

Monthly Meeting – March 11, 2019

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

Public in attendance: Bob-Ulevich, Corrigan Ranch

OLD BUSINESS

1. The IRSWCD meeting was called to order at 1:33 P.M. by Chairman David E. Gunter.
2. There were no additions/changes to the Agenda.
3. The minutes for February 11, 2019 Board Meeting 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 February 2019 was available and read by Dr. David L. Cox.
Motion: A motion to accept the financial report as presented was made by Bobby Lindsey and seconded by Robert C. Adair, Jr. Motion carried unanimously.
5. **Indian River Lagoon Council:** Dr. David L. Cox went over the final draft of the IRLNEP 2030 Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan and the 32 Vital Signs/Management Targets. Dr. David L. Cox and Bob Ulevich talked about the RFPs for FY 2019-2020 Summary Chart Ranking. Dr. David L. Cox purposed that by the next meeting to have a draft letter endorsing the IRLNEP CCMP and the Summary Chart Rankings for the Board to review and vote due to the IRLNEP Goals and Mission are in line with IRSWCD.
6. **Biosolids:** Dr. David L. Cox and Christine Kelly Begazo informed the Board that St. Lucie County and Sunbreak Farms are in a lawsuit filed by a Community Group. Ona/IFAS Cattle Research and Education Center.
7. **NACD Urban Agriculture Conservation Grant Initiative:** Dr. David L. Cox mentioned that Pelican Island Audubon Society has moved forward with Trees for Life to plant 100,000 in Indian River County over the next ten years. Trees have been planted on Julianne Price Property. IRSWCD can modify grant and add small farmers into grant for next year.

8. **Financial Audit:** The Board approves the Original Draft of the Financial Statement submitted February 8, 2019 *as long as the following changes have been made:* 1.) District Name is: Indian River Soil and Water Conservation District. (County should not be in name) 2.) Date of Financial Statement to reflect March 11, 2019 - Approval Date.

Motion: A motion to approve 2018 Financial Audit was made by Dr. David L. Cox and Seconded by Bobby Lindsey. Motion carried unanimously by David E. Gunter and Shawn P. Elliott. Robert C. Adair, Jr. abstained.

NEW BUSINESS:

9. **Boundaries- Website:** Review Current and New with IRC-2030 Comprehensive Plan. (*Board to review and discuss at next month meeting.*)
10. **Cost-Share Agreements, IRSWCD Board Supervisors and Ethics:** (*Postponed until next meeting pending additional information.*)

STAFF REPORTS:

Jennifer Abbey, NRCS:

- ❖ **Farm Bill Programs:** 13 of 46 Active contracts totaling approximately \$890,000 over approximately 7,400 acres.
- ❖ **EQIP:** 9 Active Contracts. 12 Applications.
- ❖ **CSP:** 4 Active Contracts. Accepting applications for FY 2019.
- ❖ **ACEP-WRE:** Ranking will begin. .
- ❖ **Conservation Application:** None.

Christine Kelly-Begazo, IFAS/County Extension Director/Ag Agent:

- ❖ Hemp Work Shop in Raleigh, NC.
- ❖ CEU Day (Pest Control)-Farmers
- ❖ Fire Fighters Fair.
- ❖ Equine BMP Program in Melbourne.

Jake Fojtik, OAWP/FDACS:

- ❖ OAWP still looking for replacement of Deputy Director.
- ❖ Continuing Work on Cost-Share projects.

Linda Caggiano, IRSWCD:

- ❖ Website is up-to-date. New photo of Supervisors was taken for website.
- ❖ Area 4 Meeting Thursday, April 11, 2019 at Adams Ranch. IRSWCD will share cost of Area 4 Meeting with St. Lucie: Food cost, Poster Contest split cost.

Motion: A motion to approve a maximum of \$300.00 will be IRSWCD portion of the cost of Area 4 Meeting was made by Bobby Lindsey and Seconded by Shawn P. Elliott. Motion carried unanimously.

- ❖ FDACS Meeting Tuesday, May 14, 2019.
- ❖ Poster Contest received only 23 posters.
- ❖ Envirothon held March 1, 2019 both Jennifer and I graded the Soil Test.

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 3:06 P.M. Next meeting is April 8, 2019.

David E. Gunter, Chairman

Date

David L. Cox, Secretary/Treasurer

Date