

Hardee and Peace River Soil and Water Conservation District

Quarter 2 Meeting Minutes

June 26, 2025

IN ATTENDANCE

Supervisors: Roy Petteway, Charles Matheny, Clint Hunnicut, Trey Barnwell, Jim Selph, and Ken Harrison

Coordinator: Jennifer Gough

Soil Tech: Bo Rich

NRCS: Dan Schabilion

FDACS: Ellen Cruz

Called to Order by Chairperson Roy Petteway at 9:02am

1. APPROVAL of Minutes
 - a. Board minutes reviewed and signed the minutes from the last meeting.
2. BOARD ACTION
 - a. Treasurer Matheny presented HSWCD financial statements and board approved balances for all accounts.
 - b. Treasurer Barnwell approved PRSWCD financial statements and approved.
3. REPORTS
 - a. NRCS: The Wauchula Field Office is currently working on 17 EQIP 2025 Emergency application, 11 in Hardee and 6 in Desoto, for a total obligation of \$931,492. Fourteen contracts have been awarded with payments totaling \$882,057. Wauchula F.O. has 51 EQIP 2025 classic applications that were eligible and ranked but NONE were pre-approved or received funding to date. Hardee county has been approved for Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) for \$2,325,297 to repair damages to waterways for Hurricane Milton including eight sites in the county.
 - b. FSA: working on program closeouts (LFP/ECP)
 - c. FDACS: updated BMP manuals are complete and can be accessed at the Ag Extension Office. Soil Con Techs use them with producers in the CSA/BMP application process.
 - d. UF/Ext Agent: no report- busy with summer camp!

4. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Ms. Gough gave an overview of the FCDEA meeting in Gainesville earlier this month, where the strong discussion about SB986 returning this upcoming legislative session and PRSWCD begin on the dissolution list. Therefore, HSWCD and PRSWCD may look at options including combining the two. Ken Harrison continues to look into the matter with contacts at OAWP and FDACS and will keep in touch with SWCD staff.
- b. Jennifer is wrapping up the audit with CLA and continuing with the closeout process on both CSAs and Tech contracts.

5. REMINDERS and DATES

- a. Next meeting possible for either Thursday December 4th or 11th.