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The Association of Florida Conservation Districts (AFCD) Board of Directors held a meeting in Tallahassee, FL on March 21, 2006.

Attendees included: Andy Jackson, President, Earl Ziebarth, 1st Vice President, H. Marcus Edwards, 2nd Vice President, John Chamberlain, Secretary Treasurer, Wilbur Dean, Area 3 Deputy Vice President, Michael Barr, Area 4 Deputy Vice President, Blas Gomez, Area 2 Vice President, Eva Webb, Area 6 Vice President and Norma Ziebarth AFCD Auxiliary, Barbara Gill Florida Conservation District Employees Association (FCDEA), Nancy Barnes Education Chair AFCD, Michelle Thatcher Seminole AFCD and guests Phylis Vandeverve NACD, Cleggg Hooks, FDACS & Hugh Thomas, FDACS.

I. The meeting was called to order by President Jackson at 9:15 am.

II. President's report was reviewed by members.

III. Treasurer's report presented by J. Chamberlain:

- \$7,500 is district dues with 30 districts paying
- \$13,000 estimated balance

Moved to approve by Gomez, seconded by Edwards. Passed 8-0.

IV. Chippola River and Franklin Soil & Water Conservation Districts requested hardship dues reductions. Discussion followed.

Moved to grant by Dean, seconded by Barr to approve hardship dues. Passed 8-0.

V. Review of minutes of Directors meeting on Jan. 6 and Executive Board meeting on Feb. 24.

- Motion to add Ziebarth to attendance list and change spelling of pen to pin on Feb. 24 minutes.
- On Page 2 there is a motion to make Andy chairman of the nominating committee. The minutes did not reflect if the motion passed. We verified that the motion in the original minutes passed.
- Item 10 was identified as the Indemnification and Insurance section and item 14 was identified as the cancellation and performance.
- NACD conference costs are for? These costs were for the NACD reimbursement costs to Andy and Earl. Andy will get financial records and include minutes.
- A \$1300 payment to Seminole SWCD for AFCD contract.

Moved by Edwards, second by Gomez to accept changed minutes. Passed 8-0.

VI. Report by Cleggg Hooks

FDACS on contractual possibilities between AFCD and FDACS to service conservation districts on FDACS' behalf. He recommended that all items should be submitted as one contract and that they include:

1. Administrative services
2. Updating rosters
3. Updating handbooks and creating a pocket-size version
4. Serving as an information bank for SWCD's across Florida
5. Providing educational outreach to individual districts, area meetings and state meetings.

Discussion followed.

Moved by Ziebarth, second by Barr that AFCD should proceed with a proposal for contractual services once the RFP (Request For Proposal) is advertised by FDACS. Passed 8-0.

VII. Moved by Ziebarth, second by Gomez that the AFCD negotiating committee with FDACS be composed of the Executive Board as well as M. Barr and M. Thatcher. Passed 8-0.

VIII. FCDEA President B. Gill reported on planning for state poster, speech and land judging contests. Also, training for FCDEA members should be extensive and she inquired about a web page for FCDEA. Fundraiser will be a cookbook sale. Continue to send B. Gill questions about poster contest. Second Vice President M. Edwards will coordinate the state speech and poster contests.

IX. AFCD Education committee Chair N. Barnes reported on concerns about state land judging and Envirothon contests. She feels that AFCD should be involved in both.

Moved by Ziebarth, second by Barr to approve President Jackson's appointment of Barnes as AFCD representative and chairman of all educational committees. Passed 8-0.

X. AFCD Auxiliary Coordinator N. Ziebarth distributed raffle tickets to various fund raising events and encouraged everyone to spend, spend, spend.

XI. Michelle Thatcher reported on various activities that Seminole is preparing under the contract with AFCD.

XII. Moved by Dean, seconded by Ziebarth to approve the actions of the Executive Committee on February 24th. Passed 8-0.

XIII. President Jackson asked everyone to review the memorandum of understanding between AFCD & NCRS.

XIV. Vice President Ziebarth reported on the annual meeting planning and contracting with the Double Tree Hotel in Orlando.

XV. Moved by Ziebarth, second by Edwards to purchase a one million dollar liability policy for the state convention. Passed 8-0.

XVI. Moved by Ziebarth second by Webb to authorize N. Barnes to spend up to \$500 on education and youth activities. Passed 8-0.

XVII. Moved by Dean, second by Gomez to pay various bills. Passed 8-0.

XVIII. Moved by Ziebarth, second by Gomez to approve the AFCD proclamation declaring April water conservation month. Passed 8-0.

XIX. Moved by Chamberlain, second by Gomez to extend the AFCD contract with Seminole SWCD from May 1st to June 30th. Passed 8-0.

XX. Moved by Ziebarth second by Edwards to hold the next board of directors meeting at the Double Tree in Orlando at 10:00 am on June 16th. Passed 8-0.

Moved by Ziebarth, second by Edwards to raise the associate partnership fees to \$250, \$100 (Advocate) and \$50 (Supporter) respectively. Passed 8-0.

XXI. Motion to adjourn by Webb, second by Barr passed 8-0 12:38 pm. March 21, 2006.

Submitted by J. Chamberlain AFCD Secretary Treasurer