

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 **August 18, 2011** at 8:35 a.m.

Present: Supervisor Dennis Vasey, Supervisor Stan Weiner, Vice Chairman; Supervisor Bruce Reichert, Treasurer

Absent: Supervisor Tom Cravens; Supervisor Jim Lang

I. Pledge of Allegiance

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

III. Approval of Agenda – Mr. Vasey motioned, Mr. Reichert 2nd, all ayes, Agenda approved

IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes – July, 2011 – Mr. Weiner motioned, Mr. Reichert 2nd, all ayes, Minutes approved

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

VI. Reports

1. District Conservationist's Report – Mr. Bob Beck, District Conservationist – Mr. Beck reviewed his report with the Board and also discussed the Citrus Expo going on now in Ft. Myers. The District's MIL teams are participants again this year and so are not in attendance at this meeting.

2. District Consultant's Report – Mr. Michael Ramsey – Mr. Ramsey presented his monthly updates while mentioning his continuing efforts toward obtaining ROMA validation from the Army Corps of Engineers for the District.

3. Lower West Coast/Big Cypress Basin MIL – See item VI.1 above.

4. Newspaper Articles – Mr. Weiner presented two articles from the Naples Daily News for discussion. One was written by Mr. Jim "Nik" Nikolich entitled "Irrigating During a Rainy Day?" Congratulations to the author(s) for the very fine article in the August 9 edition.

VII. Old Business

1. Update: 2010 Audit – the audit is now complete. The auditor will now begin to his review of the 2011 data for the next audit.

2. Update: Benfield Properties Action – There are currently two lawsuits on-going for access to property near the Benfield properties. The plaintiffs are named as Belle Mead Ranch and Mr. Santos. They are suing for access to land-locked properties behind Benfield.

3. Photo Contest – A brief discussion centered around the monetary value of the prize to be awarded.

4. Vehicle Expense Card from NRCS – Have not yet been received. NRCS office personnel are still tracking progress and will advise.

VIII. New Business

1. SFWMD Response – Mr. Vasey reviewed the response that was received from SFWMD regarding Big Cypress Basin reorganization.

IX. Announcements/Public Comment

X. Next Board Meeting - September 15, 2011 or call of the Chairman

XI. Adjournment – Adjournment was called at 9:30 a.m.