

Monthly Meeting – November 5, 2018

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

Staff in attendance: Linda Caggiano, Staff Assistant II, IRSWCD
Jake Fojtik, Environmental Specialist I, FDACS
Arjuna Weragoda, P.E. Capital Projects Manager

Public in attendance: Judy Orcutt, Indian River Neighborhood Association

OLD BUSINESS

1. The IRSWCD meeting was called to order at 1:34 P.M. by Chairman David E. Gunter.
2. There were no additions/changes to the Agenda.
3. The minutes for October 8, 2018 Board Meeting were approved as written.
Motion: A motion to approve minutes was made by Dr. David L. Cox and Seconded by Robert C. Adair, Jr. Motion carried unanimously.
4. The minutes for October 8, 2018 Local Working Group were approved as written.
Motion: A motion to approve minutes was made by Dr. David L. Cox and Seconded by Robert C. Adair, Jr. Motion carried unanimously.
5. The Financial Report for October 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 Dr. David L. Cox. Motion carried unanimously.
6. **Indian River Lagoon Council:** Progress is being made to the Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan. October and November 2018 meetings have been cancelled.
7. **Election Day, Tuesday, November 6, 2018.**
Seat 1: Shawn Paul Elliott Travis Galbraith
Seat 3: Bob Adair Delia Carmen Ramirez Stephen J. Sczurek
Seat 5: David L. Cox
8. **Biosolids:** Per David E. Gunter, “Phosphorous loading target ranges and water quality in the Kissimmee River Basin and the Northern Shore of Lake Okeechobee, the Locks on Kissimmee River at the South end of Lake Kissimmee coming from the North balance of the flood plains from SR 60 and the Lake. The area was the prime dumping ground of biosolids for the past 30 years. Interesting to see what steps are taken to reduce in the inflow from those properties North of the Lake and in the Kissimmee River Floodplain. I suspect DEP and Department of Agriculture will have to work together with the State of Florida to come up with a plan because if it is as predicted a 200 year problem, I don’t think the Lake can withstand the cause of flooding for that period of time. If the answer is to add aluminum and iron to re-mineralize the phosphorous that is in that soil profile or what. I don’t think it is feasible to stop the discharge. The Kissimmee River Basin is approximately 3,000 square miles of drainage and cannot just stop it from going into storm water. Need to come up with a method to re-mineralize that phosphorous in a non-waterable soluble state, so runoff can cross it. Cannot just look at what was applied. Have to look at the results of soil test, soil type to determine what the soil storage potential for phosphorous is. The

days of land spreading may be over. Whether incinerating, keep clean air, dispose of the ash properly, or dried completed added to lined landfills. The counties in the state that are transporting the sludge are going to have to find another way of disposing of the waste. The Kissimmee River and Lake Okeechobee was a wakeup call. The State of Florida, DEP, and FDACS will need to work together to find a resolution. Florida is a “Right to Farm” State. Landowners have volunteered not to apply the biosolids.

NEW BUSINESS:

9. Meetings of the Indian River County Soil and Water Conservation District - Proposed Schedule of 2019 Meeting Dates.
Motion: A motion to approve the Indian River Soil and Water Conservation District Meeting Schedule for 2018/2019 as presented was made by Dr. David L. Cox and seconded by Robert C. Adair, Jr. Motion carried unanimously.

10. **Indian River County Well Plugging:** St. Johns River Water Management District and Indian River County working together on the Well Plugging Program. IRC Fiscal Year 2017/2018 contributed \$20,000.00 to the program for a total cost of \$65,448.00 for seven (7) wells.

11. **Discussion** on IRC Utilities Departments request for a CUP modification to be in-line with the Water Treatment Plant’s capacity of 21 MGD. Per David E. Gunter he recommended to Arjuna Weragoda that the Utilities Department should lobby SJRWMD get them to allow IRC to acquire existing Consumption Use Permits (CUP). As part of that, the well gets plugged and now you are not getting new consumptive use. Rules have to change. Per Arjuna Weragoda “Waters of the State”, they go back into the modeling program. Community Developments should be on an irrigation system that is from a Water Re-Use Program not Potable Water.

12. **NACD Urban Agriculture Conservation Grant Initiative** per Dr. David L. Cox to hold off until December 2018 Meeting.

13. **Financial Audit for year ending 2018.** Engagement letter to be signed from Kmetz, Nuttall, Elwell, Graham, PLLC. Per David E. Gunter, need to find out the cost or maximum charge, prior to signing.

REPORTS:

Jennifer Abbey, NRCS:

- 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

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 3:02 PM. Next meeting is December 10, 2018.

David E. Gunter, Chairman

Date

David L. Cox, Secretary/Treasurer

Date