

Polk County Soil and Water Conservation District

15th - Regular Meeting

Thursday, March 29, 2018

The fifteenth meeting of the Polk County Soil and Water Conservation District board of supervisors was held on Thursday, March 29, 2018 at Carter Park – Loyce Harper Park in MULBERRY, FL.

I. Call to Order: Chairman Upthagrove called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

II. Guests in Attendance:

Steve Pincket

Ricky Shirah

PC SWCD SUPERVISORS in Attendance:

Brett Upthagrove Chairman

Brian Dockery Treasurer

Mike Darrow Secretary

III. HCSWCD / PCSWCD MU agreement for employee funded by FDACS

Supervisor Dockery has been in discussion with HCSWCD and PCSWCD memorandum of understanding over an employee for the conservation board. He stated he sent out the MU to all supervisors. He made a motion for the MU to be signed and accepted by the board and its chairman per the email. The purpose was to fund an employee thru FDACS and in conjunction with HCSWCD for an employee. Seconded by supervisor Darrow **Motion to accept, approved and sign MU; Approved 3- 0.**

IV. The Next meeting:

The Next meeting is scheduled for 4/17/18 at the Polk State Lakeland Campus, Florida at 6:00 pm. **Motion to adjourn; Approved 3- 0.**

The meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Action items:

1. Future presentations by district conservationist on each program offered
2. Develop a conservation district plan with goals and objectives for future. .
3. Look for grants and funding opportunities.
4. Partner with other agencies to move conservation projects to Polk County.
5. Employee funding decisions or partnerships.
6. Work to hoist a successful State land Judging contest in 2018. (FFA and 4H)
7. Identify projects to partner with the committee for conservation projects.
8. Develop a business plan.
 - Community gardens
 - Rain Gardens!
 - Urban forest grants
 - Cost share projects
 - Community education
 - Speech contest
 - Envirothon
 - Land Conservation
 - Water Conservation
 - Youth education projects
 - Employee funding
 - Grants

Respectfully submitted, Michael Darrow