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ST. JOHNS SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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**Regular Board Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** February 28, 2024

**Present:**

Chuck Owen, Chairman

D. L. Barnes, Supervisor

Bucky Sykes, Supervisor

Evan Wilson, Supervisor

Joe Parker, Supervisor

Myles Duncan, NRCS

Gina Allen, Secretary

Owen called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Minutes from the previous minutes were approved.

Treasurer’s report approved for the amount as of 1/31/24 - $6,487.65.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Wilson led a discussion on drainage problems on and near his farm off state road 214. Plans to meet with adjacent landowner on Friday to discuss a possible solution to the drainage problem.

Wilson stated he knew a drone pilot that could take video footage of deep creek at no cost to the SWCD.

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**NEW BUSINESS:**

**SWCD Performance Audit:** Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability has selected Maudlin and Jenkins to conduct a performance review required by Florida Statues of the State’s Soil and Water Conservation Districts. Allen will complete the information request online.

**Financial Disclosure Forms:** Beginning July 1, 2024, the Commission on Ethics will email the Supervisors with a notification to file financial disclosure forms via the Electronic Financial Disclosure Management System. Local officers will no longer file with the St. Johns County Supervisors of Elections office.

**Spud Run Sponsorship:** The event will take place on April 27,2024 in Hastings. Parker made a motion to sponsor the event under the Gold for $500.00. Wilson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Cellular IOT Smart Farming Technology (Soil Moisture Sensors):** Brochures were presented to the Board for viewing.

**Guana Tolomato Matanzas National Research Reserve Advisory Group:** GTMNERR has invited a Board member to join a short-term advisory group to review the GTMNRRA management plan. Per Florida Statues, the GTMNRRA is required to have a Soil and Water Conservation District representative on their advisory group. The meeting will take place on Thursday, March 21, 2024, 6:00 p.m. at the GTMNERR Visitor Center in Ponte Vedra Beach. Owen plans to attend.

**DISTRICT CONSERVATIONIST REPORT: Myles Duncan-See Report:**

**OPEN FLOOR:**

**ADJOURMENT:** The was no other discussion meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m. Next Board meeting scheduled for March 27, 2024.