



Monthly Meeting –January 8, 2018

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

Staff in attendance: Jennifer Abbey, District Conservationist, USDA/NRCS
Jake Fojtik, Environmental Specialist I, FDACS
Linda Caggiano, Staff Assistant II, IRSWCD
Eric Charest, Environmental Compliance Specialist, IRC Utilities

Public in attendance: None

OLD BUSINESS

1. The IRSWCD meeting was called to order at 1:08 P.M. by Chairman David E. Gunter.
2. The addition/change to Agenda for January 8, 2018 was made by Dr. David L. Cox, under Old Business should read: **5A.** Indian River Lagoon Council; **5B.** Pelican Island Audubon Society Conference.
3. The minutes for December 11, 2017 were approved as written.
Motion: A motion to approve minutes was made by Dr. David L. Cox and Seconded by George A. Simons. Motion carried unanimously.
4. The Financial Report for December 2017 was available and read by Dr. L. David Cox.
Motion: A motion to approve financial report was made by George A. Simons and seconded by Robert C. Adair, Jr. Motion carried unanimously.
5. **Report from Jennifer Abbey;** (Gave report early due to meeting to attend by 1:30 p.m.) End date for EQIP sign-up from Irma damages has past. Provide technical service to the Farm Service Agency with their disaster program- Emergency Conservation Program. Make visits: cost estimates on culverts, grading, and shaping. Citrus Show in Ft. Pierce January 24 and 25, 2018.
6. **Indian River Lagoon Council: update**
Dr. David L. Cox informed the Board that there was no STEM meeting held in December 2017. Council does have five Requests for Proposals (RFPs) in support of the Indian River Lagoon National Estuary Program, Restoration Projects Funding Available - \$860,000.00. Discussion among the Board to engage in partnership in Citizen Engagement and Education Project. *David E. Gunter arrived 1:22 P.M., Robert C. Adair, Jr. turned meeting over to David E. Gunter.*
Motion: A motion to approve sending application/letter and to be approved by Supervisors to the Indian River Lagoon National Estuary Program (IRLNEP) for Educational Purposes for the grant was made by Linda Caggiano, Staff Assistant II and the form of application will be circulated to the Supervisors and when approved, Supervisors will email approved application, and then David E. Gunter can sign. Seconded by Robert C. Adair, Jr. Motion carried unanimously.
7. Pelican Island Audubon Society Conference – Transforming Landscapes for a Sustainable Future, to be held on January 19 & 20, 2018. Dr. David L. Cox spoke about the upcoming conference topics: Learning to enhance your yard with native plants in single family/ residential landscapes helps to reduce water consumption and the use of fertilizer.



8. **Sunbreak Farms:** Water Use Individual Permit #: 56-00111-W, Date Issued: December 20, 2017, Expiration Date: August 10, 2025. Water Use Permit that continues the existing Environmental Resource Permit when property was citrus. Plant Station 7 was not on the drawing when submitted for Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) permit.
9. Reviewed SFWMD Modeling, assumptions for 2013 Base Case and 2040 Predictive Simulations, calculations of irrigation demands, and water levels. FDEP: Biosolids in Florida-2013 Summary reviewed and FDEP Map Direct tool online. There are four (4) biosolid application sites in Indian River County. Discussion among the Board Members concerning the biosolids site applications in Indian River County. Robert C. Adair, Jr. stated, "His concerns about biosolids applied on agricultural land and diluting contaminants on agricultural land." David E. Gunter, stated "Agricultural Rule of applying appropriately at correct Agronomic rate." George A. Simons asked, "Eric Charest what does Indian River County do with its waste?" Eric Charest stated, "That the county de-waters and sends to the land-fills. No the county does not spread the fields in IRC." George A. Simons stated, "If the County Utilities Department is spending more money to dispose of the waste in the land-fill, because they think it is prudent and the right thing to do for our county, then why are we allowing other counties to bring their waste and spread it on our land?" Dr. David L. Cox stated, "I don't know how IRSWCD would approach Mr. Boling/ County Planning to have someone research whether there are counties that have developed Ordinances to control the biosolid situation. If Indian River County dries their biosolids and puts in land-fill. IRSWCD questions whether there is a county staff that could look into, to see if there are County Ordinances that would eliminate importing of biosolids and land spreading on private property from outside of the county?"
Motion: A motion to send letter to Stan Boling was made by Robert C. Adair, Jr. and Seconded by Dr. David L. Cox. Motion carried unanimously. Robert C. Adair, Jr. Amends the Motion to Carbon Copy Vincent Burke and Eric Charest.

Motion: A motion to discuss by George A. Simons, "If our own County Utility Department does not do it, then there must have been a reasonable process where they handle those different things they do with it and came up with this one and ends up in the land-fill. If it had to do with the health, wealth, and safety concern of the citizens, it's a no brainer, if they prohibit it." David E. Gunter all in favor, signified by saying I, Members all replied "I" Motion carried unanimously.
10. Flying L Ranch: Letters sent to Ann Shortelle, Executive Director of SJRWMD, William Abrams, General Counsel for SJRWMD. David Cox mentioned that in terms of dry tonnage of biosolids, Indian River County already accepts 13% of the States total biosolids.

NEW BUSINESS:

11. David Gunter noted that someone is spreading wood chips at a higher than agronomic rate. Mr. Mulch – Russell Payne is dumping mulch six feet deep in acreage. Claims the mulch is used for soil amendments has to be composted - controlled aerobic conditions (requires oxygen). PH coming out of the site is 5.8. Property is obviously a dump site. Stock pile of stumps that are not from property but from landfill. Odor is foul; 320,000 yards on 25 acres (#'s approximately). Department of Agriculture is strict, you can chip debris/stumps on your site (property the stumps come from), but Russell Payne is importing stumps from other sites. Property is a dump site, not soil amendment. Jake Fojtik mentioned that Linda Crane, Environmental Specialist III with FDACS in Okeechobee office has been calling DEP to get them involved.



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REPORTS:

Jake Fojtik, FDACS Jake sent paperwork to Linda Caggiano. Check sent to Atlantic Produce, Inc. for reimbursement. Has other projects in the works for the balance of the FDACS funds.

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
- Grant, Dr. David L. Cox submitted was reviewed. Florida DEP Water Restoration Assistance Federal Clean Water Act Grant: IRSWCD is eligible, but requires 40% match. TML grant requires a minimum of 50% total project cost in matching funds.
 - Volunteered at Okeechobee Ag-Venture December 13 and 14, 2017. Good educational project for IRSWCD and work with Ag-Ext. to discuss the possibility of something like this next year in our County.
 - County is no longer videotaping IRSWCD meetings.
 - Received posters from schools. Will judge the week of January 22 – 26, 2018. More than half of the posters are disqualified due to incorrect size. Will send “Thank You” letters to schools for submitting posters and hope they will continue to send next year.
 - 4-Biosolid Application Sites in Indian River County: Corrigan Ranch, Flying L Ranch, Ox Creek, and Pressley Ranch.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 2:54 PM. Next meeting is February 12, 2018.

David E. Gunter, Chairman

02-13-18
Date

David L. Cox, Treasurer

02/12/2018
Date