

Indian River County Florida

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



LOCAL WORKING GROUP

Minutes – Final

Monday, April 12, 2021

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

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman David E. Gunter called meeting to order at 3:43PM.

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

Supervisors attendance:

Via Zoom: None

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: Lex Kromhout, The Hammock Ranch Preserve LLC
Honey Minuse, City of Vero Beach
Bob Ulevich, Corrigan Ranch

Public via Zoom: Suzanne Archer, Technical Program Coordinator –
Agricultural Assistance; Bureau of Water Supply
Planning; SJRWMD (*Note: on-line First 15 minutes*)

1. Introductions:**2. Purpose of Local Working Group:**

A. Local Working Groups are subcommittees of the State Technical Committee and provide recommendations to USDA on local and state natural resource priorities and criteria for conservation activities and programs.

3. National and State Resource Concerns and Planning Criteria - Definitions:**4. There are two fixed local funding pools:** grazing and cropland. Please recommend two additional funding pools:

Forestry

Water Conservation (Water Storage)

Seasonal High Tunnel

Brush and Herbaceous Control

Invasive Plants

Other: _____

5. Please recommend the level of investment recommended for the selected funding pools (e.g. Grazing – 50%, Cropland – 30%, Wildlife – 10%, Seasonal High Tunnel – 10%). The total percent across funding pools should equal 100%.

- a. Cropland: 14 %
- b. Grazing: 38 %
- c. Forestry: 1 %
- d. Water Conservation: 19 %
- e. Seasonal High Tunnel: 3 %
- f. Brush and Herbaceous Weed Control: 9 %
- g. Invasive Plants: 16 %
- h. Other (Please list fund code (s) and percentage: _____ %

6. Please choose 8 Resource Concern Categories for FY 2022 as Priority for the State. Below are the categories: Resource Concerns Priority Ranking:

- _____ Air Quality Emissions
- _____ Aquatic Habitat
- _____ Concentrated Erosion
- 8 Degraded Plant Condition
- _____ Field Pesticide Loss
- 6 Field Sediment, Nutrient, and Pathogen Loss
- _____ Fire Management
- _____ Inefficient Energy Use
- 2 Livestock Production Limitation
- 3 Pest Pressure
- 5 Soil Quality Limitations
- 1 Source Water Depletion
- _____ Storage and Handling of Pollutants
- 7 Terrestrial Habitat
- _____ Weather Resilience
- _____ Wind and Water Erosion

7. Additional Comments:

A total of four attendees participated in Questionnaire.

8. Adjournment:

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 4:17 PM. Next meeting TBA - 2022

David E. Gunter, Chairman

Date

David L. Cox, Secretary/Treasurer

Date