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AFCD Board of Directors Meeting 3-21-08

The Association of Florida Conservation District (AFCD) Board of Directors held a meeting in the Conference Room at the NRCS office in Gainesville on Friday, March 21, 2008.

Those in attendance included Wilbur Dean, Andy Jackson, John Chamberlain, Steve Johnson, Barbara Gill, John Harris, Michelle Thatcher, Ed Wright, Paul Still

Wilbur Dean opens the meeting at 1:15 pm

Chamberlain moved to suspend the bylaws due to lack of having a quorum. Jackson seconded. Passed unanimously.

President's Report:

Contract is up at the end of May and he is asking for an extension for the services.

Past President's Report:

Andy gave his report and discussed NACD Annual Meeting in Reno. He and Wilbur served on the Communications Committee.

Financial Report: Given by Michelle

Motion by Jackson to accept the Treasurer's report. Seconded by Webb. Passed Unanimously.

Annual Meeting:

Packages:

Touch Base with Blas with costs of packages:

The Cruise is set up for August the 15th. The Ladies name is Jerri L. 1800 360-0510 with Captain Anderson's Dinner Cruise will be mailing a confirmation to Sanford. Deposit Required of \$250.00 Need to send once we have an idea of how many spots we need to reserve.

Webb moved to pay the \$5000 to the Marriott in Panama City. Passed Unanimously.

NRCS Report: Ed Wright Report

Carlos Suarez, is the new State Conservationist and will be here in the end of March. Ed wants to get with Wilbur.

His job description has been changed. His new role is that of a consultant to the Area Conservationist and DC's. Sal asked the area conservationists to contact each of the DC's and review the conservation plan of every DC. He has asked them to make those contacts and make sure they talk about the relationship and make sure understand the relationships between NRCS and Districts.

Carlos is a partnership person and he will probably be looking at rekindling these relationships.

NRCS submitted 2 names including Eva Webb's name in Florida to win awards at the NACD conference.

No Budget yet, but do have a spending allocation. Farm Bill has a 30 day extension. He went into good discussion as to numbers and programs allotted and that are on the table.

FDACS Report: Not Present:

Barbara Gill Report: Will give money to 4 Employees to attend.

Old Business

Chamberlain moves to pay all bills. Jackson seconded. Passed Unanimously

Operating Account

1. \$150.00 Ellis Putnal
2. \$1,000.00 February and March Services
3. 561.60 Reimbursement for Rent, Postage and Supplies
4. \$5,000 Bay Point Marriott
5. \$250 Captain Andersons Down Payment
6. \$360 Dr. Randy Brown
7. 362.40 Executive Director's Service

FDACS Account

1. 1774.70 Reimbursement for 1-9-08 to 3-18-08
2. 7155.00 Contract Services for 1-9-08 to 3-18-08

Chamberlain makes a motion to meet at 4-9-08 for next board meeting at 1:00 and on July 18th at 1:00. Jackson seconded. Passed unanimously

Ed suggested getting together a plan. We need a strategic plan. We need to look at the focal points that should be discussed including springhead protection and Nutrient management and BMP's. There are mandates. AFCD should be the leader in implementing nursery BMP's.

List of Priorities: Wilbur to send the list of priorities to Michelle and they can get them on paper to review with the commissioner and Rich Budell.

Motion to adjourn by Jackson. Chamberlain seconded. Passed Unanimously.