

Monthly Meeting – July 09, 2018

Supervisors in attendance: David E. Gunter, Chairman
Robert C. Adair, Jr., Vice-Chairman
Dr. David L. Cox, Secretary/Treasurer
George A. Simons, Member
Bobby Lindsey, Member

Staff in attendance: Linda Caggiano, Staff Assistant II, IRSWCD
Susan Adams, Indian River Board of County Commissioners
Jennifer Abbey, District Conservationist, USDA/NRCS
Jake Fojtik, Environmental Specialist I, FDACS

Public in attendance: Stephen J. Sczurek, Candidate for IRSWCD Seat 3

OLD BUSINESS

1. The IRSWCD meeting was called to order at 1:32 P.M. by Chairman David E. Gunter.
2. There were no additions/changes to the Agenda.
3. The minutes for June 11, 2018 were approved as written.
Motion: A motion to approve minutes was made by Dr. David L. Cox and Seconded by Bobby Lindsey. Motion carried unanimously.
4. The Financial Report for June 2018 was available and read by Dr. David L. Cox.
Motion: A motion to approve financial report was made by Bobby Lindsey and seconded by George A. Simons. Motion carried unanimously.
5. **Indian River Lagoon Council: update**
No new updates, until after tomorrow- July 10, 2018 per Dr. David L. Cox. Next Board Meeting a new report will be provided.
6. **Biosolids**
 - A. Biosolids Appointee deadline was Friday, July 6, 2018 5:00 PM. No Board Members appointed.
 - B. Dr. David L. Cox asked Chairman to return to item 6 -Biosolids. Suggest IRSWCD to communicate to our county commission our support of their moratorium and of them directing staff to prepare an ordinance. To perhaps built on language that St. Lucie County and Martin County have adopted and attach our prior letter written by David Gunter. To reiterate our support and belief that other counties need to find a way to deal with their biosolids, in the way Indian River County deals with our biosolids.
Motion: A motion to discuss sending a letter to Indian River County was made by Dr. David L. Cox and seconded by Robert C. Adair, Jr. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board discussed the Biosolid Moratorium in Indian River County. It would probably be a six (6) month moratorium. During that time, county staff would be able to gather facts to see what regulatory powers the county would have. DEP and SJWMD, and other agencies are assisting, to try and pin-point where the nutrient load is coming from and what exactly “it” is. Then IRSWCD would be able to make an informed decision at that time, to see what our position might be with respect for further action.” Board of Supervisors want to send a letter to the Indian River Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) to show support of the biosolid

moratorium and to have the BOCC direct staff to prepare an ordinance

Motion: A motion to send a letter to Indian River County Commissioners was made by Dr. David L. Cox and seconded by Bobby Lindsey. Motion carried unanimously.

7. **Financial Audit:** David Gunter spoke to the Board about the audit and his conversation with Patrick Graham, CPA. Per the statutes, Counties contribution for office space and for Linda's salary to report that as "in kind". It was IRSWCD's understanding, that the county's audit - general services which covered this was sufficient. After getting into FDACS grants and revenue, it put us over the threshold. We are now required to have a budget that indicates the "in kind contributes from the county to zero out revenue and expense; at the end the balance is our budget. We need to adopt a budget for this Fiscal Year 2017-2018 and then Fiscal Year 2018-2019. Both budgets are in the packet. The Board was given time to review and understand the Budgets.

Motion: A motion to approve Fiscal Year Budget for 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 was made by Bobby Lindsey and seconded by Dr. David L. Cox. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion: A motion to approve the "Draft Audit-As Submitted" was made by Dr. David L. Cox and seconded by Robert C. Adair, Jr. Motion carried unanimously.

8. **FPL's OCEC (Okeechobee Clean Energy Center):**

A. Bobby Lindsey status update: Has been in contact with Dan Rooney, one of the three landowner's, needs to till contact Gary Pressley and Kevin Bynum to see if they are doing independent testing.

B. David E. Gunter status update: Still working with Doug Bournique to regarding the "Quality" added to their rules.

NEW BUSINESS:

9. **Soil and Water Elections:** Qualifying Week ended on Friday, June 22, 2018 at Noon. Primary Election - August 28, General Election - November 6, 2018. Candidate list read to Board for **Seat 1:** Shawn Paul Elliott, Travis Galbraith **Seat 3:** Bob Adair, Delia Carmen Ramirez, Stephen J. Sczurek **Seat 5:** David L. Cox.

(Note: Susan Adams excused herself from meeting at 1:56 pm. Board thanked her for attending the Board Meeting.)

David E. Gunter, Chairman, asked Mr. Sczurek what is his experience in water and soil, and farming is?

Mr. Sczurek does not have experience in water, soil, or farming, but is informed of the County's water issues with the lagoon, fertilizer ordinance, and familiar with the needs of the County and area. Dealing with problems with pollution, algae problems, or invasive species of plants, which is harming the whole ecology of the county. May have been written for farms, but has to take a broader purpose and perspective

David E. Gunter asked Mr. Sczurek if he is familiar with and what started the Soil and Water Conservation Districts Nationwide. To insure the federal programs were working, towards the needs of the local farmers and essentially an agricultural based organization. Over the years supervisors have

been tied to agriculture, if not directly involved, then involved in the engineering associated with agriculture. Statues we are organized under are very narrow and our realm of responsibility we cannot go outside the statues that we are organized under. We cannot just strike out on our own, we do not have any regulatory authority. We have to bring our knowledge and experience to the table.

REPORTS:

Jennifer Abbey, NRCS: 10 of 45 Active Contracts totaling approximately \$670,000.00 over approximately 5,800 acres. EQIP: 8 Active Contracts. 10 applications for FY 18, 4 applications currently preapproved for funding. CSP: 2 Active Contracts. 4 applications for FY 18.

Jake Fojtik, FDACS: Submitting FDACS Reimbursement packets to Linda to finish out the 2017/2018 Contract. New Contract is in effect.

Linda Caggiano IRSWCD:

- ❖ **AFCD Workshop** meeting Thursday, August 2, 2018
- ❖ **AFCD Annual Meeting in Ocala** Thursday, August 23, - Saturday, August 25, 2018. *Early Bird Registration deadline July 20, 2018.* Travel Budget with the County has been expended. The total cost of Ocala trip is \$534.30, County would pay 50% if SWCDD paid the other 50%. **Motion: A motion to approve paying 50% of Ocala trip was made by Bobby Lindsey and seconded by Robert C. Adair, Jr. Motion carried unanimously.**

Board and Staff

- Chair, IRSWCD, Seat #2 David E. Gunter
- Vice-Chair, IRSWCD, Seat #3 Robert C. Adair, Jr.
- Sec-Treasurer, IRSWCD, Seat #5 Dr. David L. Cox
- Member, IRSWCD, Seat #1 George A. Simons
- Member, IRSWCD, Seat #4 Bobby Lindsey
- District Staff Assistant II, IRSWCD Linda Caggiano

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 2:21 PM. Next meeting is August 13, 2018.

David E. Gunter, Chairman

Date

David L. Cox, Secretary/Treasurer

Date