

# Okeechobee Soil and Water Conservation District

## Board of Supervisors November Meeting Minutes Approved

Approved Date: December 11, 2024

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

Time: 1:00pm

### Minutes:

- I. Motion to approve September 25, 2024, Meeting Minutes (Sellers/Rutledge). Motion passed unanimously.
- II. Motion to approve the Financial Report as presented (Sellers/Rutledge). Motion passed unanimously. The Board requested that bank reconciliation reports stay on record in the office and will review them when they come in to sign other documents.
- III. Staff Program Reports
  1. Howard Harrison, NRCS District Conservationist 87 EQIP and 31 CSP applications, as well as the Hurricane assistance sign up deadline of December 18<sup>th</sup>.
  2. Nancy Rivera, Conservation Technician, mentioned the release date of the new Sod manual November 12<sup>th</sup> and that cost share is limited to one project per producer per year.
  3. FSA- no new programs. The office is finishing up Hurricane Ian applications.
  4. Vicki Wheeler and Audrey Kuipers gave the OSWCD program update.
- IV. Unfinished Business
  1. Supervisor Sellers and Staff reported on the November 13<sup>th</sup> FCDEA Brainstorm Workshop. Three options were agreed upon by representatives from 8 Districts and 4 Ag Industry groups.
- V. New Business
  1. Motion to amend the FY 25 budget line 537.089 by \$3,500 for a total of \$13,500 and fully fund the 4 trap applications (Sellers/Rutledge). Motion passed. Supervisor Corona abstained from voting.  
Motion to fund the 7 applications for perimeter fencing, with historically underserved funded first. Applications will be fully funded in order of ranking, if NACD agrees to amend the grant matrix (Sellers/Rutledge). Motion passed. Supervisor Corona abstained.

2. Audrey Kuipers reviewed the Open Government Overview Training with Supervisors. Supervisors will watch the free training videos on the Commission on Ethics website.

VI. Supervisor and Public Comments- None

VII. Upcoming Events and Deadlines

1. Farm City Day Luncheon: November 21
2. Board of Supervisors Meeting: December 11
3. Board of Supervisors Meeting: January 8

VIII. Meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm.

Adopted at the December 11, 2024, meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00pm.