

Indian River County Florida

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



Meeting Minutes – Final

Monday, November 14, 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 1:41 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

Public in attendance: Honey Minuse, City of Vero Beach
Ken Hendrix, Citizen

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

A. The Minutes for Board Meeting of October 3, 2022 were approved as written.

Motion: A Motion to approve minutes was made by Dr. David L. Cox and Seconded by Robert C. Adair, Jr. Motion carried unanimously.

B. The minutes for Local Working Group Meeting of October 3, 2022 were approved as written.

Robert C. Adair, Jr: Impressed that Source Water Depletion prioritized as the #1 resource concern category. What can we do to get funding for Source Water Depletion from USDA-NRCS?

Jennifer Abbey: The LWG information has been provided to USDA-NRCS. The State Technical Committee and State Conservationist will meet on local natural resource priorities and criteria for conservation activities and programs.

Motion: A motion to approve minutes was made by Robert C. Adair, Jr. and Seconded by William Marine. Motion carried unanimously.

4. FINANCIAL REPORT:

A. The Financial Report for October 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:

- ❖ **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 applications + 10 FY 2023 applications
- ❖ **EQIP Hurricane Ian:** 2 of 8 applications
- ❖ **CSP:** 5 Active Contracts.
- ❖ **ACEP-WRE:** 1 application, deferred to 2023.
- ❖ **Conservation Applications: October - November**
 - 8.1 ac – Herbaceous Weed Treatment
 - 190.3 ac – Forage Planting (legumes)
 - 700 ac – Prescribed grazing
 - 100 ac – Forage harvest management for wildlife
 - 1 - Water well
- ❖ **Other:** Continued visiting applicants for FY 2023 programs and starting conservation plans; Continued implementation inspections for CSP and EQIP; Site visits for Hurricane Ian EQIP applications and assisted other offices; Completed assessments and ranking for CSP renewal applications.
- ❖ **Next Month:** Continue contract maintenance; Assist with Hurricane Ian EQIP applications; Completed CSP renewal contract funding.

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

- ❖ Mandate from Commissioner Nikki Fried 11/01/2022 to stop all Implementations and Verifications for 60 days due to Hurricane Ian. IRC is included in the mandate.
- ❖ New enrollment
- ❖ Accepting Cost-Share applications

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

- ❖ Assess damage from Hurricane Ian and Hurricane Nicole.

D. Linda Caggiano, Staff Assistant II:

- ❖ **FDACS:** Contract 27690: \$100,000.00 for 2022-2023; Received 2nd Cost-Share Agreement: Greene Groves & Ranch – \$3,453.00
- ❖ **FCDEA:** SECDEA Meeting in Pigeon Forge, TN November 8-10, 2022; Next FCDEA Meeting December 20, 2022.
- ❖ **AFCD:** 2023 AFCD 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;
- ❖ **OFFICE:** Envirothon: Next meeting Thursday, December 8, 2022; Prepare documents for 2022 Audit and send to CPA.

6. DEPARTMENTAL MATTERS:

A. Financial Audit for year ending 2022:

- i. Engagement letter to be signed from Kmetz, Elwell, Graham & Associates, PLLC. Maximum \$5,000.00.

B. Indian River SWCD – Need to find Supervisor for District 3 and 4 (*Discussion*):

- i. District 3 (Commissioner Joe Earman’s District); District 4 (Commissioner Peter O’Bryan /Deryl Loar’s District)
- ii. January 9, 2023 newly elected Supervisors will take office. (*Discussion on “Swearing-In”*) Supervisors are to go to Supervisor of Elections Office and be “Sworn-In”.

7. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Indian River Lagoon STEM Advisory Committee Update:

- i. Dr. David L. Cox reported: STEM Meeting to be held Tuesday, November 15, 2022 @ Up the Creek.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

9. SUPERVISORS MATTERS:

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