



**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Indian River County Florida**

SUPERVISOR AGENDA

MONDAY, March 13, 2023 – 1:30 P.M.

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

Our Mission

The Indian River Soil and Water Conservation District's (IRSWCD) mission is to provide resources, planning, assessment, assisting citizens to apply conservation and preservation technology, and to educate the citizens in these technologies.

District Supervisors

Robert C. Adair, Jr., Chairman: District 1

Linda Caggiano, District Staff Assistant II

Dr. David L. Cox, Secretary/Treasurer: District 2

William Marine, Member: District 5

Vacant: IRSWCD District 3

Vacant: IRSWCD District 4

1. CALL TO ORDER:

2. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA / EMERGENCY ITEMS:

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A. Board Meeting of February 13, 2023.

4. FINANCIAL REPORT:

A. February 2023 Treasurer's Report.

5. REPORTS:

A. **Jennifer Abbey, USDA-NRCS**

B. **Adel Pena, FDACS**

C. **Andrea Lazzari, IRC Extension Director; UF IFAS Indian River County Extension**

D. **Linda Caggiano, IRSWCD**

6. DEPARTMENTAL MATTERS:

- A. Financial Audit for Year Ending 2022:
- i. Review Draft Audit from Kmetz, Elwell, Graham & Associates, PLLC.
- B. **Indian River SWCD - Need to find Supervisor for District 4 (Discussion):** District 4 (Commissioner Deryl Loar's District)
- C. **Staff Assistant Emails to Supervisors:** Discussion which emails Supervisors want to receive.

7. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. **Indian River Lagoon Council STEM Advisory Committee Update.**
- B. **IRSWCD 2023 Goals to prioritize Urban Agriculture as presented to the Board of Supervisors. Prioritize 1-7**
- ❖ Consider procurement of outside funding to put a Mobile Irrigation Lab (MIL) in place for Indian River County. (Discussion)
 - MIL goals include: Educational Program, vehicle, calibrate irrigation systems. Does Indian River County need a MIL? Can a MIL make a difference?
Educate to: A) Prevent the problem and B.) Fix the problem.
 - Target Audience: HOA Boards/Committees and Property Management Association.
 - SJRWMD stopped advertising the Water Conservation efforts e.g.: Irrigate twice a week Commercials/TV Ads; Promotion of media ads and radio.
 - ❖ Funding to secure a staff member to operate the MIL.
 - ❖ Consideration for a native tree sale for county residents to promote water conservation and carbon sequestration.
 - ❖ Pursue grants and funding to promote the conservation (and reduce the use) of irrigation water for urban areas.
 - ❖ Pursue grants and funding to mitigate contaminants entering Indian River Lagoon.
 - ❖ Pursue grants and funding to seek ways to increase carbon sequestration on county lands.
 - ❖ Pursue grants and funding that accomplish our mission to provide resources, planning, assessment, assisting citizens to apply conservation and preservation technology, and to educate the citizens in these technologies.
 - Dr. David L. Cox, Chairman of the "Outside Funding Procurement Committee". Look into what is available, what the priorities are, where we can go directly and will report back to the IRWCD Board. Reach out to Sean Lieske, see who the liaison would be and see if Utilities would be interested. Irrigation of landscape is the largest consumption of water. Consider Xeriscape landscaping, pressurized reuse water system for the County to incorporate.

8. NEW BUSINESS:**9. ADJOURNMENT:**

***Next Board of Supervisors Meeting scheduled for
April 10, 2023 - 1:30 PM
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