

# Okeechobee Soil and Water Conservation District

## Board of Supervisors November Meeting Minutes

Approved Date: November 8, 2023

Location: 200 NW 5<sup>th</sup> Street Conference Room

Minutes:

- I. Motion to approve the October 11, 2023, Meeting Minutes as presented (Sellers/Rutledge). Passed unanimously.
- II. Motion to file Financial Report (Burnham/Sellers). Passed unanimously.
- III. Staff Program Reports
  - a. NRCS – District Conservationist Howard Harrison reported approximately 100 applications currently for EQIP and CSP programs, with an application deadline of Nov. 17th.
  - b. FDACS – Conservation Technician Vicki Wheeler reported on the Central FL FDACS meeting held Nov. 6th where she delivered EC/pH meters. Three new FDACS staff members have been hired in Okeechobee.
  - c. FSA – no report
  - d. OSWCD – Program Specialist Robbi Sumner reported on OSWCD’s programs and administrative functions.
- IV. Unfinished Business
  - a. In response to Board Member Nicki Smith’s resignation effective January 1, 2024, motion was made to appoint Jared Figley for the remaining term in Seat 1. (Sellers/Smith) Passed unanimously.
- V. New Business
  - a. Motion was made to support District Administrator Audrey Kuipers’ application for the Certified District Manager Training. (Sellers/Burnham) Passed unanimously.
  - b. Formal recognition of Supervisor Smith’s 16 years of service to OSWCD was made with the presentation of a plaque.
- VI. Upcoming Events and Deadlines
  - a. SE District Employees Association Annual Meeting: November 6-8: Pigeon Forge, TN
  - b. Office Closed: Veteran’s Day: November 10, 2023
  - c. Farm City Day Luncheon: November 16, 2023
  - d. Board of Supervisors Meeting: December 13, 2023 (only if needed to meet the attendance requirement).

- e. Board of Supervisors Meeting: January 10, 2024
- f. Okeechobee County Ag-venture: January 10-11, 2024