. Letters of resignation

Letters of resignation have been received from Gilchrist Conservation technicians Ashley O. Cook & Bruce Thomas. Both parties have accepted positions with FDACS.

Supervisor Wilkerson motioned to approve, Supervisor Borek seconded, all approved

2. Youth Scholarships

We received 4 applications. 1 application does not meet the requirement that they must be going in to an ag field.

Supervisor Crawford motioned to give award scholarships to the 3 candidates that qualified, Supervisor Langford seconded, all approved.

3. Speech Contest Prize amounts

Currently lower than the District amount of Levy and Dixie, however, current rates allow a step between district and area contest.

Supervisor Reed motioned we stay at our current rates, Supervisor Langford seconded, all approved.

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4. NACD Southeast Region Meeting

Letter submitted to County Administrator, Bobby Crosby requesting use of Hart Springs. Request will be presented to GCBODC on Monday, May 15th.

Sponsorship level will be Gold – do we want to move to the next level?

Supervisor Wilkerson motioned that we be a Gold sponsor, Supervisor Reed seconded, all approved

5. CAREA Banquet Sponsorship

2023 We were a Gold sponsor. Do we want to continue this support?

Supervisor Crawford motioned to stay at this level, Supervisor Borek seconded, all approved.

6. Local Working Group- Paul Gleason

NRCS Rep Gleason conducted NRCS Conservation Programs FY 25 Resource Concerns Florida-Local Work Group

VIII.

DATES TO REMEMBER

May 21st – GSWCD Board Meeting
June- Special Meeting regarding OPPAGA
June 18th- Host NACD @ Hart Springs

IX. Announcements/Adjourn