

# Indian River County Florida

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



## Meeting Minutes – Final

**Monday, May 11, 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

**Staff in attendance:** Linda Caggiano, Staff Assistant II, IRSWCD  
Jennifer Abbey, District Conservationist,  
USDA/NRCS  
Christine Kelly-Begazo, Agriculture Agent & Director  
UF IFAS Indian River County Extension

**Public in attendance:** Malinda Kromhout, The Hammock Ranch Preserve,  
LLC  
Lex Kromhout, The Hammock Ranch Preserve, LLC

**2. AGENDA REVIEW:**

There were no additions/changes to the Agenda.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The minutes for February 10, 2020 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 February, March, and April 2020 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 David E. Gunter. Motion carried unanimously.**

**5. EMERGENCY BUSINESS:****A. Board to review Zoom Plans, decide to approve a plan prior to next meeting.**

- i. Christine Kelly-Begazo with Indian River County Extension informed the Board that she would be willing to log in and set up the Zoom meetings with her account for IRSWCD.

**B. Financial Audit for year ending 2019.**

- i. Review Draft Audit from Kmetz, Elwell, Graham & Associates, PLLC.

**Motion: A motion to approve the Audit was made by Robert C. Adair, Jr. and Seconded by Dr. David L. Cox. Motion carried unanimously.**

**C. Jennifer Abbey, NRCS – Report:**

**i. Memorandum of Agreement between USDA, NRCS, and IRSWCD: Review and Discussion – No Signature at this time.**

- ❖ Farm Bill Programs: 13 of 42 Active contracts totaling approximately \$790,000 over approximately 6, 000 acres.
- ❖ EQIP: 9 Active Contracts; 18 applications.
- ❖ CSP: 3 Active Contracts; Deadline June 1, 2020.
- ❖ ACEP-WRE: FY 2020 Application ranking in progress.
- ❖ Conservation Application for February – May
- ❖ R & S Cattle: Livestock watering system (trough, pipeline, HUA
- ❖ Florida Research Center for Ag Sustainability: Irrigation water management, Nutrient Management, Pest Managements.

**ii. Local Working Group Questionnaire:** AFCD prepared a form for NRCS to have producers complete. IRSWCD will send out mass email to Producers to get feedback prior to next meeting.

**6. OLD BUSINESS:**

**A. Indian River Lagoon Council STEM Advisory Committee Update:** IRLNEP meeting held May 5, 2020 via Zoom. New RFP on website; Ten Summer Internships

**B. Waters of the United States: 2015 Clean Water Rule and the Pre-2015 Rule:** (Postpone until ALL Board Supervisors are in attendance.)

**6. REPORTS:**

**A. Linda Caggiano, IRSWCD**

- ❖ Poster Contest completed. All awards mailed out. Posters in office to be returned when schools re-open in the fall.
- ❖ FDACS Cost-Share sending producer’s reimbursements.

**B. Christine Kelly-Begazo, Agriculture Agent & Director; UF IFAS Indian River County Extension**

- ❖ Most Offices are still closed to the Public.
- ❖ Pesticide Testing on Thursdays with proper CDC protocols.
- ❖ Not allowed site visits as yet.
- ❖ Waiting to get approval to go to drive-thru Farmers Market, put a Column in Newsletter for local farmers a Farmer Focus.

**7. ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 2:50 PM.

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David E. Gunter, Chairman

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David L. Cox, Secretary/Treasurer

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Date