

Hardee and Peace River Soil and Water Conservation District

Quarter 4 Meeting Minutes

December 2, 2025

In Attendance:

- Supervisors: Roy Petteway, Charles Matheny, Clint Hunnicut, Dan Ryals, Jim Selph, Trey Barnwell, Ken Harrision, and Jeff Adams
- Coordinator: Jennifer Gough
- Soil Techs: Laina Durrance, Bo Rich
- Ext Agent: Jona Bosques
- NRCS: Dan Schabilion
- FDACS: Matt Warren

Called to order by Chairperson Petteway at 9:02am

1. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Board members reviewed and signed the minutes from Sep 4, 2025 meeting.
2. Board Action
 - a. Treasurer Matheny presented Hardee's financial statements and board approved balances for all accounts.
 - b. Treasurer Barnwell reviewed PRSWCD's financial statements and approved.
3. REPORTS
 - a. NRCS: The Wauchula FO is currently working on 19 EQIP Emergency application, 11 in Hardee and 8 in Desoto, for a total obligation of \$1,139,914. Of these 19 contracts, sixteen have been completed with payments totaling \$1,028,909. Wauchula F.O has 90 EQIP 2026 applications and 15 CSPs for 2026 and of that number, 32 are from Desoto County and 58 are from Hardee. CSP = 6 from Desoto and 9 from Hardee. EQIP application, 47 were deferred from 2025. The deadline to apply for EQIP and CSP 2026 has been extended to January 16, 2026.
 - b. FSA: Ms. Gough reported FSA is working on new program to put into place and catching up after the government shutdown. Please see them to schedule an appointment.
 - c. FDACS: Matt Warren reported CSAs are coming along, in fact almost all the allotments for FY 25/26 have been assigned and the techs are moving

through each phase now with field visits, etc. Changes may come with options reduced from 90%, and the shift from OAWP to the Fruit and Vegetable Division but there will be more information in the future.

- d. UF/Ext Agent: Jona B. reports the new Citrus Agent Edwin Guitierrez has started and is holding informational meeting while the office is still looking to fill the Horticultural Agent position.

4. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Dan Schabillon asked if SWCD would like to pay the \$150 fee for NRCS to have a booth at the Annual Cattlemen's Institute & Alliance Trade Show to be held at the Hardee Civic Center on Thursday January 15, 2026. Possibly share a booth with both board of supervisors if available.
- b. Jeff Adams was appointed to vacant PRSWCD board seat unanimously by the other four supervisors.
- c. Ken Harrison reported on his conversation with Tripp Hunter of FL Farm Bureau and others to say that at this time, there's been no more discussion about dissolution of the SWCD and HB123.
- d. MS. Gough also reports no new developments with SB986.

5. REMNDERS and DATES

- a. Annual Ethics Course ONLINE- by December 31, 2025
 - i. We as FASD members receive discount.
- b. Meeting date: March 3 or 5, 2026 to be determined.