

Indian River County Florida

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



Meeting Minutes – Final

Monday, October 3, 2022

1:30 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 1:37 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
Jennifer Abbey, District Conservationist, USDA/NRCS
Adel Peña, Environmental Specialist III- OAWP-FDACS
Andrea Lazzari-Estevez, IRC Extension Director; UF/IFAS

Public in attendance: Honey Minuse, City of Vero Beach

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

A. The minutes for September 12, 2022 Board Meeting were approved as written.

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

4. FINANCIAL REPORT:

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

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

- ❖ News: Agricultural Landowners Encouraged to Apply for Environmental Quality Incentives Program by October 7 (Date Extended Second Time)
- ❖ **Farm Bill Programs:** 19 of 57 Active contracts totaling approximately \$900,000 over approximately 11,000 acres.
- ❖ **EQIP:** 14 Active Contracts; 9 deferred FY 2022;
- ❖ **CSP:** 5 Active Contracts.
- ❖ **ACEP-WRE:** 1 application, deferred to 2023.
- ❖ **Conservation Applications: September - October**
 - None
- ❖ **Other:** Continued visiting applicants for FY 2023 programs and starting conservation plans; Continued implementation inspections for CSP and EQIP; Continued contract maintenance; Attended first State Conservationist Advisory Group meeting; Visited PL 566 structures for inventory reporting.
- ❖ **Next Month:** Continue contract maintenance; Continue implementation inspections; Continue visiting applicants for FY 2023 programs; Assist EWP as needed; Complete assessment and ranking for SP renewal applications.

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

- ❖ New enrollment
- ❖ Accepting Cost-Share applications

C. Andrea Lazzari-Estevez, IRC Agricultural Extension Director/ UF IFAS Report:

- ❖ Assess damage from Hurricane Ian. Amir Rezazadeh St. Lucie Extension Agent Fruit/Field Crops has been assisting residents with wind damaged trees.

D. Linda Caggiano, Staff Assistant II:

- ❖ **FDACS:** No new updates; Contract 27690: \$100,000.00 for 2022-2023; Received 1 Cost-Share Agreement: Twenty-Twenty Groves/George Pantuso – Ft. Pierce \$4,431.00
- ❖ **FCDEA:** FCDEA Meeting held September 20, 2022; FCDEA next meeting to be held October 18, 2022; SECDEA Meeting in Pigeon Forge, TN November 8-10, 2022.
- ❖ **AFCDEA:** UPDATE: 2023 AFCDEA Annual Meeting & Supervisor training will be held February 6-8, 2023. Located at: UF Hilton and Conference Center 1714 SW 34th Street, Gainesville, FL 32607; The Florida Legislature's Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability (OPPAGA) office contacted AFCDEA. They are in the pre-planning stages of preparing for the District Audits. Your District may receive a correspondence from them- so I wanted to give you a heads up. I have invited to them to attend and speak at the 2023 AFCDEA Annual Meeting.
- ❖ **OFFICE:** Envirothon: Next meeting Thursday, October 13, 2022 Marsh Landing @ 12:00 p.m.; Working with FCDEA and AFCDEA on Election information; Budget for Soil & Water, Scheduling; Supervisors qualified for November 8, 2022 Election. District 1: Bob Adair or Shawn Frost; District 2: Dr. David Cox; District 3: Vacant; District 4: Vacant; District 5: Bill Marine

6. DEPARTMENTAL MATTERS:

A. 2022-2023 Board Meeting Schedule Overview:

- i. Discussion of Discussion of December 12, 2022 Meeting due to Beach & Shore Committee use of room B1-501 at 3:30 p.m.

Motion: A motion to change the December 12, 2022 meeting time to start from 1:30 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. to allow time for IRSWCD meeting to be completed, prior to the Beach & Shore Committee use of the Board Room was made by Robert C. Adair, Jr. and Seconded by Dr. David L. Cox. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion: A motion to accept the IRSWCD Board Meeting Schedule as presented was made by Bobby Lindsey and Seconded by Dr. David L. Cox. Motion carried unanimously.

B. 2022-2023 IRSWCD Budget Overview.

- i. Discussion on 2022-2023 IRSWCD Budget

Motion: A motion to accept the IRSWCD Budget as presented was made by Bobby Lindsey and Seconded by Dr. David L. Cox. Motion carried unanimously.

7. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Indian River Lagoon STEM Advisory Committee Update:

- i. Dr. David L. Cox reported: No STEM Updates. Dr. Duane De Freese has been on social media due to Hurricane Ian.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

9. SUPERVISORS MATTERS:

- A. Robert C. Adair, Jr. discussed TC Palm Editorial Board recommendations. Suggested that the IRSWCD Board write a letter to the Editor on what the IRSWCD Board does do in Indian River County.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 2:17 PM.

David E. Gunter, Chairman

Date

David L. Cox, Secretary/Treasurer

Date