

ALACHUA SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

August 28, 2023 5:30pm  
Alachua Chamber of Commerce  
14801 Main Street, Alachua

Present: Archie Matthews(AM), Walt Boyer(WB), Patrick Sell(PS). A quorum was present.

The meeting was called to order at 5:39

Minutes of the June meeting were accepted as presented. It was noted that a quorum was not present in July, therefore there was no meeting.

Treasurer's report: \$1547.13 in the checking account.

Mail – no new mail to review.

Reports:

NRCS – not present

FDACS/OAWP – not present

Unfinished Business

Discussion of possible future events: Envirothon, State Land Judging contest (hosts needed for 2024 and 2025 contests), possible Alachua County Land Judging Contest, contact with Alachua County Schools.

Dates to remember:

Next meeting – September 25<sup>th</sup>

AFCD Annual Meeting – September 26-27, UF Hilton.

Mid- June or July 2024 – NACD SE Regional meeting. Negotiating with the UF Hilton for rooms.

Anticipating tours of springs and GRU Wastewater Recharge unit.

Supervisor Comments:

(PS) Possible grant for invasive species control. Mentioned as a concern at the Newberry Commission meeting. Could we possibly schedule a workshop with Newberry farmers? Will be happy to serve as intermediary with NRCS. We do need additional input from NRCS. This workshop would serve to show that the district can bring something to the municipalities.

(WB) Monica has provided some information about grant funding. We would like to host a workshop with the Newberry Commissioners and Newberry area farmers. Send any information about grant funding to the Chair. More applications would be better. It would be useful to get input from the farmers as to the extent and type of invasive species. What do we want to do for the September meeting? Will contact the Soils and Weed Science Departments at UF. Would like to get UF involved in some of the programs we would like to implement.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30pm.