

# **Indian River County Florida**

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



## **Meeting Minutes – Final**

**Monday, March 14, 2022**

**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**

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman David E. Gunter 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  
Bobby Lindsey, Member

**Supervisors attendance**

**Via Zoom:** None

**Staff in attendance:** Linda Caggiano, Staff Assistant II, IRSWCD

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**Via Zoom:** Jennifer Abbey, District Conservationist, USDA/NRCS  
Adel Peña, Environmental Specialist III- OAWP-FDACs

**Public in attendance:**

Honey Minuse, City of Vero Beach  
Laura Moss, BOCC of IRC  
Judy Orcutt, Clean Water Coalition of IRC

**Public in attendance**

**Via Zoom:** None

**2. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA/EMERGENCY ITEMS:****3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

A. The minutes for February 14, 2022 Board Meeting were approved as Amended.

**Motion: A motion to approve minutes as Amended was made by Bobby Lindsey and Seconded by Robert C. Adair, Jr. Motion carried unanimously.**

**4. FINANCIAL REPORT:**

A. The Financial Report for February 2022 was available and presented by Dr. David L. Cox.

**Motion: A motion to accept the financial report as presented was made by Robert C. Adair, Jr. and Seconded by Bobby Lindsey. Motion carried unanimously.**

**5. REPORTS:****A. Jennifer Abbey, NRCS – Reports:**

- ❖ **News:** EQIP sign up targeting Urban Areas Sebastian – deadline April 8, 2022.
- ❖ **Farm Bill Programs:** 20 of 62 Active contracts totaling approximately \$1,250,000 over approximately 13,000 acres.
- ❖ **EQIP:** 13 Active Contracts; 11 eligible applications FY 2022 applications.
- ❖ **CSP:** 7 Active Contracts, 8 FY 2022 applications.
- ❖ **ACEP-WRE:** 1 application.
- ❖ **Conservation Applications: February – March**
  - 601 ac – Brush Management.

- ❖ **Other:** EQIP application field visits FY 22; Continue conservation planning, assessments and ranking; Completed Contract status reviews.
- ❖ **Next Month:** Complete conservation planning, assessments, and ranking; Begin contract obligations.

**Motion: A motion to post the EQIP sign up targeting Urban Areas to the IRSWCD website and Social Media was made by Robert C. Adair, Jr. and Seconded by Dr. David L. Cox. Motion carried unanimously.**

**B. Adel Peña, Environmental Specialist III, Office of Agricultural Water Policy-FDACS:**

- ❖ The new Nutrient Efficiency Plan (NEP) replaces Corrective Action and will be used to establish nutrient reduction goals for producers exceeding UF/IFAS nutrient application rates by 10% or more. The NEP will be established during the Implementation Verification (IV) nutrient records review. FDACS staff and the producer will identify the nutrient application goals, and the producer will complete a plan to achieve Nitrogen and Phosphorus reduction goals. FDACS will follow up during subsequent IV site visits until reduction goals are met or the completion of the plan. This only applies to commodities with published UF/IFAS rates. The NEP is currently effective as of 2022.

**C. Christine Kelly-Begazo, Agriculture/ UF IFAS Report: No report**

**D. Linda Caggiano, Staff Assistant II:**

- ❖ Robert Bruce withdrew from consideration of appointment of IRSWCD Supervisors Board due to pending requirements of Supervisors requirements.
- ❖ **FDACS:** Contract 27690: \$100,000.00 for 2021-2022; Balance of \$10,917.08 to spend. Received 3 RFR for IMG Citrus \$8,171.47 each; total of \$24,514.41 Spoke to Raulie to see if allowed to use funds from 2022-2023. Asked when start of contract date is. He needs to contact Angela to see if allowed to use the new funds for 2022-2023 or have to wait.
- ❖ **FCDEA:** Ann Bishop, President (Marion SWCD) and Audrey Kuipers. Vice-President (Okeechobee SWCD) Betty Jo Tompkins (Hillsborough SWCD) and Susie Bishop (Highlands SWCD) have been in Tallahassee speaking to Senators and House of Representatives to speak against HB 783 and SB 1078. Senator Travis Hutson moving forward with SB 1078. FCDEA Board Meeting: Tuesday, March 15, 2022. Mid-Year Meeting to be held either April or May 2022 in Ocala. NACD 2022 SE – Puerto Rico: NACD Summer Meeting NACD’s 2022 Summer Meeting planned for July 16 - 19, 2022. NACD Southeast Region Meeting will be held July 17 - 19, 2022 at the Caribe Hilton in San Juan, P.R.
- ❖ **AFCD:** Jeff Moore, President of AFCD has been in Tallahassee speaking to Senators, FDACS, and NACD regarding the SB 1078.
- ❖ **OFFICE:** Working on Request for Proposal for banking with no fees. Supervisors sending letters back and forth to be reviewed. Poster Contest: Posters are due in office by Friday, March 18, 2022.

**6. DEPARTMENTAL MATTERS:**

**A. SB 1078: Soil and Water Conservation Districts – Update.**

- i. Supervisors Discussion of SB 1078 District Areas. Will have to wait to see if Governor Ron DeSantis signs the bill or vetoes.

**7. OLD BUSINESS:**

A. Indian River Lagoon STEM Advisory Committee Update:

- i. Allocation of Grants. No new meeting held.

**8. NEW BUSINESS:**

**9. SUPERVISORS MATTERS:**

**10. ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 2:41 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