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Board of Supervisors

MINUTES

Wednesday, November 8, 2023 1:00PM 200 NW 5th Street Conference Room

Call to Order

Mariano Corona-Chairman - Present

Nicki Smith-Supervisor - Present

Donald Sellers, Jr.-Supervisor - Present

Douglas Burnham-Supervisor - Present

Glynn Rutledge-Treasurer - Present

1. Motion to approve the October 11, 2023, Meeting Minutes as presented (Sellers/Rutledge). Passed unanimously.
2. Motion to file Financial Report (Burnham/Sellers). Passed unanimously.
3. Staff Program Reports
4. NRCS – District Conservationist Howard Harrison reported approximately 100 applications currently for EQIP and CSP programs, with an application deadline of Nov. 17th.
5. 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.
6. FSA – no report
7. OSWCD – Program Specialist Robbi Sumner reported on OSWCD’s programs and administrative functions.
8. Unfinished Business
9. 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.
10. New Business
11. Motion was made to support District Administrator Audrey Kuipers’ application for the Certified District Manager Training. (Sellers/Burnham) Passed unanimously.
12. Formal recognition of Supervisor Smith’s 16 years of service to OSWCD was made with the presentation of a plaque.
13. Upcoming Events and Deadlines
14. SE District Employees Association Annual Meeting |November 6-8| Pigeon Forge, TN
15. Office Closed| Veteran’s Day| November 10, 2023
16. Farm City Day Luncheon | November 16, 2023
17. Board of Supervisors Meeting| December 13, 2023 (only if needed to meet the attendance requirement).
18. Board of Supervisors Meeting| January 10, 2024
19. Okeechobee County Ag-venture| January 10-11, 2024