

Indian River County Florida

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



Meeting Minutes – Final

Monday, June 8, 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 1:48 PM.

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

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: Stephen J. Boyle, Boyle & Drake
Chris Roberts, Resident

2. AGENDA REVIEW:

There were no additions/changes to the Agenda.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes for May 11, 2020 were approved as written

Motion: A motion to approve minutes was made by Dr. David L. Cox and Seconded by Bobby Lindsey. Motion carried unanimously.

4. FINANCIAL REPORT:

The Financial Report for May 2020 was available and read by Dr. David L. Cox.

Motion: A motion to accept the financial reports as presented was made by Bobby Lindsey and Seconded by David E. Gunter. Motion carried unanimously.

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

- i. IRLNEP Directors Report (June 2020) from Dr. Duane De Freese: Staff continues to work from home office; Can log into New website created - www.onelagoon.org
- ADA Compliant to see additional information.

B. Financial Audit for year ending 2019.

- i. Communication Governing Board Letter.
- ii. Acceptance and Approval of Kmetz, Elwell, Graham & Associates, PLLC Invoice #: 10624, Dated 05/31/2020 - \$4,000.00

Motion: A motion to approve the Communication letter and Audit Invoice was made by Bobby Lindsey and Seconded by Dr. David L. Cox. Motion carried unanimously.

A. Biosolids:

- i. Indian River County – Public Notice of Public Hearing Schedule for June 16, 2020 Concerning Extension of Temporary Moratorium Regarding Biosolids. (*Informational –Not Requiring Board Action*)

6. REPORTS:**A. Jennifer Abbey, NRCS – Report:**

- ❖ EQIP: not ranked as yet.
- ❖ CSP: 3 Active Contracts: offered renewal, additional 5 years and then contract ends.
- ❖ Office still closed to public, by appointment only.
- ❖ USDA Farmers Coronavirus Food Assistance Program to assist producers who suffered losses due to COVID-19 accepting applications through August 28, 2020.

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

- ❖ Offices are still closed, by appointment only.
- ❖ 4-H virtual summer program 200 children in program.
- ❖ July 1, 2020 possibly open Master Gardener Office part-time.
- ❖ Pesticide Testing on Thursdays with proper CDC protocols. Miami-Dade, Broward, Palm Beach, Martin County offices closed - overflow of testing sent to our office.
- ❖ Not allowed site visits as yet.
- ❖ Two farms in IRC selected to be a part of the Industrial Hemp on Farm Trial. Will get the seeds today. On Farm Trial: 2 acres, then they can apply for 3 more acres in junction with this research. IFAS will work on the 2 acres of the Farmers property. Then the Farmer can apply for a separate permit that will allow them commercial production.

C. Linda Caggiano, IRSWCD

- ❖ 2019 Fiscal Year Audit: CPA- Patrick Graham. Supervisors to Approve Invoice, then pay CPA. Prepare packages to mail out and emails to different State Agencies by June 30, 2020 to stay in compliance.
- ❖ FDACS is requiring Direct Deposits to streamline the process. Changes to the Cost-Share Contracts will be made. (Waiting on FDACS to send list of changes.)
- ❖ FDACS Cost Share: Currently have written \$58,153 to Producers and \$2,908.00 to District. Still have \$45,331.87 to spend through June 30, 2020. Waiting to payout \$41,024.90, but short funds from FDACS to payout. Weekly updates and process of CSA to FDACS staff.
- ❖ Tuesday, June 16, 2020 FCDEA discuss AFCD, District Survey Review.
- ❖ Wednesday, July 1, 2020 @ 6:00 pm - AFCD is holding an AFCD Strategic Plan Development Meeting, which will be held via webinar. Wednesday, September 9-11, 2020: 2020 AFCD Annual Meeting in Fort Walton Beach at the Hilton Garden Inn. *Board agreed due to COVID-19 not to have anyone attend.*
- ❖ Area Meetings are postponed until further notice.

7. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 2:19 PM.

David E. Gunter, Chairman

Date

David L. Cox, Secretary/Treasurer

Date