



## **Indian River Soil and Water Conservation District**

### **Monthly Meeting – March 9, 2015**

**Supervisors in attendance:** Chairman: David Gunter, Vice-Chairman: Robert Adair, Jr.,  
Secretary/Treasurer: David Cox, Member: Robert Lindsey

**Staff in attendance:** Kathy Charest, Staff Assistant IV, Community Development Dept.  
Howard Harrison, District Conservationist, USDA/NRCS

**Guests in attendance:** Stan Boling, Community Development Director  
Arjuna Weragoda, Indian River County Utilities Department  
Alexander Kromhout, Agricultural Community  
Fred & Flo Van Antwerp, Agricultural Community  
Mike & Cathie Ziegler, Ag. Resources Management  
Jill Grimaldi, CDM Smith  
Jedidiah Dunn, Okeechobee County Soil & Water Conservationist  
George Simons, Carter and Associates

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- 1.** The IRSWCD meeting was called to order at 1:15 PM by Chairman David Gunter
- 2.** There were no changes to the agenda.
- 3.** There were no minutes for February 2015 as there was not a quorum.
- 4.** The Financial Report for February 2015 was not available.
- 5.** Chairman David Gunter opened the discussion by asking that everyone introduce themselves. Vice-Chairman Adair then requested that George Simons be nominated as the Representative for Seat #1, replacing Marvin Carter.

**Motion: A motion to approve George Simons fill the vacancy for Seat #1 was made by Bob Adair and seconded by Bobby Lindsey. Motion carried unanimously.**

### **NEW BUSINESS**



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- 6. Chairman David Gunter informed the board that interviews were scheduled for Friday, March 13 for the vacant Staff Assistant II position. He hopes to have the position filled by the next scheduled board meeting.

**7. Draft Surface Water Feasibility Evaluation Request for Feedback**

Supervisor David Gunter opened the floor for comments and questions regarding the Feasibility Analysis. Jill Grimaldi of CDM Smith was there to answer questions from the board and the agricultural community. Discussion ensued regarding the report and Ag Community vs enterprise fund (utilities) costs. Ms. Grimaldi requested that all board members funnel comments through one board member. Bob Adair stated he would collect comments from the board and forward those comments to Ms. Grimaldi. The members of the Ag Community stated that would submit their comments to Ms. Grimaldi individually.

- 8. Howard Harrison, USDA/NRCS updated the Board on the 2014 Farm Bill and EQIP (Environmental Quality Incentive Program) applications (deadline was February 2015) as well as the Conservation Stewardship Plan (deadline 3/31/15) among other programs run by NRCS. Mr. Harrison also presented the National Civil Rights Review, Title VI and Title VII programs. He went on to explain that the Board is obligated to follow the same civil rights laws as NRCS. AD1026 form also needs to be filled out by the Board. Kathy Charest will send Howard the distribution list for sending additional information to the Board.

**REPORTS: None**

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 3:09 PM. Next meeting is April 13, 2015

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David Gunter, Chairman

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David Cox, Treasurer

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