

Agriculture and Environmental Projects

Agenda Item No. 18 – Agreements with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to Receive Springs Grant Funds and to Enter into Local Cooperative Agreements. Pat Webster, Chief Professional Engineer, presented this item to the Board.

The following attendees provided comments to the Board:

- Erica Hernandez, Alachua Conservation Trust
- Merrillee M. Jipson, Our Santa Fe River
- Melissa Helm, Alachua Conservation Trust
- Lu Merritt, Ichetucknee Alliance

MOTION WAS MADE BY SCHWAB, SECONDED BY KEITH TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Charles Barrett, UF IFAS, provided a powerpoint presentation to the Board regarding Agenda Item No. 19 and Agenda Item No. 20.

Agenda Item No. 19 – Equipment Purchase for On-Farm Best Management Practices and Sustainable Suwannee Project. Matt Cantrell, Project Manager, presented this item to the Board.

The following attendees provided comments to the Board:

- Dr. Charles Barrett, UF IFAS
- Lu Merritt, Ichetucknee Alliance
- Charles Shinn, Florida Farm Bureau
- Merrillee M. Jipson, Our Santa Fe River

MOTION WAS MADE BY SCHWAB TO TABLE THIS RECOMMENDATION UNTIL NOVEMBER BOARD MEETING TO PROVIDE ACTUAL YIELD NUMBERS AND INPUT PERSPECTIVE TO THE BOARD MEMBERS. MOTION FAILED FOR LACK OF SECOND.

MOTION WAS MADE BY SANCHEZ, SECONDED BY KEITH TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item No. 20 - On-Farm Best Management Practices Task of Sustainable Suwannee Project. Mr. Cantrell presented this item to the Board.

MOTION WAS MADE BY SANCHEZ, SECONDED BY SCHWAB TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item No. 21 - Lower Suwannee National Wildlife Refuge Engineering and Design of Hydrologic Restoration Opportunities. Dave Christian, Professional Engineer, presented this item to the Board.

MOTION WAS MADE BY SANCHEZ, SECONDED BY KEITH TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item No. 22 - Mallory Swamp Modeling Efforts. Mr. Christian presented this item to the Board.

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