



Indian River Soil and Water
CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Monthly Meeting –March 12, 2018

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

Public in attendance: Judy Orcutt, Indian River Neighborhood Association
Bob Ulevich, Corrigan Ranch/Polymath Consulting Services, LLC
Susan Adams, Indian River County Commissioner, District 1

OLD BUSINESS

1. The IRSWCD meeting was called to order at 1:02 P.M. by Chairman David E. Gunter.
2. There were no additions/changes to the Agenda.
3. The minutes for February 12, 2018 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 February 2018 was available and read by Dr. L. David Cox.
Motion: A motion to approve financial report was made by Robert C. Adair, Jr. and seconded by George A. Simons. Motion carried unanimously.
5. **Indian River Lagoon Council: update**
 - Dr. David L. Cox informed the Board that there were no additional STEM updates since last month's meeting to present.
 - David E. Gunter mentioned a Florida local bill for Indian River Lagoon restoration projects, if the Governor Signs. Bob Ulevich mentioned that Senator Debbie Mayfield had filed a bill which annually allocates \$50 million from the Land Acquisition Trust Fund for projects dedicated to the Indian River Lagoon Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan. The bill did not pass.
6. **Biosolids**
 - A. Regional Summit: Friday, June 8, 2018 – Ft. Pierce.
 - B. Letter from David E. Gunter to Stan Boling dated 1/26/2018
Letter from Stan Boling to David E. Gunter dated 2/15/2018.

(Staff's Note: Supervisor Lindsey joined the meeting at 1:14 p.m.)

David E. Gunter discussed the letter from Stan Boling "local governments including Indian River County are pre-empted by the state from regulating bona fide agricultural operations including the agricultural practice of soil amendment through FDEP permitted biosolids applications." Mr. Gunter, does not have a problem with the use of the biosolids as long as they use the pre-requisite water quality testing where they are using it, to insure it is staying there. Good source of nutrients



for them to use in an agricultural operations. Sensitive drainage basin should require a FDACS, FDEP, or the Water Management District pre-requisite water quality testing to insure not transporting nutrients offsite. As per my letter, there appears to be disconnect between FDEP and FDACS concerning water quality issues. Will probably have to lobby the regulatory agencies for. Further discussion of phosphorus and biosolids

7. **FPL's OCEC:** Letter sent to Bart Gartjens on 2/28/2018.

NEW BUSINESS:

8. **Financial Audit:** The Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Annual Financial Report and Annual Financial Audit Report are due June 30, 2018. Staff-Assistant Linda Caggiano sent letter to Charlene Meeks, AFCD to determine if an independent audit is required due to the FDACS funds. Waiting for reply.

Motion: A motion to approve getting funds from FDACS to get Financial Firm for Audit, if required, was made by Bobby Lindsey and seconded by Dr. David L. Cox. Motion carried unanimously.

9. **Pond Design:** David Gunter mentioned that a resident called inquiring about a pond design for his Fellsmere property. David told the Board that the IRSWCD Website, Services page states: "Pond Design - In cooperation with the Indian River County - Community Development Department, as part of the permitting process, the district provides pond designs which include soil information, quantity available for house pads..." Due to IRSWCD no longer having staff to assist in pond design, residents will be required to hire an engineering firm to obtain a pond design and soil information suitable for needs required.

Motion: A motion to remove Pond Design from website was made by Bobby Lindsey and seconded by Robert C. Adair., Jr. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS:

Jennifer Abbey, NRCS: Updated Board on monthly activity per her report.

Jake Fojtik, FDACS: Submitted three (3) contracts to IRSWCD office and have several more to submit.

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
 - Envirothon held Friday, February 23, 2018
 - Poster Contest: mailed posters to LaBelle (Southwest of IRC) for Area 4 meeting 5/10/2018.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 2:03 PM. Next meeting is April 9, 2018.

 David E. Gunter, Chairman

4/9/2018

 Date

 David L. Cox, Secretary/Treasurer

04/09/2018

 Date