

Indian River County Florida

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



Meeting Minutes – Final

Monday, January 13, 2020

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 1:44 PM.

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

Staff in attendance: Linda Caggiano, Staff Assistant II, IRSWCD
Jennifer Abbey, District Conservationist,
USDA/NRCS
Jake Fojtik, Environmental Specialist I, FDACS
Christine Kelly-Begazo, IRC Extension Director/
Ag. Agent

Public in attendance: Judy Orcutt, 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 December 9, 2019 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. FINANCIAL REPORT:

The Financial Report for December 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 Bobby Lindsey. Motion carried unanimously.

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

- i. Dr. David L. Cox mentioned the IRLNEP current RFP's open until January 17, 2020. There are four (4) Categories:
 - Category 1: Water Quality Restoration Projects.
 - Category 2: Habitat Restoration Projects.
 - Category 3: Community-Based Restoration Projects.
 - Category 4: Science and Innovation Projects.
 - IRLNEP Small Grants Program.

B. Financial Audit for year ending 2019.

- i. Audit in Process with Kmetz, Elwell, Graham & Associates, PLLC.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

7. REPORTS:

A. Jennifer Abbey, NRCS:

- ❖ Farm Bill Programs: 13 of 42 Active contracts totaling approximately \$790,000 over approximately 6, 000 acres.
- ❖ EQIP: 9 Active Contracts; 13 applications.
- ❖ CSP: 3 Active Contracts.
- ❖ ACEP-WRE: Accepting applications.
- ❖ Conservation Application for December – January N/A
- ❖ Finalize plans for Citrus Show January 22 - 23, 2020.

B. Jake Fojtik, FDACS:

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

C. Christine Kelly-Begazos, County Extension Director and Extension Agent III, M.S.

- ❖ Cleaning up from end of year due to reports.
- ❖ Agricultural Worker Safety Day for grove maintenance workers and pickers. Drop in attendance by 50 people, total of 250 people attended 2020. English side increased, Hispanic side decrease. Department offers CEU- Certification Education Unit for Pesticide License. Safety: Tractor, Ladder, Fire; Tractor Rodeo. Drop in attendance after lunch.
- ❖ Citrus Show: Moderator

D. Linda Caggiano, IRSWCD Staff Assistant:

- ❖ Poster Contest: Visit 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.
- ❖ All IRS forms 1099-G and 1096 completed and mailed.

8. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 2:46 PM.

David E. Gunter, Chairman

Date

David L. Cox, Secretary/Treasurer

Date