

**Monthly Meeting – August 13, 2018**

**Supervisors in attendance:** David E. Gunter, Chairman  
Dr. David L. Cox, Secretary/Treasurer  
George A. Simons, Member

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

**Public in attendance:** Bob Ulevich – Corrigan Ranch  
Dr. Richard Baker – Pelican Island Audubon Society  
Stephen J. Sczurek, Candidate for IRSWCD Seat 3

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. The IRSWCD meeting was called to order at 1:36 P.M. by Chairman David E. Gunter.
2. There were no additions/changes to the Agenda.
3. The minutes for July 9, 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 July 2018 was available and read by Dr. David L. Cox.  
**Motion: A motion to approve financial report was made by George A. Simons and seconded by Dr. David L. Cox. Motion carried unanimously.**
5. **Indian River Lagoon Council: update**
  - ❖ Dr. David L. Cox updated the Board, the STEM Meeting was held July 10, 2018. Mentioned that Dr. Chuck Jacoby, St. Johns River Water Management District commented on Water Quality of the Lagoon is cooler. The Banana River is in bloom with chlorophyll levels high for July 2018.
  - ❖ Dr. Duane De Freese, Ph.D., IRL Council Executive Director mentioned idea of seven (7) potential connections to the inlet, enhance inner circulation causeway to high bridges. Modeling, independent funding (talking stage).
  - ❖ Dr. Randall Parkinson, Sea Level Solutions Center, RW Parkinson Consulting, Inc. studies the resilience to climate change and sea level rise; it is happening now.
  - ❖ Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan draft now on IRLNEP website.
  - ❖ Dr. Cox had a handout for the Board: “Notice of Decision” from the IRLNEP –Request for Project Proposals. Indian River County has 5-Fully Funded Projects and 1 Partially Funded Project.
6. **Biosolids:**
  - A. IRC Biosolid Moratorium; Board letter to BOCC – Dr. David L. Cox to review
  - B. Sunbreak Farms Complaint filed 7/24/2018.
7. **Financial Audit:** Financial Audit Invoice \$7,585.00. FDACS has not responded to email regarding amount they will pay.  
**Motion: A motion to approve paying the Financial Audit Invoice of \$7,585.00 was made by Dr. David L. Cox and seconded by George A. Simons. Motion carried unanimously.**

8. **FPL's OCEC (Okeechobee Clean Energy Center): (Put on Agenda for Next Month when full Board is Present.)**
  - A. Bobby Lindsey status update
  - B. David E. Gunter status update:
9. **Soil and Water Elections: Primary Election - August 28, General Election – November 6, 2018**

#### NEW BUSINESS:

10. **Indian River County Clean Water Coalition:** Dr. Richard Baker from Pelican Island Audubon Society spoke to the Board to invite IRSWCD to partner with the IRC Clean Water Coalition. David E. Gunter recommended that Linda Caggiano sends a letter to Dylan Reingold, IRC County Attorney. The IRSWCD Board needs to get clarification if there are any limitations/problems; since our Board is elected, if the Board were to partner with the IRC Clean Water Coalition.

#### REPORTS:

##### Jennifer Abbey, NRCS:

- ❖ Farm Bill Programs: 12 of 50 Active Contracts totaling approximately \$670,000.00 over approximately 5,800 acres. EQIP: 10 Active Contracts. 1 additional pending approval. Accepting applications for FY 2019; CSP: 2 Active Contracts. 4 applications for FY 18. Accepting application for FY 2019. ACEP-WRE: Accepting applications for 2019.
- ❖ Local Working Group Meeting - **(Put on Agenda for Next Month when full Board is Present.)**

**Jake Fojtik, FDACS:** Finishing the paperwork on FDACS Reimbursement 2017/2018 Contract. The 2018 / 2019 Contract is now in effect.

##### Linda Caggiano IRSWCD:

- ❖ **AFCD Workshop Training:** Held Thursday, August 2, 2018. NRCS, FDACS, and SWCD were in attendance. NRCS, "Portrait of a Successful Conservation District", IRCSWCD attains 9 of 14 objectives. Board will reimburse for travel.
- ❖ **AFCD Annual Meeting in Ocala** Thursday, August 23, - Saturday, August 25, 2018. *Early Bird Registration deadline July 20, 2018.* County Travel Budget exhausted. District would have to pay full cost of \$542.29, if Linda should attend.  
**Motion: A motion to approve paying 100% of Ocala trip was made by Dr. David L. Cox and seconded by George A. Simons. 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 2:33 PM. Next meeting is September 10, 2018.

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David E. Gunter, Chairman

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David L. Cox, Secretary/Treasurer

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