

# 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, July 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 1:32 PM.

**Supervisors in attendance:** David E. Gunter, Chairman  
Robert C. Adair, Jr., Vice-Chairman  
Dr. David L. Cox, Secretary/Treasurer  
Shawn P. Elliott, 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:** Chris Roberts, Resident

**2. AGENDA REVIEW:**

There were no additions/changes to the Agenda.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- A. The minutes for June 8, 2020 Board Meeting were approved as written

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

- B. The minutes for June 8, 2020 Local Working Group Meeting 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 June 2020 was available and read by Dr. David L. Cox.

**Motion: A motion to accept the financial reports as presented was made by Shawn P. Elliott 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 (July 2020) from Dr. Duane De Freese: Staff continues to work with the Association of National Estuary Programs and Congressional offices to help advance NEP FY 2022 appropriations; Staff managing 47 active projects. IRL Council Board of Directors and IRLNEP Management Conference to be held week of July 27, 2020. Additional information on website: [www.onelagoon.org](http://www.onelagoon.org)

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

- i. Audit completed June 16, 2020. All emails and mailouts sent prior to June 30, 2020 deadline to stay in compliance.

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

- ❖ EQIP: 8 Active Contracts; 18 applications.
- ❖ CSP: 5 Active Contracts: 0 applications.
- ❖ ACEP-WRE: FY 2020 Application ranking in process.
- ❖ Conservation Applications: June-July – None to report.
- ❖ Contract management; Conservation Planning for CSP applications with assessments and ranking.
- ❖ Office still closed to public, by appointment only.

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

- ❖ Offices are still closed, by appointment only.
- ❖ Darren Cole, 4-H Agent: virtual summer program
- ❖ Nickie Munroe, Horticultural Agent: Master Gardener Training on-line.
- ❖ Christine is helping the County Health Department distribute face masks. Sent out survey as to what packing houses, vegetable producers, etc are doing in the area, other producers in the state have also been sending information.
- ❖ Pesticide Testing on Thursdays with proper CDC protocols. Miami-Dade, Broward, Palm Beach, Martin County offices closed - overflow of testing sent to our office.

**C. Linda Caggiano, IRSWCD**

- ❖ 2019 Fiscal Year Audit: Completed June 16, 2020. All emails and mailouts sent prior to June 30, 2020 deadline to stay in compliance.
- ❖ FDACS is requiring Direct Deposits: In Process working with CenterState Bank.
- ❖ FDACS Cost Share: 2019-2020 1-file remaining to pay out \$9,416.44, pending payment from FDACS.
- ❖ FDACS Contract #: 24393 Renewal-Amendment #4 signed 07/02/2020. Pending additional changes. 2020-2021: \$90,00.00 + \$3,237.22 balance from the 2019-2020 Contract.
- ❖ Contract Changes: adding: weather stations, solar water troughs; Review Contracts for Reimbursement and pay Producer within one week from receipt of package. (Use to be two weeks.)
- ❖ FCDEA District Survey Completed and sent Monday, July 6, 2020.
- ❖ AFCD held an AFCD Strategic Plan Development Meeting on Wednesday, July 1, 2020 @ 6:00 pm.
- ❖ Area Meetings are postponed until further notice.
- ❖ Monday – Friday: July 20 – 24, 2020 – Vacation- - Out of Office.
- ❖ Monday, August 10, 2020: IRSWCD Board Meeting.
- ❖ Thursday, August 13, 2020: Monthly Meeting with Phil Matson.

**7. ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 2:05 PM.

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David E. Gunter, Chairman

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David L. Cox, Secretary/Treasurer

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Date