

# **Indian River County Florida**

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



## **Meeting Minutes – Final**

**Monday, July 10, 2023**

**1:30 PM**

### **Indian River Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisors**

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

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

*Charles Kennon Hendrix, Member: District 3*

*Vacant: District 4*

*Vacant: District 5*

**Linda Caggiano, District Staff Assistant II: IRSWCD**

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman Robert C. Adair, Jr. called meeting to order at 1:34 PM.

**Supervisors in attendance:** Robert C. Adair, Jr., Chairman  
Dr. David L. Cox, Secretary/Treasurer  
Charles Kennon Hendrix, Member

**Staff in attendance:** Linda Caggiano, Staff Assistant II, IRSWCD

**Public in attendance:** Mike Johannsen, Indian River Neighborhood Association  
Sean Lieske, Director of Indian River County Utility Services  
Honey Minuse, Vero Beach Resident

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

A. The Minutes for Board Meeting of May 8, 2023 were approved as written.

**Motion: A Motion to approve minutes was made by Dr. David L. Cox and Seconded by Charles Kennon Hendrix. Motion carried unanimously.**

**4. FINANCIAL REPORT:**

A. The Financial Report for May 2023 was available and read by Dr. David L. Cox.

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

B. The Financial Report for June 2023 was available and read by Dr. David L. Cox.

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

**5. REPORTS:****A. Sean Lieske, Director of Indian River County Utility Services:**

❖ Received draft of water quality evaluation report and hope to have finalized in next month; continue to work with SJRWMD reallocation of Consumptive Use Permit from the current 12.84 mgd to 16.4 mgd. Will meet in a week to go over modeling and what the next step will be. Board requested that modeling report be shared with the SWCD when it goes public.

❖ Increased reject water from the expansion of North well field will go into Spoonbill Marsh; Board advised that alternative options be considered to protect the Indian River Lagoon Estuary.

**6. DEPARTMENTAL MATTERS:**

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

**B. Indian River SWCD – Need Supervisor for District 4 & 5:**

## **7. OLD BUSINESS:**

### **A. Indian River Lagoon STEM Advisory Committee Update:**

- i. Dr. David L. Cox reported: Meeting held May 9, 2023 in Valkaria, FL. New cycle of small funding available.

### **B. IRSWCD Goals and Priorities for consideration by the Board of Supervisors in 2023.**

- How to bring Urban Agricultural into participation with BMP's, especially water conservation.
- IRSWCD to consider holding a Water Conservation forum with ALL stake-holders present.
- Best 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.
- Pursue funding for a 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.
- 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.

**Motion: A motion to revise IRSWCD 2023 goals and send to partners a Poll Ranking of IRSWCD Board Priorities list to prioritize 1 – 8 was made by Dr. David L. Cox and Seconded by Charles Kennon Hendrix. Motion carried unanimously.**

## **8. NEW BUSINESS:**

**9. SUPERVISORS MATTERS:**

**10. ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 2:23 PM.

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Robert C. Adair, Jr., Chairman

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David L. Cox, Secretary/Treasurer

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