

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 **September 15, 2011** at 8:30 a.m.

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

Absent: Supervisor Jim Lang

I. Pledge of Allegiance

II. Introduction of Guests

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

IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes – July, 2011 – Will be presented electronically upon completion

V. Finance Reports – August, 2011 Trial Balance – Mr. Vasey motioned, Mr. Cravens 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 arranging for the Board to visit Pringle Lane Farms next month after the regular meeting.

2. District Consultant's Report – Mr. Michael Ramsey – Mr. Ramsey presented his monthly updates while continuing to look for mitigation property. He is also planning to resubmit a proposal to Yahl Co. for the District which was previously refused by Yahl. Mr. Vasey will email a letter requesting support of permit applicant approval to appropriate members of Collier Co. government.

3. Lower West Coast/Big Cypress Basin MIL – James "Nik" Nikolich of the Urban MIL reviewed his contract's requirements and the execution of next fiscal year's contract.

VII. Old Business

1. Update: Benfield Properties Action – A court date of November 15, 2011 has been set for motion to approve the plaintiffs' suit.
2. Photo Contest – A brief discussion centered around the monetary value of the prize to be awarded.
3. Vehicle Expense Card – The new "gas card" from NRCS has been received and is being well used. Thank you to the USDA NRCS.
4. Budget Adoption – The proposed budgets for FY 2011-2012 have been adopted for the coming year.

VIII. New Business

1. 2011 Audit Preparation – Ms. Bucceri and Mr. Stout have discussed exchanging of information to begin the next audit but will be waiting until the end of this fiscal year in order to not confuse dates, cut-offs, etc. from one year to the next.

IX. Announcements/Public Comment – The Water Symposium approved the Marco Island median project as complete. Everglades City's mayor is still reviewing the project before it will be considered final. Essentially, both median projects were successful.

X. Next Board Meeting – October 20, 2011 or call of the Chairman

XI. Adjournment – Adjournment was called at 9:45 a.m.