



**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Indian River County Florida**

SUPERVISOR AGENDA

MONDAY, August 14, 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 July 10, 2023.

4. FINANCIAL REPORT:

A. July 2023 Treasurer's Report.

5. REPORTS:

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

B. **Andrea Lazzari, IRC Extension Director; UF|IFAS IRC Extension Agent II**

C. **Sean C. Lieske, Indian River County Utilities Services**

D. **Linda Caggiano, IRSWCD**

6. DEPARTMENTAL MATTERS:**A. Indian River SWCD - Need to find Supervisor for District 4 & 5 (*Discussion*):****B. AFCD Fall Annual Meeting**

- i. Tuesday, September 25 – Wednesday, September 26, 2023: Hilton University of Florida Conference Center; AFCD currently has funds to cover travel and lodging expense for ONE District Supervisor per District.

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

- i. IRL Council STEM Advisory Committee Update.

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.

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

*Next Board of Supervisors Meeting scheduled for
September 11, 2023 - 1:30 PM
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