

Indian River County Florida

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



Meeting Minutes – Final

Monday, December 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:

Chairman David E. Gunter called meeting to order at 1:30 PM.

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
Jake Fojtik, Environmental Specialist I, FDACS
Katie Pritchett, Soil Conservation Technician,
USDA/NRCS

Public in attendance: Ken Hendrix - Citizen
Property Address: 6220 1st Street SW
Warren Miller - Citizen
Property Address: 370 11th Square SW (Serenoa)

2. AGENDA REVIEW:

There were no additions/changes to the Agenda.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes for November 4, 2019 were approved as written

Motion: A motion to approve minutes was made by Shawn P. Elliott and Seconded by Dr. David L. Cox. Motion carried unanimously.

4. FINANCIAL REPORT:

The Financial Report for November 2019 was available and read by Dr. David L. Cox.

Motion: A motion to accept the financial reports as presented was made by Robert C. Adair, Jr. and Seconded by Shawn P. Elliott. Motion carried unanimously.

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

- i. Dr. David L. Cox mentioned the IRLNEP CCMP is moving federal monies into local water improvement projects.

B. Biosolids:

- i. **Letter to Governor DeSantis** sent on Monday, November 19, 2019. No response to-date.
- ii. **Board of County Commissioners 12/10/2019 Agenda 10.A. Public Hearings 1. Biosolids Moratorium Extension Ordinance – Legislative:** Dr. David L. Cox mentioned that the IRC Attorneys and County Commissioners have done a great job on the Biosolids Moratorium Extension Ordinance and happy that they are in agreement with IRSWCD.

C. Financial Audit for year ending 2019:

- i. **Audit Package with Signed Engagement letter was “Hand Delivered” to Kmetz, Elwell, Graham & Associates, PLLC on Monday, November 19, 2019.** Patrick Graham is working on audit.

D. FDACS reimbursed \$575.00 for Travel from May 15, 2019 FDACS Meeting.**6. NEW BUSINESS:****A. Blue Cypress Conservation Area Management Plan Review Team Tour – November 21, 2019:**

- i. Dr. David Cox receives request from both SJRWMD and DEP to attend the Management Plan Review Team of the upper basin. SJRWMD has two Conservation Managers handling the area South of Palm Bay. Different agencies attend the tours: SJRWMD, DEP, Forestry, US Fish and Wildlife Services. Were able to see the culverts, pump stations, new boat ramps, The restoration and when all is complete: islands, gate areas, fresh water habitat, will bring people from all over the country, need to build more hotels
(Staff's Note: Member Bobby Lindsey joined the meeting at 1:47 PM.)

B. Finance Department Yearly Inventory: HP Design-Jet 800 PS Printer Model: C7779C. Purchased 7/23/2002 - \$6,815.00 Keep in storage or Surplus to other Department.

- i. Staff had GIS Department take a look at printer. Printer has been sitting unused, collecting dust for many years. Ink cartridges may be dried out, may need to get serviced-costly expense. Printer is not compatible with new Windows programs.

Motion: A motion to have Indian River County dispose of the HP Design-Jet 800 PS Printer Model was made by Bobby Lindsey and Seconded by Dr. David L. Cox. Motion carried unanimously.

- ii. Dr. David L. Cox discussed with the Board, the topic of all the glossy print aerial photos in the County from 1940's flyovers from Army/UDSA. I have spoken to the GIS Department, they have a whole set of MrSID from the mid – 1980's. MrSID software package - taking the photographs and making digital available. GIS may have an interest in digitizing the IRSWCD glossy prints with new technology. This could be a service, an amazing resource that IRSWCD can provide, if this is something the Board wants to do?

David E. Gunter, mentioned that some of the photographs have soil information that was written on the photographs.

Robert C. Adair, Jr. the photos have incredible value. My concern is the integrity of that composition, breaking down. The idea of digitizing, if they know what they are doing. Use white glove treatment.

Motion: A motion to allow the IRSWCD aerial photographs to be digitized, but to be handled carefully and they are returned to IRSWCD intact was made by Bobby Lindsey and Seconded by Dr. David L. Cox but adding that IRSWCD Board will come back at a later time with details of who is going to do the digitizing, who will pay the bill, and how the materials will be handled.

A Second Modification to the Motion that IRSWCD will have access to the digitized aerials and should be on both IRSWCD and IR County's website was made by Bobby Lindsey and Seconded by Robert C. Adair, Jr. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Public Introduction:

- i. **Ken Hendrix, Citizen:** Property Address: 6220 1st Street SW, Vero Beach, FL 32968. Invited by Robert C. Adair, Jr. Mr. Hendrix is interested in a Conservation Plan with NRCS and Small Farm Handbook online.
- ii. **Warren Miller, Citizen:** Property Address: (Serenoa) 370 11th Square SW, Vero Beach, FL 32962. Water in Lake to Serenoa Subdivision is very low. What can be done to keep lake full and stocked? Water is going into South Lake Canal. Builder dug the site twelve feet deep diverted to Osprey Marsh. Builder told to go to SJRWMD get a pump permit but would cost over 7.5 million to move it, changed his mind. If builder first dug, dried it completely, put the clay up, and then lines the lake prior to water coming in. Builder, engineers and HOA told prior to Osprey Marsh deal completed to work out a deal to get some of the water, but took no action.

7. REPORTS:

A. Jennifer Abbey, NRCS:

- ❖ Farm Bill Programs: 13 of 42 Active contracts totaling approximately \$790,000 over approximately 6, 000 acres.
- ❖ EQIP: 10 Active Contracts; 12 applications.
- ❖ CSP: 3 Active Contracts.
- ❖ ACEP-WRE: Accepting applications.
- ❖ Conservation Application for November – December: Thomas Hearndon – Herbaceous Weed Control.
- ❖ Prepare for Citrus Show January 22 - 23, 2020.

B. Jake Fojtik, FDACS:

- ❖ Working with Producers, getting bids and new Cost-Share Contracts.

C. Linda Caggiano, IRSWCD Staff Assistant:

- ❖ Poster Contest will start the school visits in December and January to all of the Schools for the 2020 Poster Contest and Stewardship Week theme is “Where would we BEE without Pollinators?” **Poster Deadline: February 27, 2019**
- ❖ Working with Patrick Graham on the Audit.

8. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 2:40 PM.

David E. Gunter, Chairman

Date

David L. Cox, Secretary/Treasurer

Date