

Indian River County Florida

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



Meeting Minutes – Final

Monday, August 10, 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:

Vice-Chairman Robert C. Adair, Jr. called meeting to order at 1:39 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
Jake Fojtik, Environmental Specialist III, Office of
Agricultural Water Policy-FDACS

Public in attendance: None

2. AGENDA REVIEW:

There were no additions/changes to the Agenda.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A. The minutes for July 13, 2020 Board Meeting 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 July 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 and Seconded by Shawn P. Elliott. Motion carried unanimously.
(Staff's Note: Chairman, David E. Gunter joined the meeting at 1:42 PM. Robert C. Adair, Jr. turned the Meeting over to Chairman, David E. Gunter.)

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

- i. IRLNEP STEM Meeting held virtual. Chuck Jacoby-SJRWMD gave the Water Quality Report and that North end of the Lagoon water quality is worse than the South end. Seagrass from Grant Farm Island to Wabasso Causeway has diminished from 60% to 10%.

6. REPORTS:

A. Jennifer Abbey, NRCS – Report:

- ❖ EQIP: 9 Active Contracts; 18 applications; 4 Preapprovals.
- ❖ CSP: 5 Active Contracts (1 recent renewal): 0 applications.
- ❖ ACEP-WRE: FY 2020 Application ranking in process.
- ❖ Conservation Applications: July-August: Cody Platt and R&S Cattle, LLC both Producer: Forage planting-legume.
- ❖ Contract management; Conservation Planning for CSP application preapprovals.
- ❖ EQIP contract preapprovals and contracting started.
- ❖ Office still closed to public, by appointment only.
- ❖ New State Conservationist-Juan Hernandez due to Russell Morgan retiring 2019.
- ❖ USDA set up a Florida Team to Serve Beginning Farmers and Ranchers in Florida.
- ❖ USDA to Invest up to \$360 Million in Partner-Driven Conservation – RCPP applications due November 4, 2020.

B. Jake Fojtik, Environmental Specialist III, Office of Agricultural Water Policy-FDACS

- ❖ Offices are still closed, working from Home Office or Out in Field.
- ❖ Sent out letters to enroll New Producers in BMP Programs. All of Cost Share Funding for 2020 – 2021, but no applications accepted as yet.
- ❖ Fielding a lot of Field Staff questions following up implementation, verification, and site visits.
- ❖ Field Staff involved in Hemp Enrollment. Approximately 7-8 in IRC.

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: Set up, now training this week with CenterState Bank.
- ❖ FDACS Cost Share: 2019-2020 1-file remaining; sent payment put on Friday, August 7, 2020 for \$9,416.44 to Producer. Then complete paper work for 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.
- ❖ Will be updating Facebook and website.
- ❖ Area Meetings are postponed until further notice.
- ❖ Thursday, August 13, 2020; Monthly Meeting with Phil Matson.
- ❖ Monday, September 7, 2020: Labor Day – Office Closed.
- ❖ Monday, September 14, 2020: IRSWCD Board Meeting.

7. ADJOURNMENT:

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

David E. Gunter, Chairman

Date

David L. Cox, Secretary/Treasurer

Date