

Subject to Board Approval

Minutes

Monthly Business Meeting

Collier Soil and Water Conservation District
14700 Immokalee Road, Naples, Florida 34120

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors was called to order **January 19, 2012** at 8:30 a.m.

Present: Supervisor Dennis Vasey, Supervisor Stan Weiner, Vice Chairman; Supervisor Bruce Reichert, Treasurer; Supervisor Tom Cravens, Supervisor Jim Lang

I. Pledge of Allegiance

II. Introduction of Guests – Mr. Clarence Tears, Director, Big Cypress Basin, SFWMD

III. Approval of Agenda – Mr. Weiner motioned, Mr. Lang 2nd, all ayes, Agenda approved

IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes – November, 2011–Mr. Weiner motioned, 2nd by Mr. Lang, all ayes, Minutes approved for audit.

V. Finance Reports – November, 2011 Trial Balance–Mr. Vasey motioned, Mr. Lang 2nd, all ayes, Finance Reports approved for audit.

1. **Tax withholding issue** – Mark Stout, the District’s auditor, had suggested that, until he could investigate further the qualifying rules in question, Ms. Bucceri not pay the UCT6 tax shown as overdue. Since the FDOF had already charged a late fee and would be adding penalties soon, the Board instructed Ms. Bucceri make all payments due and timely as always, and if any refund or overpayment were to become apparent, Ms. Bucceri will apply for it at a later date.
2. **NGGE ROMA Financial Report** – An annual financial report was created and forwarded to Ms. Connie Bersok, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, in keeping with the original ROMA agreement.

VI. Reports

1. District Conservationist’s Report – Mr. Bob Beck, District Conservationist – Mr. Beck provided his report for the Supervisors review. Mr. Vasey, Mr. Ramsey and Mr. Beck plan to attend the SW Florida RC&D meeting to be held in Labelle on January 23, to report about the ROMA project and other CSWCD projects.
2. District Consultant’s Report – Mr. Michael Ramsey – Discussion centered around the problem of ROMA applicants who, because their building permit requires mitigation, begin the process of purchasing credits but fail to complete the order or pay for the credits then proceed with construction, in violation of their permit. It was decided that if construction takes place without purchase of the required credits, then CSWCD shall issue a mechanics lien filed with the Clerk of Courts for Collier County. Mr. Ramsey will investigate the permitting process to find a way to add this information to permits in the future.
3. Lower West Coast/Big Cypress Basin MIL – James Nikolich, MIL Technician for the Urban Lab, spoke about the MIL presentation he gave at the BCB meeting on January 17. Mr. Vasey added that he will also be giving a presentation with the Water Symposium group.

VII. Old Business

1. Update-Benfield Properties Action – This action has been dismissed. Refer to Order of Judgment on file.
2. Update – Maloney Property TDRs – Awaiting Mr. Maloney’s response to the District’s offer.
3. SW Florida RC&D Council Presentation – Mr. Vasey, Mr. Ramsey and Mr. Beck plan to attend this event. See Item VI. 1. District Conservationist’s Report above.
4. ROMA Burn – Mr. Ramsey has requested to schedule a date and time for a controlled burn in a portion of the ROMA. He is waiting for the go-ahead from Greg Ihle of the Dept. of Forestry. Very dry weather conditions persist in this area.

VIII. New Business

1. Okaloacoochee Slough State Forest – This group is conducting a review of its 10-year resource management plan and is required to have a representative of CSWCD as part of their advisory group. Mr. Reichert volunteered to be the primary rep and Mr. Weiner agreed to be the alternate participant.

IX. Announcements/Public Comment

- X. Next Board Meeting** – February 16, 2012 or call of the Chairman

- XI. Adjournment** – Adjournment was called at 9:07 a.m.