

UNION COUNTY SOIL & CONSERVATION DISTRICT

GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES

March 26, 2013

Present:

Delbert Smith, Chair; Pete Cameron, Deputy Chair (Board Member), Jon Croci, Secretary (Board Member), Al Oliver, USDA, John Stubblefield, FDACS, Hugh Thomas, SRWMD, Scott Tucker, FDACS

CALL TO ORDER: Called to order by the Chair, Delbert Smith at 1845

CORRESPONDANCE: Electronic documentation forwarded to Board Members.

OLD BUSINESS: No Old Business

- Introduction of Scott Tucker who will eventually replace John Stubblefield's position at FDACS.
- Delbert Smith agreed to temporarily become the boards' treasurer.
- Hugh Thomas informed the board that groundwater levels in Union County should be normal for this time of year.
- Hugh Thomas informed the board that the Water Management District should have the new hydrology report by the second week in April 2013.
- Board discussed that there has been no evidence of any abnormal subsidence or sinkhole activity in Union County since the start of the 2013.
- Board discussed water quality issues within Union County and the desire to see if there are any sources of information regarding high sulfur or iron (aka "black algae" by board members) in groundwater.
- Board expressed interest in developing relationship with local universities to see if staff and students would be interested in performing research on WQ trends in Union County.
- Board discussed potential recharge areas in Union County with regards to the New River and other areas of surface drainage.
- Jon Croci briefed board on Florida Leaders Organized for Water (FLOW) meeting on 4 March 2013 and discussed issues brought up at the meeting such as CUP permitting, well injection of surface water runoff and regional differences in water supply and reuse.
- Group discussed concerns over the potential negative impacts of hazardous runoff on well injection, and the impact of urban water supply needs on agriculturally dominated counties.
- Al Oliver discussed recent impacts on USDA evaluation processes with regards to farmers that wish to participate in USDA assistance programs.
- Pete Cameron briefed board on North Florida Regional Water Supply Partnership to include stakeholder interest from Public Water Supply/Commercial Power Generation/Industrial Mining/Agriculture/Environmental and Local Government.
- Hugh Thomas discussed the cost/share program with regards to retrofitting pivot systems.
- Group discussed a need to further investigate educational programs, newsletters and community education.

REPORTS:

- Members at the board meeting were furnished with minutes from February.

OTHER:

- NA

ADJOURN/NEXT MEETING: Meeting adjourned at @2008.