

Indian River County Florida

*Indian River County Administration Complex
1800 27th Street, Building B
Room B1-501
Vero Beach, Florida*



Meeting Minutes – Final

Monday, September 9, 2019

1:30 PM

Indian River Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisors

David E. Gunter, Chairman: IRSWCD - Seat #2

Robert C. Adair, Jr., Vice-Chair: IRSWCD - Seat #3

Dr. David L. Cox, Secretary/Treasurer: IRSWCD - Seat #5

Shawn P. Elliott, Member: IRSWCD - Seat #1

Bobby Lindsey, Member: IRSWCD - Seat #4

Linda Caggiano, District Staff Assistant II: IRSWCD

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Vice-Chairman Robert C. Adair, Jr. called meeting was called to order at 1:38 PM.

Supervisors in attendance: David E. Gunter, Chairman
Robert C. Adair, Jr., Vice-Chairman
Bobby Lindsey, Member
Shawn Paul Elliott, 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: Charles Pope, Clean Water Coalition of Indian River County

2. AGENDA REVIEW:

There were no additions/changes to the Agenda.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes for August 12, 2019 were approved as written

Motion: A motion to approve minutes was made by Shawn Paul Elliott and Seconded by Bobby Lindsey. Motion carried unanimously.

4. FINANCIAL REPORT:

The Financial Report for August 2019 was available and read by Robert C. Adair, Jr.

Motion: A motion to accept the financial reports as presented was made by Bobby Lindsey and Seconded by Shawn Paul Elliott. Motion carried unanimously.

(Staff's Note: Chairman David E. Gunter joined the meeting at 1:41 PM; Vice-Chairman Robert C. Adair, Jr. turned the meeting over to Chairman David E. Gunter at 1:42 PM.)

5. OLD BUSINESS:**A. Indian River Lagoon Council STEM Advisory Committee Update:**

- i. Sent letter dated 8/21/2019 to Commissioner Bob Solari that IRSWCD is a proud supporter of the Resolution 2019: IRLNEP CCMP: "Looking Ahead to 2020".

B. Biosolids:

- i. Sent letter dated 8/20/2019 to Commissioner Bob Solari that IRSWCD strongly supports IRC Staff Comment Summary to Proposed Rule Making Changes for 62-640 FACS.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. AFCD will be attending a meeting in the next few months. Any topics Board would like for AFCD to discuss?
- B. SJRWMD and Indian River County have partnered to offer well plugging services at no cost to the grower.

Motion: A motion to send a letter to SJRWMD, FDACS, and NRCS if they will assist in the rehabilitation/repairing the inter casing of the well to keep the well active as opposed to plugging the well was made by Bobby Lindsey and Seconded by Robert C. Adair, Jr. Motion carried unanimously

7. REPORTS:

A. Jennifer Abbey, NRCS:

- ❖ Farm Bill Programs: 16 of 45 Active contracts totaling approximately \$950,000 over approximately 8, 000 acres.
- ❖ EQIP: 11 Active Contracts.
- ❖ CSP: 5 Active Contracts.
- ❖ ACEP-WRE: Accepting applications.
- ❖ Conservation Application: August – September None.

B. Jake Fojtik, OAWP/FDACS:

- ❖ Started the new Fiscal year July 2019 new cost-share funds available for producers.

C. Linda Caggiano, IRSWCD:

- ❖ Thursday, October 3, 2019: Monthly Meeting with Roland Deblois.
- ❖ Monday, October 14, 2019: IRSWCD Board Meeting.
- ❖ Thursday, October 24, 2019: 10:00 AM (Approx. 2 hour drive) Area-wide Informational Workshop for District Supervisors, NRCS-FO Staff, and OAWP Staff in Sebring.
- ❖ Preparing flyer and rules for the 2020 Poster Contest and Stewardship Week theme is “Where would we BEE without Pollinators?” Pollinators form the foundations of a healthy and sustainable future for food and the environment, but in recent years, they have shown concerning signs of decline. It’s important that we work to help them prosper by enhancing native pollinator habitats and protecting against pollinator declines. The 2020 Stewardship Week will take place Apr. 26 – May 3, 2020. Will be working on flyers and information to send out to all the elementary schools.
- ❖ One last FDACS Cost-Share file to complete for 2018-2019 and breakdown for FDACS. Then 2019-2020 - \$90,000.00 to be disbursed to producers.
- ❖ 2020 Envirothon to start up September.

8. PUBLIC ITEMS:

- A. Public Discussion:** Charles Pope, Clean Water Coalition of Indian River County

9. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 2.29 PM.

David E. Gunter, Chairman

Date

David L. Cox, Secretary/Treasurer

Date