

Indian River County Florida

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



Meeting Minutes – Final

Monday, December 14, 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 1:37 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 III, Office of
Agricultural Water Policy-FDACS
Christine Kelly-Begazo, Agriculture Agent & Director
UF IFAS Indian River County Extension

Public in attendance: None

2. AGENDA REVIEW:

There were no additions/changes to the Agenda.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A. The minutes for November 9, 2020 Board Meeting were approved as written

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

4. FINANCIAL REPORT:

A. The Financial Report for November 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 Bobby Lindsey. Motion carried unanimously.

5. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Indian River Lagoon Council STEM Advisory Committee Update:

i. Per Dr. David L. Cox, there was not an IRLNEP STEM Meeting held in November – No New Report. Distributing and allocating funds to projects.

B. Letter to State Representative Erin Grall and Senator Debbie Mayfield:

Waiting for a response from letters sent 11/06/2020.

i. No response to date.

C. Letter to AFCD: *Waiting for a response from AFCD letter sent 11/09/2020.*

i. No response to date.

6. NEW BUSINESS

No New Business.

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

- ❖ **Farm Bill Programs:** 17 of 53 Active contracts totaling approximately \$1,300,000 over approximately 12,000 acres.
- ❖ EQIP: 13 Active Contracts; 9 applications.
- ❖ CSP: 4 Active Contracts: 1 renewal applications.
- ❖ ACEP-WRE: FY 2021 Deadline November 30
- ❖ Conservation Applications: November – December:
 - M&V LLC – IWM, IPM, Nutrient Management.
 - T. Hearndon – Herbaceous Weed Treatment (smutgrass).
 - Robbins Cattle Co. – Brush Management (Brazilian Pepper) and fence.
- ❖ Contracting Management, CSP renewal application ranking and approval, EQIP application field visits.

i. Memorandum of Agreement between USDA-NRCS and IRSWCD.

Motion: A motion to approve the signing of the Memorandum of Agreement between USDA-NRCS and IRSWCD was made by Dr. David L. Cox and Seconded by Bobby Lindsey. Motion carried unanimously.

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

- ❖ Working with at least 5 producers. Accepting Cost-Share Applications from Producers will obtain quotes for their applications and go through FDACS process. Soil moisture sensors, solar well with water troughs, precision application equipment, irrigation automation, and culvert replacements. 3 citrus bmp and 2 cattle bmp.
- ❖ High priority on Implementation, Verification Business: Producers enrolled every two years, fertilizer review of records.

C. Christine Kelly-Begazo, Agriculture/ UF IFAS Report:

- ❖ State Senate Bill 712: no size restrictions.
- ❖ Virtual; pesticide licensing for South Districts
- ❖ RUP licensing 2/22/2021.
- ❖ Chicken Farms presentations (6) and Bi-lingual presentations.
- ❖ Hemp Research.

D. Linda Caggiano, IRSWCD

- ❖ The 2021 Poster Contest and Stewardship week theme is “Healthy Forests = Healthy Communities.” Flyers sent out to schools.
- ❖ Envirothon 2021 – IRLNEP wants to plan competition COVID or not.
Tentative: Friday, February 26, 2021; In-person Competition. December meeting TBD.
- ❖ FDACS Contract #: 24393 2020-2021: \$90,00.00 + \$3,237.22 balance from the 2019-2020 Contract.
- ❖ FCDEA: Teleconference Meeting re-scheduled for December 22, 2020 @ 1:00 pm.
- ❖ Annual Audit: CPA has all documents required as of November 19, 2020 – Hand Delivered.
- ❖ Yearly Reports to State:
- ❖ State of Florida Commission on Ethics: 1st part sent 12/01/2020, 2nd part due after 1/01/2021.

- ❖ Website and Facebook updated in the past week.
- ❖ AFCD: Membership October 30th - \$350.00
- ❖ Office will be closed week of December 22nd and re-open December 28, 2020.
- ❖ Monday, January 11, 2021: IRSWCD Board Meeting.

7. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 2:20 PM.

David E. Gunter, Chairman

Date

David L. Cox, Secretary/Treasurer

Date