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Board of Supervisors MINUTES

Wednesday, April 10, 2024

1:00PM

200 NW 5th Street Conference Room

Supervisor Corona called the meeting to order at 1:02pm.

Mariano Corona-Chairman- Present Jared Figley-Supervisor- Present Donald Sellers, Jr.-Supervisor- Present Douglas Burnham-Supervisor- Absent Glynn Rutledge-Treasurer- Present

- I. Motion to approve the March 13, 2024 Meeting Minutes (Sellers/Rutledge). Motion passed unanimously.
- II. Motion to accept the Financial Report as presented (Sellers/Rutledge). Motion passed unanimously.
- III. Staff Program Reports
 - Howard Harrison, District Conservationist gave the NRCS report. There are 13 EQIP IRA Act Now and 17 CSP IRA Act Now applications being funded. Obligations need to be made by April 30. A new Soil Conservationist will start in June.
 - 2. Vicki Wheeler, Program Specialist gave an update on FDACS-OAWP
 - 3. FSA- no report
 - 4. Vicki Wheeler and Audrey Kuipers, District Administrator gave the OSWCD program and personnel updates. Two new Technicians will start April 15th.
- IV. Unfinished Business- None
- V. New Business
 - 1. Motion to approve the FY23 Financial Audit presented by Jenna Corbitt, CPA Wicks, Brown, Williams & Co. (Sellers/Rutledge). Motion passed unanimously.
 - 2. Motion to approve the Feral Swine Management program overview, application, and participant agreement language, allow Audrey Kuipers to execute agreements, make Board Supervisors and Staff eligible, and fund the perimeter fencing practice at \$2.55/ft. (Sellers, Figley). Motion passed unanimously.
- VI. Upcoming Events and Deadlines
 - 1. Local Working Group Meeting | May 8 | Extension Office Conference Room | 12pm
 - 2. Board of Supervisors Monthly Meeting | May 8 | Extension Office | 1pm
 - 3. AFCD Area 4 Meeting | Sebring, FL | 8:30am-1:30pm