

Polk County Soil and Water Conservation District

May 21, 2019 Meeting

- Joe Garrison called the meeting to order at 4:10 pm
- Joe Garrison led the pledge of allegiance
- All board members were present
- Brett Upthagrove asked about miscellaneous expenses, Joe Garrison explained that they were for office supplies for both Raven Mundy and Drew Pitts.
- Joe Garrison and Brett Upthagrove discussed a couple receipts that were not accounted for yet.
- Joe Garrison gave the Chairman's Report. He stated that the OJ Break was a success. There were 30-40 growers in attendance and Drew Pitts was able to make some great contacts with growers.
- Kyle Carlton motioned to accept the minutes from the March 19, 2019 meeting. Daniel Lanier seconded the motion. The motion passed 4/1.
- Joe Garrison talked about the meeting he attended for contract training in Gainesville. Joe proceeded to ask the board for permission to sign correspondence contracts between our board and FDACS. Matt Warren elaborated a little more on the topic. This permission would be to sign the contract between our board and FDACS. Daniel Lanier motioned to allow the chair to sign the contract between our board and FDACS, Brett Upthagrove seconded the motion, motion passed 5/0.
- Kyle Carlton gave the Vice Chair Report. Kyle talked about the soil and speech contests. He discussed some of the suggestions he made to the state level to improve the contest and experience for the kids. Kyle also informed the board that both students and parents prefer the contests be held on weekdays during the school year.
- Kyle Carlton informed the board that 2 teams from Polk County traveled to Jay Florida for the State Land Judging Contest and they finished in the top 5.
- Kyle Carlton talked with Drew Pitts about speaking with students at contests.
- Dr. Sharon Masters asked Kyle Carlton if he would send her information on these contests as they come out so that she can get it on the website.
- Daniel Lanier gave the Treasurer's Report. There were some things unclear on the P & L Statements provided. After much discussion on the confusion Daniel said he would work on getting a clearer statement for the next meeting.
- Dr. Sharon Masters asked if anyone else on the board would be interested in taking over writing the bylaws. Matt Warren offered to get someone to contact her with assistance.
- Old business: The topics in old business were discussed earlier in the meeting.
- New Business:
- Joe Garrison talked about getting Raven Mundy some more training for Quickbooks.
- Brett Upthagrove suggested we look into some training on writing grant proposals for Raven Mundy as well.
- Daniel Lanier made a motion for Raven Mundy to take training classes for Quickbooks not to exceed \$300. Kyle Carlton seconded the motion. Motion passed 5/0

- Joe Garrison mentioned that Raven Mundy should contact Dr. Sharon Masters to help get the board's website ADA compliant.
- Joe Garrison talked about possibly taking the website down until it is compliant. Brett Uptagrove stated that it is a violation to take the website down.
- Brett Uptagrove discussed his new position as the Area III Vice President. He then discussed some lobbying efforts he wants to pursue on behalf of Soil and Water Conservation Districts.
- Brett Uptagrove asked about some missing or misplaced items from the office in Bartow.
- Dr. Sharon Masters motioned to adjourn the meeting. Kyle seconded the motion. Motion passed 5/0. The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 pm.