

UCSWB Meeting August 25, 2015

Present

Pete Cameron- Chair

Buddy Finley- Vice Chair

Duke Emerson- Treasurer

Delbert Smith- Board Member

Laurel Schaafsma- Secretary

Paul Still- BCSWB Member

Wiley Feagle- NRCS Representative

August's meeting opened with a discussion on the set up of the mandated website. The board's decision was made to seek out a host for the website.

Delbert Smith made the motion to contact county employees about host information. He also directed Pete Cameron to seek out another possible host, Godaddy, in best efforts to reduce costs of creating and maintaining a website.

Paul Still gave a recap of the Water Supply Planning Meeting that transpired August 24, 2015. It was a mandatory meeting, opened to the public, and contained joint Suwannee River Management District and St. John's County District input on a 20 year water "problem" of the future. The speculation is that there will not be sufficient water in the aquifer to meet these two water Districts areas. At this stakeholder's meeting, some of its focus was toward an alternative source of water being rainwater. Other techniques to reduce aquifer water usage was also mentioned. These techniques are as follows; the possibility of permits being denied, alternative water sources (rainwater storage), agriculture may become limited or not allowed access to aquifer waters, and some unknown and unspoken "limitations" to wells.

Paul Still mentioned the lack of local input at this meeting (which allowed 25 minutes for the public's questions at the end of the meeting). Most of the members that attended the stakeholder's meeting were either county employees or business affiliated, but there are none that could recognize local input to represent local concerns.

In an effort to allow local recognition to emphasize local concerns, Paul Still is talking to Soil and Water Conservation Board Special Districts to get this done.

Pete Cameron Presented a DEP study that allowed reuse of storm waters. This study has been successful at removing fertilizers, pharmaceuticals, salts, viruses, minerals, solids, and is successful at breaking down any remaining molecules using ultra violet light with advanced oxidation as its final process.

Pete Cameron was interested in finding out more information about the consultant study of Lake Butler's Lake.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.