

# **Indian River County Florida**

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



## **LOCAL WORKING GROUP**

### **Minutes – Final**

**Monday, November 8, 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*

*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 1:42 PM.

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

**Supervisors attendance:**  
**Via Zoom:** None

**Staff in Attendance:** Linda Caggiano, Staff Assistant II., IRSWCD  
Jennifer Abbey, District Conservationist, USDA/NRCS

**Public in attendance:** Jake Fojtik, Florida Farm Bureau  
Honey Minuse, City of Vero Beach

**Public via Zoom:** Kaylee Pate, Association of Florida Conservation District  
Adel Peña, Environmental Specialist III, OAWP –  
FDACS

**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. Please recommend up to three funding pools for FY 2023:**

- Cropland
- Grazing
- Water Conservation
- 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: 30 %
- b. Grazing: \_\_\_\_\_ %
- c. Forestry: \_\_\_\_\_ %
- d. Water Conservation: 40 %
- e. Seasonal High Tunnel: \_\_\_\_\_ %
- f. Brush and Herbaceous Weed Control: \_\_\_\_\_ %
- g. Invasive Plants: 30 %
- h. Other (Please list fund code (s) and percentage: \_\_\_\_\_ %

**6. Please choose 8 Resource Concern Categories for FY 2023 as Priority for the State.** Below are the categories: Resource Concerns Priority Ranking:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Air Quality Emissions
- X Aquatic Habitat
- \_\_\_\_\_ Concentrated Erosion
- X Degraded Plant Condition
- X Field Pesticide Loss
- X Field Sediment, Nutrient, and Pathogen Loss
- \_\_\_\_\_ Fire Management
- \_\_\_\_\_ Inefficient Energy Use
- \_\_\_\_\_ Livestock Production Limitation
- X Pest Pressure
- X Soil Quality Limitations
- X Source Water Depletion
- \_\_\_\_\_ Storage and Handling of Pollutants
- X Terrestrial Habitat
- \_\_\_\_\_ Weather Resilience
- \_\_\_\_\_ Wind and Water Erosion

**7. Additional Comments:**

- a. Black woven fabric ground cloth as a BMP for water conservation and reduced pesticide use of both herbicides and insecticides for root weevils especially diaprepes root weevil.
- b. Some definitions are ambiguous & difficult to apply here in Florida. Need to include synthetic material mulches.

**8. Adjournment:**

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 2:07 PM.

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David E. Gunter, Chairman

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Date

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David L. Cox, Secretary/Treasurer

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Date