

***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 **July 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**

**III. Approval of Agenda** – Mr. Vasey motioned, Mr. Weiner 2<sup>nd</sup>, all ayes, Agenda approved.

**IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes** – June, 2012 – Mr. Vasey motioned, Mr. Reichert 2<sup>nd</sup>, all ayes, Minutes approved for audit.

**V. Finance Reports** – June, 2012 Trial Balance – Mr. Vasey motioned, Mr. Cravens 2<sup>nd</sup>, all ayes, approved for audit.

**VI. Reports**

1. District Conservationist's Report – Mr. Bob Beck, District Conservationist – Mr. Beck reviewed his monthly report. Supervisor Weiner has applied and been accepted as an NRCS volunteer and will begin training soon.
2. District Consultant's Report – Mr. Michael Ramsey – Mr. Ramsey has been working at Benfield Road area and also in Everglades City, replacing some of the trees that did not survive original installation.
3. Lower West Coast/Big Cypress Basin MIL – Mr. "Nik" Nikolich of the BCB Urban Lab described recent activities and reviewed the billing process through Big Cypress Basin. Mr. Mark Siverling of the LWC Ag Lab explained that the contract renewal with FDACS is calling for performance of more duties without benefit of a budgetary increase. In addition, SFWMD has asked that MIL do pump calibrations. Mr. Siverling had suggested using the new flow meter as a source of extra income. He will gather information on education in the use of the flow meter. Mr. Vasey suggested going through FDACS and SFWMD and asking if either agency would agree on the type and extent of this work and if they would be willing to increase payments for it. Mr. Ramsey is interested in helping to set this up as a business for the District. Mr. Siverling had also requested approval of a \$1,000.00 expense for classes and for renewing membership in the Irrigation Association. Mr. Weiner motioned for approval, Mr. Lang 2<sup>nd</sup>, all ayes, budget request approved.

**VII. Old Business**

1. Discussion – Performance Review Budgeting – Ms. Bucceri presented the budget to include a 2.5% cost of living increase for District employees. Mr. Vasey motioned, Mr. Cravens 2<sup>nd</sup>, all ayes, motion approved. New hourly rates to take effect with the upcoming pay period. Ms. Bucceri also presented a budget increase for the quarterly employee health insurance reimbursement. Mr. Vasey motioned, Mr. Weiner 2<sup>nd</sup>, all ayes, motion carried.
2. Pollution Control Laboratory/Lantern Lake Testing Update
3. Benfield Payment Receipt – Mr. Vasey and Ms. Bucceri both verified that the tax lien on property formerly owned by Ms. Patricia Reardon and transferred to the District with her "donation" of said property, has been fully satisfied by the District's payment on July 5, 2012, and we should not receive any further notices. Ms. Bucceri notified Ms. Reardon of her oversight and requested reimbursement for CSWCD.
4. Everglades City Remake – Refer to VI. Reports, #2 above.

**VIII. New Business**

1. Discussion – BCB Director Resignation – Mr. Vasey presented Resolution No. 2012-0718-1 for Member review and approval. Mr. Cravens motioned, Mr. Lang 2<sup>nd</sup>, all ayes, Resolution approved.

**IX. Announcements/Public Comment**

**X. Next Board Meeting** – September 20, 2012 or call of the Chairman.

**XI. Adjournment** – Adjournment was called at 9:25 a.m.