



**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Indian River County Florida**

SUPERVISOR AGENDA

MONDAY, July 10, 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

Charles Kennon Hendrix, Member: District 3

Vacant: IRSWCD District 4

Vacant: IRSWCD District 5

1. CALL TO ORDER:

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

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A. Board Meeting of May 8, 2023.

4. FINANCIAL REPORT:

A. May 2023 Treasurer's Report.

B. June 2023 Treasurer's Report.

5. REPORTS:

6. DEPARTMENTAL MATTERS:

A. **Financial Audit for Year Ending 2022: Completed (*No Action Required.*)**

B. **Indian River SWCD - Need to find Supervisor for District 4 & 5 (*Discussion*):**

7. OLD BUSINESS:**A. Indian River Lagoon Council STEM Advisory Committee Update.**

- i. IRL Council STEM Advisory Committee Update.

B. SB 734: Saltwater Intrusion Funding (*No Action Required.*)

- i. Last Action: May 5, 2023 – Died in Messages.

C. IRSWCD 2023 Goals to prioritize Urban Agriculture as presented to the Board of Supervisors: (*Update items, if new information is available.*)

- ❖ How to bring Urban Agricultural into participation with BMP's, especially water conservation.
- ❖ SJRWMD Water Conservation is now advertising.
- ❖ IRSWCD to consider holding a Water Conservation forum with ALL stake-holders present :
 - Topics:
 - Water Conservation in the County, Water withdrawals from the Upper Floridan Aquifer system and Consumptive Use Permits (CUPs) for Indian River County.
 - Water use in the County, water irrigation, future of water supply, are they going to keep pumping, what is the current situation is, problems with over withdrawal from Counties North of Indian River County, as well as our County how to avoid adverse impact. Why it may be a good idea to have a hydrology study; content for forum. Date to be determined. Chairman, Robert C. Adair, Jr. to put the content and speakers together. Dr. David L. Cox would oversee the funding working together with Andrea Lazzari, IRC Extension Director; UF/IFAS IRC Extension Agent II . Agency collective: Jennifer Abbey, USDA-NRCS, Adel Pena, FDACS, SJRWMD, and Indian River County Utilities to make the forum more focused.
 - ❖ Key approach for SWCD outreach: social media. How our board can function better to educate new land owners and to protect the lagoon. The problem is not the current agricultural owners, but the new small farm owners that we need to make aware conservation and BMP's for their newly purchased agricultural land.
 - ❖ Invite someone from FPL to discuss solar farms. How many more acres does FPL plan to install in Indian River County and adjoining counties? How and what practices are they using to maintain a weed free zone? Are they using - herbicides? Are they monitored?
 - Receiving a lot of down play from people regarding the Mobile Irrigation Lab (MIL) in place for Indian River County. People prefer the Water Conservation forum. Leaning towards a Stakeholders Water Use, Alternative Water Supply, and Conservation forum.
 - MIL goals include: Educational Program, vehicle, calibrate irrigation systems. Does Indian River County need a MIL? Can a MIL make a difference? Do we educate to:
A.) prevent the problem or B.) fix the problem?
 - Target Audience: HOA Boards/Committees and Property Management Association.
 - SJRWMD stopped advertising the Water Conservation efforts via Commercials/TV Ads; e.g.: Irrigate twice a week; Promotion of media ads and radio.
 - Will need funding to secure a staff member to operate the MIL and vehicle.
 - ❖ Consideration for a native tree sale for county residents to promote water conservation and carbon sequestration.
 - Update on the following items from Dr. David L. Cox, Chairman of the "Outside Funding Procurement Committee".
 - 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.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

9. ADJOURNMENT:

*Next Board of Supervisors Meeting scheduled for
August 14, 2023 - 1:30 PM
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