

UNION COUNTY SOIL & CONSERVATION DISTRICT

GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 23, 2013

Present:

Delbert Smith, Chair (Board Member)
Pete Cameron, Deputy Chair (Board Member)
Jon Croci, Secretary (Board Member)
Duke Emerson, (Board Member)
Jay Tucker, DOF
Scott Tucker, FDACS

CALL TO ORDER: Called to order by the Chair, Delbert Smith at 1833

CORRESPONDANCE: March 2013 Meeting Minutes read by Jon Croci and approved at 1836 by board.

OLD BUSINESS: No Old Business

- Delbert Smith informed board members that a Government Analyst working for the State of Florida Division of Community Development would be conducting a routine inspection of the Union County Soil and Conservation District (UCSACD) funds for 2012. No funds were released for 2012.
- Jon Croci informed board that there was no FLOW meeting for April 2013.
- Board discussed storm water drainage within Union County and the impact on drainage ditches associated with local farms and silviculture operations.
- Board discussed how to obtain groundwater quality and groundwater flow within Union County.
- Delbert Smith brought up that on 4-5 June 2013 a “In-Service Best Management Seminar” would be held in South Florida and that Basil Bactawar would be attending the seminar as an agricultural and horticultural representative.
- Jon Croci announced that Union County topographic maps (USGS 1:24,000) would be useful for future board meetings and would try to obtain some maps to reference sheet flow, flooding and locating production wells within Union County.
- Delbert Smith and Jay Tucker discussed forestry operations within the past (20-80 years) and the potential impact on sheet flow from rainfall events in localized areas within Union County.
- Jay Tucker discussed the possibility that some of the drainage ditches could be blocked and may need to be cleared out.
- Delbert Smith brought up that Union County has a flat topographic profile which may lend itself to insufficient natural runoff and create areas of flooding.
- Board discussed the need to gather further data on water quality and surface and groundwater flow within Union County to include involving the local community in gathering viable hydrologic data.
- Jon Croci advised gathering photographs of drainage ditches before/during and after rainfall events to locate the most problematic areas.

- Scott Tucker discussed the success of the local Envirothon.
- Scott Tucker discussed that the Suwannee River Water Management District is looking for volunteers who own production wells and have consumptive use permits (CUPs) to have meters placed on their wells; volunteers could be allowed an extension to their CUP.
- Scott Tucker also informed the board that by 2017 metering of wells that utilize a CUP would be mandatory.
- Pete Cameron discussed the monthly meeting of the North Florida Regional Water Supply Partnership and a recent presentation of the Suwannee and St. Johns River Water Management Districts data for hydrologic planning that utilized a model that is used to predict groundwater flow on a yearly basis in North Florida and South Georgia.

REPORTS:

- Members at the board meeting were furnished with minute from March 2013.

OTHER:

- NA

ADJOURN/NEXT MEETING: Meeting adjourned at @2010.