

Monthly Meeting – December 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
Jennifer Abbey, District Conservationist, USDA/NRCS
Christine Kelly-Begazo, County Extension Director/Ag. Agent
Jake Fojtik, Environmental Specialist I, FDACS
Julianne Price, Department of Health - IRC

Public in attendance: Judy Orcutt, Indian River Neighborhood Association
Charlene Meeks, AFCD
Kaylee Durrance, AFCD

OLD BUSINESS

1. The IRSWCD meeting was called to order at 1:31 P.M. by Vice-Chairman Robert C. Adair, Jr.
2. There were no additions/changes to the Agenda.
3. The minutes for November 5, 2018 Board Meeting 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.

(Staff's Note: Supervisor Bobby Lindsey joined the meeting at 1:33 P.M.)

(Staff's Note: Chairman David E. Gunter joined the meeting at 1:34 P.M.; Vice-Chairman Robert C. Adair, Jr. turned the meeting over to Chairman David E. Gunter.)

4. The Financial Report for November was available and read by Dr. L. David Cox.
Motion: A motion to accept the financial report as presented was made by Robert C. Adair, Jr. and seconded by George A. Simons. Motion carried unanimously.
5. **Indian River Lagoon Council:** Progress is being made to the Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan. Meeting to be held December 13, 2018.
6. **Election held on Tuesday, November 6, 2018:** Seat 1: Shawn Paul Elliott; Seat 3: Bob Adair; Seat 5: David L. Cox. Package with instructions provided to re-elected Supervisors and Out-Going Supervisor to complete and file with Supervisor of Elections and Secretary of State.
7. **Biosolids:** Discussion by Christine Kelly Begazo from County extension Office. Soil and Tissue samples were taken from the Pressley Ranch. Results of testing indicate medium to high phosphorous. SJRWMD paid for the testing and wanted a base-line composite Agricultural Extension took 400 samples, pulled to have 20 soil and 20 tissue samples analyzed.
Motion: A motion have the SWCD Secretary (Dr. David L. Cox) to write a letter to the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) summarizing the points /problems with the biosolids, DEP permitting was made by Robert C. Adair, Jr. and Seconded Bobby Lindsey. Motion carried unanimously.

- 8. **NACD Urban Agriculture Conservation Grant Initiative:** Discussion by Dr. David L. Cox
After amendment, a motion was approve to submit the Grant by the end of December 30, 2018 Grant will include: Veterans who want to be farmers, start with backyard farming or urban farming educate and train veterans living Gifford, and other underserved minority communities in IRC. The farmed product provides a healthier diet, grow other foods locally and sustainably. Grant will include Veterans, Gifford, and Department of Health. Grant submitted to **the NACD Urban Agriculture Conservation Grant Initiative was made by Bobby Lindsey and Seconded by Robert C. Adair, Jr. Motion carried unanimously.**

- 9. **Financial Audit for year ending 2018:** Documents delivered to Patrick on November 14, 2018. David E. Gunter spoke to Patrick Graham on November 6, 2018 and the audit fee cap will be \$4,000.00.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 10. **AFCD:** Charlene Meeks and Kaylee Durrance. Mentioned the grant is not complex; Board could get application in by end of December 2018. NACD Meeting in San Antonio, TX to be held February 2-6, 2019. AFCD Annual Meeting will be July 11-13, 2019.

REPORTS:

Jennifer Abbey, NRCS:

Farm Bill Programs: 13 of 48 Active contracts totaling approximately \$809,000 over approximately 7,400 acres.

EQIP: 9 Active Contracts. Accepting applications for FY 2019. Deadline December 21, 2018.

CSP: 4 active Contracts. Accepting applications for FY 2019.

ACEP-WRE: Accepting applications for FY 2019. Deadline December 31, 2018.

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
- ❖ Discussed signage for Soil and Water at entry way of Building and Front Door of Office. Mention to Stan Boling.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 2:43 PM. Next meeting is January 14, 2019.

David E. Gunter, Chairman

Date

David L. Cox, Secretary/Treasurer

Date