



**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MONTHLY MEETING**

County Administration Bldg. B, Room B1-501  
1800 27<sup>th</sup> Street, Vero Beach, Florida  
December 11, 2017 – 1:00 P.M.

**AGENDA**

- 1. **CALL TO ORDER:** David Gunter, Chairman
- 2. **AGENDA REVIEW:** Additions or Changes
- 3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** November 13, 2017
- 4. **FINANCIAL REPORT:** David Cox, Treasurer

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- 5. Indian River Lagoon Council: Update
- 6. Sunbreak Farms – Letters mailed November 29, 2017 to Brian Accardo, General Counsel and Chad Brcka, Water Use Permit Reviewer with South Florida Water Management District
- 7. New Ranchette wording to be inserted for Pond?
- 8. Pursue funding opportunities for the Indian River County SWCD.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 9.

**REPORTS:**

Jennifer Abbey, NRCS  
Jake Fojtik, FDACS

**Board and Staff**

- Chair, IRSWCD, Seat #2 . . . . . David Gunter
  - Vice-Chair, IRSWCD, Seat #3. . . . . Robert Adair, Jr.
  - Sec-Treas, IRSWCD, Seat #5. . . . . David Cox
  - Member, IRSWCD, Seat #1 . . . . . George Simons
  - Member, IRSWCD, Seat #4. . . . . Bobby Lindsey
  - District Staff Assistant II, IRSWCD. . . . . Linda Caggiano
- Reviewing Government Grants for Water Conservation.
- Updated Service and Agency Partnership Updates pages of the IRSWCD Website.
  - Volunteering at Okeechobee AgVenture on Wednesday and Thursday, December 13 and 14, 2017.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR – DATES TO REMEMBER:**  
**January 8, 2018 1:00 PM**  
**County Administration Bldg. B–Conference Room B1-501**

**Monthly Meeting –November 13, 2017**

**Supervisors in attendance:** Vice-Chairman: Robert Adair, Jr., Secretary/Treasurer: Dr. David Cox, Bobby Lindsey, George Simons

**Staff in attendance:** Jennifer Abbey, District Conservationist, USDA/NRCS  
Crenel Francis, Easement Program Coordinator, USDA/NRCS  
Jake Fojtik, Environmental Specialist I, FDACS  
Linda Caggiano, Staff Assistant II, IRSWCD

**Public in attendance:** Judy Orcutt, Indian River Neighborhood Association – Lagoon Community  
Jill Grimaldi, CDM Smith

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. The IRSWCD meeting was called to order at 1:06 P.M. by Vice-Chairman Bob Adair.
2. The Agenda for November 13, 2017 approved.  
**Motion: A motion to approve Agenda was made by Bobby Lindsey and Seconded by Dr. David Cox.**
3. The minutes for October 9, 2017 were approved as written.  
**Motion: A motion to approve minutes was made by Dr. David Cox and Seconded by Bobby Lindsey.**  
**Motion carried unanimously.**
4. The Financial Report for October 2017 was available and read by Dr. David Cox.  
**Motion: A motion to approve financial report was made by Bobby Lindsey and seconded by Bob Adair, Jr. Motion carried unanimously.**
5. George Simons arrived to meeting at approximately 1:10 P.M.
6. Indian River Lagoon Council: Update Dr. Cox briefed the Board about IRL Science, Technology, Engineering and Modeling (STEM) Meeting for September 12 was cancelled and the next meeting is scheduled for November 28, 2017.
7. **Sunbreak Farms: Bob Adair mentioned that Sunbreak Farms was seeking a Water Use Permit, but the Permit Application did not show a pump station that is located at the NW corner of the property. Bobby Lindsey mentioned that the property is the former Coca Cola-Minute-Maid Grove, Cloud Grove property between Indian River and St. Lucie counties. Jill Grimaldi from CDM Smith spoke up at the meeting to give update on the Permit status due to St. Lucie County, Indian River County, and Indian River Soil and Water Conservation District are aware of the objection. Sunbreak Farms submitted a plan with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to use bio-solids as fertilizer at the facility in St. Lucie and Indian River counties. Sunbreak Farm would spread bio-solids near C-25 Canal, Taylor Creek. St. Lucie is trying to determine whether Sunbreak Farms' plan violates a temporary ban the county put on commercial composting facilities until it can approve an ordinance. The application excludes information pertaining to Section 3.A. of the form, "Discharges to Surface Waters." The existing Environmental Resource Permit (ERP) was transferred from Cloud Grove to Sunbreak Farms in 2016. This ERP allows for discharging of water from agricultural lands (Sunbreak Farms) to the C-25 canal system. It is unclear from the preliminary review of readily available permit transfer documents, if this discharge has been maintained for use by Sunbreak Farms. If the discharge is being maintained, there is a significant potential for transfer of surface water from the project site to the C-25 canal/surface water system. It is the opinion of CDM Smith that**

additional information should be requested of the applicant to further detail the issues of odor control, storm water management, aquifer protection and overall apparent inconsistencies within the application. Sunbreak Farms is stating they don't need to modify the ERP. Jill Grimaldi will email Linda Caggiano documentation: final St. Lucie County Commercial Composting Ordinance, information for the IRSWCD Board to send letter/comments on the current Water Use Permit Application, or file as an interested party on the Water Use Permit or Environmental Resource Permit.

**Motion: A motion to approve sending letter was made by Bobby Lindsey and Seconded by Dr. David Cox. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion: A motion to protect Indian River County from the bio-solids was made by Dr. David Cox and Seconded by George Simons. Motion carried unanimously**

#### NEW BUSINESS:

- 8. Crenel Francis, USDA-NRCS Easements Program Coordinator for the State of Florida, spoke to the Board.** NRCS is putting a lot of money in the State of Florida. Agricultural Conservation Easement Program for Wetlands Reserve Easements and Agricultural Land Easements. Program offers landowners two easement options: permanent easements and 30-year easements have a 50-acre minimum size with qualifying exceptions. NRCS wants help getting the word out to landowners regarding their Easement Program. Board agrees to put three documents on the IRSWCD website.

**Motion: A motion to add documents to IRSWCD website was made by Dr. David Cox and Seconded by George Simons. Motion carried unanimously.**

- 9.** Bobby Lindsey left meeting at approximately 2:15 P.M.

- 10.** Bob Adair would like the Board's support to look into obtaining grants/outside funding for use by the District. Possible uses for grant funding would be for a Mobile Irrigation Lab. He suggested that Linda could search what funding is available, and get back to Board at next meeting.

**Motion: A motion to assign Linda Caggiano to search funding opportunities through NACD, NRCS, etc. was made by Dr. David Cox and Seconded by George Simons. Motion carried unanimously.**

- 11.** Pelican Island Audubon Society Conference January 19 & 20, 2018 Transforming Landscapes for a Sustainable Future. Dr. David Cox would like to have posted on IRSWCD website.

#### REPORTS:

**Jennifer Abbey, NRCS** USDA Disaster Assistance and Hurricane Recovery Workshop held Oct. 25, 2017. USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Farm Service Agency (FSA) and Risk Management/Crop Insurance programs and resources available for farmers, ranchers and rural communities. Topics included emergency assistance for livestock & crop-related expenses and losses; financial assistance programs to help with farm and farmland damage; programs to help with restoration and rehabilitation of farm and ranch land. Updated Board on monthly report. Disbursed \$7,044 Conservation Application.

**Jake Fojtik, FDACS** Jake has a Cost Share Agreement with Atlantic Produce Growers, Inc. for John Deere equipment - \$26,969.51. Ready to have check issued to Farmer for reimbursement. Jake will forward information to Linda Caggiano when he has all paper work.

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  - Dues and Fees paid for NACD \$775.00, AFCD \$350.00, FCDEA \$10.00, FDEO \$175.00; Total of \$1,310.00 disbursed
  - Annual Reports Submitted: Public Depositor Annual Report 10/16/2017
  - Bank Fee reversal on 10/06/2017 and October fee reversed 11/10/2017.
  - FDAC Advanced Funds received of \$22,500.00 on 10/06/2017.
  - New Ranchette wording for Pond.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 2:40 PM. Next meeting is December 11, 2017

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Robert C. Adair, Jr., Vice - Chairman

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David Cox, Treasurer

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Date

**INDIAN RIVER SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2017**

Date Prepared: December 4, 2017

**CHECKING ACCOUNT**

<b><u>Beginning Balance: (November 1, 2017)</u></b>	<b>\$ 327.80</b>
<b>Deposits:</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>
<b>Interest Earned:</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>
<b>Withdrawals / Checks Cleared</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>
<b>Outstanding Checks</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>
<b><u>Ending Balance as of November 30, 2017:</u></b>	<b>\$ <u>327.80</u></b>
<b>Ending Checkbook Balance:</b>	<b><u>\$ 327.80</u></b>

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**MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT-MATURES EVERY 4<sup>th</sup> week of the Month**  
**INTEREST RATE IS CURRENTLY 0.15%**

<b><u>Beginning Balance: (October 26, 2017)</u></b>	<b>\$18,363.34</b>
<b>Deposits:</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>
<b>Interest Earned: (November 26, 2017)</b>	<b>\$ 2.41</b>
<b>Withdrawals:</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>
<b><u>Ending Balance as of November 26, 2017:</u></b>	<b><u>\$18,365.75</u></b>

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**FDACS CHECKING ACCOUNT**

<b><u>Beginning Balance: (November 1, 2017)</u></b>	<b>\$22,594.05</b>
<b>Deposits:</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>
<b>Maintenance Fee Reverse</b>	<b>\$ 12.00</b>
<b>Interest Earned: (November 30, 2017)</b>	<b>\$ 4.64</b>
<b>Withdrawals / Checks Cleared:</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>
<b>Service Charge:</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>
<b><u>Ending Balance as of November 30, 2017</u></b>	<b><u>\$22,610.69</u></b>
<b><u>Ending Checkbook Balance:</u></b>	<b><u>\$22,610.69</u></b>

**Grand Total of all Bank Accounts on 11/30/2017: \$41,304.24**