

Indian River County Florida

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



LOCAL WORKING GROUP Meeting Minutes – Final

Monday, October 3, 2022

2:30 PM

Indian River Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisors

David E. Gunter, Chairman

Robert C. Adair, Jr., Vice-Chair

Dr. David L. Cox, Secretary/Treasurer

Bobby Lindsey, Member

William Marine, Member

Linda Caggiano, District Staff Assistant II: IRSWCD

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman David E. Gunter called meeting to order at 2:31 P.M.

2. WELCOME and INTRODUCTIONS:

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

Staff in attendance: Linda Caggiano, Staff Assistant II, IRSWCD
Jennifer Abbey, District Conservationist, USDA/NRCS
Adel Peña, Environmental Specialist III- OAWP-FDACS
Andrea Lazzari-Estevez, IRC Extension Director; UF/IFAS

Public in attendance: Cody Estes, Indian River Citrus League
Jake Fojtik, Farm Bureau
George Hamner, President – Indian River Exchange
Honey Minuse, City of Vero Beach
John Young, Terviva – Customer Success Mgr.

Public via Zoom: Suzanne Archer, Technical Program Coordinator –
Agricultural Assistance; Bureau of Water Supply
Planning; SJRWMD
Judy Orcutt, Clean Water Coalition of IRC
Kaylee Pate, AFCD – Agreements and Out Reach Coordinator

3. WHAT IS A LOCAL WORKING GROUP?

A. Local Working Groups are composed of agricultural producers, owners/operators of nonindustrial private forest land, professionals representing agricultural and natural resource interests, and individuals representing a variety of disciplines in the soil, water, wetland, plant, forestry, and wildlife sciences who are familiar with agricultural and natural resource issues in the local community.

4. WHY IS A LOCAL WORKING GROUP IMPORTANT?

A. Local Working Groups provide recommendations to the District Conservationist, State Technical Committee and the State Conservationist on local natural resource priorities and criteria for conservation activities and programs.

5. FISCAL YEAR 2022 – SUMMARY BY CDT 1/11/2022:**6. RESOURCE CONCERNS and ASSOCIATED NRCS PRACTICES:**

7. LWG SESSION and RECOMMENDATIONS:

A. Please select the local working group’s # 1 priority to be considered by NRCS for the fiscal year 2024 local funding pool:

Water Conservation

B. Please select the local working group’s # 2 priority to be considered by NRCS for the fiscal year 2024 local funding pool:

Water Quality

C. Please select the local working group’s # 3 priority to be considered by NRCS for the fiscal year 2024 local funding pool:

Cropland

D. Please prioritize the local resource concern categories 1-16 to be considered by NRCS for fiscal year 20241 program priorities:

16 Air Quality Emissions

5 Aquatic Habitat

10 Concentrated Erosion

8 Degraded Plant Condition

3 Field Pesticide Loss

2 Field Sediment, Nutrient and Pathogen Loss

13 Fire Management

11 Inefficient Energy Use

4 Livestock Production Limitation

9 Pest Pressure

15 Soil Quality

1 Source Water Depletion

12 Storage and Handling of Pollutants

6 Terrestrial Habitat

7 Weather Resilience

14 Wind and Water Erosion

8. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

9. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 3:06 PM.

David E. Gunter, Chairman

Date

David L. Cox, Secretary/Treasurer

Date