Minutes for the WSWCD meeting held July 10, 2025, at the Wakulla County Extension Office, 84 Cedar Avenue, Crawfordville, Fl 32327

The meeting was called to order at 6:04pm by Vice Chairman David Shepard. Other members present were Kellie Keys, Emily Johnson and Cal Jamison.

The agenda was unanimously approved. Moved by Cal and 2nd by Kellie.

The minutes for the June 12, 2025, meeting were approved unanimously. Moved by Kellie and 2nd by Emily.

Emily gave the Treasurer Report. The bank balance is $9987.19.

There were no Citizens to be heard.

Old Business:

Kellie reported that Governor Desantis line item vetoed the funding for the FSU Springs Study for the upcoming Fiscal Year. There are enough funds to cover the project until the end of this year. Some of the results will be published this fall and the rest by the end of the year. She will be seeking other funding sources to fill budget gaps. The Jim Stevenson Follow the Water springs tour needs funding to continue. Cal suggested reaching out to the Friends of Wakulla Springs State Park and the Wakulla Springs Alliance with a funding request.

Cal reported that the use of asphalt millings on County Roads was part of a contract with the FDOT.

Cal also reported that he had looked further into the Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Districts. There are two that adjoin Leon County. These are Grady and Thomas County. Their websites show similar goals and values to our District’s. He encouraged further research by other supervisors.

New Business:

Emily introduced the idea of creating a scholarship in the amount of $1000 to be awarded to a local student with interest in the environmental and natural sciences: See the attached description.

Kellie and Cal reported on the KWCB Awards Ceremony. Both were recipients of environmental awards. The Friends of Wakulla Springs State Park were also among the winners of an environmental award.

Cal reported that the Friends of Wakulla State Park will be hosting their annual car show in November. The car removed from the Donahue Sink last year. This would be a good opportunity for community outreach.

Kellie gave an update on the poster contest and it will be geared for the next school year. An essay contest was also discussed and Emily will be looking into available dates.

Cal gave the Springs Update. The darkening trend continues with a visibility reading of 25.9’ last week. Water level and flow are both up. Lots of critters including gators, manatees, water fowl and lots of mullet. Sheepshead were also seen downstream.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm. Moved by Kellie and seconded by Emily.