

Indian River County Florida

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



Meeting Minutes – Final

Monday, June 13, 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

William Marine, Member: IRSWCD – Seat #1

Linda Caggiano, District Staff Assistant II: IRSWCD

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman David E. Gunter called meeting to order at 1:35 PM.

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

Supervisors attendance

Via Zoom: Bobby Lindsey, Member

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

Staff in attendance

Via Zoom: None

Public in attendance: Bob Bolton, City of Vero Beach
Honey Minuse, City of Vero Beach
Rufus Standefer, Property Owner/Filmmaker

Public in attendance

Via Zoom: Laura Moss, BOCC of IRC

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

A. The minutes for May 9, 2022 Board Meeting were approved as Amended.

Motion: A motion to approve minutes as Amended was made by Dr. David Cox and Seconded by William Marine. Motion carried unanimously.

4. FINANCIAL REPORT:

A. The Financial Report for May 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 William Marine. Motion carried unanimously.

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

❖ **News:** NRCS State Technical Committee Meets In-Person and Virtually on June 22 to Discuss Natural Resource Priorities Gainesville, Florida May 31, 2022 Meeting held 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (Eastern Standard Time) to provide a report for natural resource and program priority decisions and seek recommendations.

❖ **Farm Bill Programs:** 19 of 63 Active contracts totaling approximately \$950,000 over approximately 11,000 acres.

❖ **EQIP:** 13 Active Contracts (3 Approved for FY 2022); 9 eligible applications FY 2022 applications.

❖ **CSP:** 6 Active Contracts.

❖ **ACEP-WRE:** 1 application.

❖ **Conservation Applications: May – June \$8,491 Program Payments**

- 299 ac – Prescribed Grazing.
 - 20 ac – Pasture and Hay Planting.
 - ❖ **Other:** Completed EQIP Urban sign up application field visits. Completed EQIP general and CSP contract obligation. Attended meeting with Easement landowners interested in promoting ducks/waterfowl on their land. Met with ARS about planting cover crops targeting predatory beneficial insects of psyllids.
 - ❖ **Next Month:** Continue contract maintenance; Continue implementation inspections; Complete EQIP Urban application conservation plans, assessment and ranking and begin contract obligations. Attend meeting with NRCS State Conservationist.
- B. Adel Peña, Environmental Specialist III, Office of Agricultural Water Policy-FDACS:**
- ❖ Continuing Implementation Verifications on Cost-Shares. Preparing for end of Fiscal Year. New Fiscal Year – July 1, 2022.
- C. Christine Kelly-Begazo, Agriculture/ UF IFAS Report: No report**
- D. Linda Caggiano, Staff Assistant II:**
- ❖ **FDACS – No Changes:** Contract 27690: \$100,000.00 for 2021-2022; Balance of \$4,200.00 to CPA. Used all 2021-2022 FDACS Fiscal Year funds. July 1, 2022 starts new funding.
 - ❖ **FCDEA:** FCDEA Mid-Year Meeting held May 11 - 13, 2022; Marion County BOCC; Ocala, FL. Speakers: Mary Ann Hooks: Director of Governmental Affairs for the University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Science (UF/IFAS). Mary Ann is responsible for educating state and federal legislatures on IFAS programs and issues. Natalie Kato, political attorney specializing in governmental relations. How the bill effects SWCD's and each Supervisor placed in a District that follows the County's Board of County Commissioner Districts. The interpretation of the bill much different than Legislature Attorney, Natalie Kato's Analysis. 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: Area 5 Meeting:** Wednesday, June 22, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. located at: UF/IFAS 507 Civic Center Drive, Wauchula, FL 33873. *(Attending)* 2022 AFCD Annual Meeting will be held September 7-9, 2022. Located at: Best Western Gateway Grand Hotel 4200 NW 97th Blvd, Gainesville, FL 32606 *(To be Determined if Attending)* 2023 AFCD Mid-Year Meeting which will include Supervisor Training will be held January 24-27, 2023. Located at: Best Western Gateway Grand Hotel 4200 NW 97th Blvd, Gainesville, FL 32606 *(Attending)* AFCD Statewide Poster and Speech Contest: Thursday, June 30, 2022. State Speech Contest - \$1,225.00, State Poster Contest - \$525.00; AFCD Total Cost - \$1,750.00; Ellis Putnal Balance \$790.00; Short Total \$960.00. Currently, there are no funds to provide prizes at the area meeting levels. If your District or individual Supervisors would like to contribute donations to reward students at both the area and state levels. The AFCD statewide speech and poster contests will take place on Thursday, June 30, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. located at: Best Western Gateway Grand Hotel 4200 NW 97th Blvd, Gainesville, FL 32606. The contests will follow the area 3 meeting scheduled for that morning at the same location. Does IRSWCD want to contribute \$50.00? Any Supervisors plan to attend any meetings? IRSWCD needs to promote the Speech Contest 2023.
 - ❖ **OFFICE:** Completed Audit and AFR. All documents sent to State as required on Tuesday, May 10, 2022. Working on IRSWCD Employee Hand Book and Job description per FDACS. General Election deadlines approaching. Supervisors

need to file paperwork. Looking into Banks that do not charge monthly fees for checking nor Treasury ACH. Weekly phone calls for Soil testing, which we do not do.

6. DEPARTMENTAL MATTERS:

A. Financial Audit for Year Ending 2021:

- i. Pending receipt of Audit Invoice from Kmetz, Elwell, Graham & Associates, PLLC. Then file will be closed.

B. Seacoast Bank – ACH Treasurer Management Update:

- i. Seacoast Bank has no monthly service charge. There is a \$10.00 per ACH file plus an \$0.11 per transaction. South State charges a monthly fee of 416.50 whether we use the ACH that month or not. Will visit Vanessa Hughes at South State Bank and give her the opportunity to match Seacoast Bank fees.

C. SB 1078: Soil and Water Conservation Districts: Update.

- i. On June 8, 2022 SB 1078 Signed by Officers and presented to Governor Ron DeSantis. Governor has until June 23, 2022 to either VETO, Sign or let it become law.
- ii. Spoke to Leslie Swan, have Supervisors from Seat 1, 3, and 5 stop in Supervisors of Elections Office to complete paperwork for Qualifying: Monday, June 13, 2022 12:00 p.m. through Friday, June 17, 2022 12:00 p.m.

D. Palm Beach SWCD: Retained Natalie Kato, Tallahassee, FL (Legislative, lobbying and governmental affairs.)

Motion: A motion by Bobby Lindsey to table the Legislative Contract with Natalie Kato until July 11, 2022 IRSWCD Board Meeting to allow time for Governor Ron DeSantis to either sign, Veto, or allow Senate Bill 1078 to become a law was Seconded by Dr. David L. Cox. Motion carried unanimously.

E. AFCD Area Meeting & Updates: Review for Discussion

Motion: A motion for the IRSWCD Board to approve a \$50.00 contribution to AFCD for the State Poster and Speech Contest was made by Dr. David Cox and Seconded by Robert C. Adair, Jr. Motion carried unanimously.

7. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Indian River Lagoon STEM Advisory Committee Update:

- i. No report for the Month of June 2022.

B. IRC-BOCC Agenda June 14, 2022: Review for Discussion

- i. 8.K. Work Order No. 9 – Kimley-Horn and Associates Upper Floridan Aquifer Modeling & Consumptive Use Permit Modification.

- ii. 15.B.1. Geosyntec Work Order # 12-One Year of groundwater Monitoring/reporting and Related Consulting Services at the Former South Gifford Road Landfill.
- iii. 15.B.3. Work Order # 16 to Geosyntec for One Year of Groundwater Monitoring/reporting and Related Consulting at the Former South Gifford Road Landfill.

Robert C. Adair, Jr. recommends that the IRSWCD invite Sean Lieske, Director of Indian River County Water Utilities or a member of the staff to join our monthly Board Meetings.

Motion: A motion was made by Bobby Lindsey for the IRSWCD Board to send a letter to Richard Burklew, St. Johns River Water Management District to review and verify with specific differences between a U.S. Geological Survey - updated county-wide geohydrological survey versus St. Johns River Water Management District Groundwater Monitoring. After Richard Burklew reviews and amends letter, then send to Jason Brown, County Administrator and Sean Lieske, Director of Indian River County Water Utilities. The motion was Seconded by Dr. David L. Cox. Motion carried unanimously.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

9. SUPERVISORS MATTERS:

10. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 2:59 PM.

David E. Gunter, Chairman

Date

David L. Cox, Secretary/Treasurer

Date