

**Monthly Meeting – September 10, 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  
Jake Fojtik, Environmental Specialist I, FDACS  
Christine Kelly-Begazo, County Extension Director/Ag. Agent

**Public in attendance:**

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. The IRSWCD meeting was called to order at 1:30 P.M. by Chairman David E. Gunter.
2. Christine Kelly-Begazo, County Extension Director/Ag. Agent attended meeting. Sunday's paper had an Editorial by Julie K. Bjornson, Stuart to warn the public and ban glyphosate in Martin County. "Glyphosate herbicides also destroy soil bacteria, a cause of citrus greening. The trees die of starvation - not bugs." Christine recommends someone respond in writing to clarify. She will send to possibly State BMP person.
3. The minutes for August 13, 2018 were approved as written.  
**Motion: A motion to approve minutes was made by Bobby Lindsey and Seconded by Dr. David L. Cox. Motion carried unanimously.**
4. The Financial Report for August 2018 was available and read by Dr. David L. Cox.  
**Motion: A motion to accept the financial report was made by Dr. David L. Cox and seconded by Bobby Lindsey. Motion carried unanimously.**
5. **Indian River Lagoon Council: update**
  - ❖ Dr. David L. Cox updated the Board, a STEM Meeting will be held September 11, 2018.
6. **Biosolids:**
  - A. Dr. David L. Cox handed IRC BOCC Inter-Office Memorandum dated August 27, 2018, requesting the Board to consider adopting a Resolution similar to the Resolution #18-03 adopted by the Treasurer Coast Regional Planning Council addressing biosolids and biosolids applications. Per David E. Gunter, "One of the points we are trying to make here, if they don't make any changes they should require water quality testing on properties that receive the biosolids. Don't know of any crop growing in this state that needs that much phosphorous." Bobby Lindsey also commented, "Another big issue, that it would take a quadrupling the size of the reservoir for Sunbreak Farms to not discharge, but they are going to need to be able to hold water onsite, don't know the period following a rainfall event; but way more than what they have. David E. Gunter, "If they have to meet the water quality standards and they don't have that presumption of compliance under Best Management Practices Program, then they are applying the biosolid spread with the nitrogen in it. Along with that nitrogen comes about 40 – 100 times more phosphorous the soil ever needs. BMP program list normal agronomic rates. Bobby Lindsey recommends getting someone higher at FDACS to come to our meeting – Clegg Hooks. David E. Gunter, recommends sending an "Invite " to Clegg Hooks with FDACS, let him know; "As IRSWCD understands the BMP Program, nutrients

have to be applied at normal agronomic rate. In the event, the Landowner/Producer is spreading biosolids that far exceeds the normal agronomic rate. Does that in fact trip him out of the BMP Program and he is not in compliance now; will the Landowner/Producer lose his presumption of compliance of water quality and/or any other FDACS programs? Dr. David L. Cox will re-write the letter to the BOCC, stating that the IRSWCD does support the Moratorium and the Resolution.

**Motion: A motion to send letter to BOCC supporting the Moratorium and Resolution was made by Bobby Lindsey and seconded by Dr. David L. Cox. Motion carried unanimously.**

7. **Financial Audit:** Invoice sent to FDACS for payment. Waiting for reimbursement.
8. **FPL's OCEC (Okeechobee Clean Energy Center):**
  - A. Bobby Lindsey has spoken to the property owners. Both Gary Pressley, and Kevin Bynum have completed independent testing. Dan Rooney has not done any testing, but getting recommendations.
  - B. David E. Gunter has spoken to Doug Bournique to have "Quality" added to their rules, but it is not going to happen. Difficult to mitigate and for landowners to make the case and prove it, a lot of work involved.
9. **Indian River County Clean Water Coalition:** Linda Caggiano sent a letter to Dylan Reingold, IRC County Attorney. Board reviewed reply from Dylan Reingold. Dr. David L. Cox basically stated three concerns from the email: "1.) Public Records problem for IRC Clean Water Coalition. 2.) Sunshine Law having two or more Board Members not discuss something in their involvement in the IRC Clean Water Coalition that may reasonably, foreseeably come before IRSWCD. 3.) IRC Clean Water Coalition may share similar goals and concerns and sometimes not." David E. Gunter stated, "We can support Dr. Richard Baker in specific programs, have an objective they want to do, present the program to the Board for discussion. Wish him well."

**Motion: A motion to send letter to Dr. Richard Baker, Pelican Island Audubon Society explaining our position was made by Dr. David L. Cox and seconded by Bobby Lindsey. Motion carried unanimously.**

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

10. **Local Working Group Meeting –NRCS.** Linda Caggiano stated, "Per our contract with NRCS, SWCD is required to have a Local Working Group Meeting one Time in a Fiscal Year an Out Reach to help let the Public know what SWCD role is, sharing information, resources, concerns, who is going to be coming into your position down the road. Producers/Growers, FDACS, NRCS, SJRWMD, Farm Bureau, Cattlemen's Association, and 4-H College Students should be in attendance. SWCD – Common goal to promote and maintain producers. Depending on the area, can be 20-70 people. Boards need to get more involved in BMP's assistance from FDACS." Bobby Lindsey stated, "To satisfy NRCS, and keep it simple, and strictly a Local Working Group, incorporate with our next Monthly Meeting - October 8, 2018."

**Motion: A motion to hold Local Working Group Meeting during next Board Meeting was made by Bobby Lindsey and seconded by Dr. David L. Cox. Motion carried unanimously.**

**REPORTS:**

**Jennifer Abbey, NRCS:**

- ❖ Farm Bill Programs: 11 of 50 Active Contracts totaling approximately \$670,000.00 over approximately 5,800 acres. EQIP: 9 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.

**Jake Fojtik, FDACS:** The 2018 /2019 Contract is now in effect.

**Linda Caggiano IRSWCD:**

- ❖ **AFCD Annual Meeting in Ocala** Thursday, August 23, - Saturday, August 25, 2018. Plaques given to: David E. Gunter – Over 40 years of Services, Bobby Lindsey – Over 30 years of Service, and Robert C. Adair, Jr. – Over 20 years of Service. Sunshine Law, Ethics Training, Partner Panel, Parliamentary Procedure Training, Supervisor Training. Very good speakers and informative.

**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 2:43 PM. Next meeting is October 8, 2018.

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David E. Gunter, Chairman

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David L. Cox, Secretary/Treasurer

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