

Indian River County Florida

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



Meeting Minutes – Final

Monday, July 11, 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 1:33 PM.

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
Adel Peña, Environmental Specialist III- OAWP-FDACS

Public in attendance: Honey Minuse, City of Vero Beach
Laura Moss, BOCC of IRC

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

A. The minutes for June 13, 2022 Board Meeting were approved as written.

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

4. FINANCIAL REPORT:

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

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

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

- ❖ **News:** USDA NRCS, Army Corps of Engineers Renew Partnership – Projects Focus on Infrastructure, Natural Resources Planning | NRCS Florida. A Memorandum of Understanding was signed April 5, 2022.
- ❖ **Farm Bill Programs:** 19 of 62 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; 1 preapproved application under Urban fund pool.
- ❖ **CSP:** 6 Active Contracts.
- ❖ **ACEP-WRE:** 1 application.
- ❖ **Conservation Applications: June – July**
 - 15,607 ft – Fence
- ❖ **Other:** Preparing EQIP Urban preapproved application for approval. Attended meeting with NRCS State Conservationist. Started visiting applicants for FY 2023 programs and starting conservation plans. Continued contract maintenance.
- ❖ **Next Month:** Continue contract maintenance; Continue implementation inspections; Continue visiting applicants for FY 2023 programs.

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. No Cost-Share Applications as yet. Waiting on Funding.

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 \$4,325.00 to CPA. Used all 2021-2022 FDACS Fiscal Year funds. July 1, 2022 starts new funding.
- ❖ **FCDEA:** FCDEA Meeting held June 21, 2022; Traveling Book Barn to accommodate cars. Books are being ordered. Then will rotate around the districts. SECDEA Meeting in Pigeon Forge, TN November 8-10, 2022. Working on Committee for Budget and Annual Meeting FCDEA Agenda. 2022 Summer Meeting: 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 held Wednesday, June 22, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. located at: UF/IFAS 507 Civic Center Drive, Wauchula, FL 33873
- ❖ **OFFICE:** Visited Vanessa Hughes, South State Bank credited FDACS account the monthly service fees for Treasurer ACH; Working with FCDEA and AFCDE on Election information, Benefits of Lobbyist Contract, and Office of Program Policy Analysis & Government Accountability (OPPAGA). Working on IRSWCD Employee Hand Book and Job description per FDACS; Keeping track of dates/ deadlines to stay in compliance.

6. DEPARTMENTAL MATTERS:

A. Financial Audit for Year Ending 2021:

- i. Approval of Audit Invoice from Kmetz, Elwell, Graham & Associates, PLLC.

Motion: A motion to approve the audit invoice in the amount of \$4,325.00 was made by Bobby Lindsey and Seconded by Dr. David L. Cox. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Indian River SWCD: Election November 8, 2022: Discussion

- i. District 3 (Joe Earman) – Vacant
- ii. District 4 (Peter O’Bryan) – Vacant

C. Palm Beach SWCD: Review for Discussion

Motion: A motion by Dr. David L. Cox to table the Legislative Contract with Natalie Kato until August 8, 2022 IRSWCD Board Meeting was Seconded by William Marine. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 – David E. Gunter, Robert C. Adair, Jr, Dr. David L. Cox, and William Marine

Nay: 1 - Bobby Lindsey

7. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Indian River Lagoon STEM Advisory Committee Update:

- i. Dr. David L. Cox reported: 2022 Small Grants IRLNEP: IRL Council Board of Directors approved: Impacts of Glyphosate on Seagrass Growth and Nutrient Cycling; Virtual Reality: Oyster Reef Exploration; Environmental Learning Center Educational Pilot Seagrass Nursery; One Health Fish Monitoring Citizen Science Project (ORCA); Tulip Pond Habitat Restoration Project (City of Sebastian).

B. U.S. Geological Survey / Updated County-Wide Geohydrological Survey versus St. John’s River Water Management District Groundwater Monitoring. (Specific difference)

- i. Letter to Rich Burklew, SJRWMD.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

9. SUPERVISORS MATTERS:

10. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 2:33 PM.

David E. Gunter, Chairman

Date

David L. Cox, Secretary/Treasurer

Date