

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 **April 17, 2014** at 8:33 a.m.

Present: Supervisor Dennis Vasey, Chairman; Supervisor Jim Lang; Supervisor Stan Weiner, Vice-Chairman; Supervisor Clarence Tears. Absent: Supervisor Bruce Reichert, Treasurer

I. Pledge of Allegiance

II. Introduction of Guests – Mr. Ben Hobson; Mr. Jerry Jones

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

IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes – March, 2014 – Mr. Lang motioned, Mr. Vasey 2nd, all ayes, Minutes approved.

V. Finance Reports – March, 2014 Trial Balance – Chairman Vasey approved for audit.

VI. Reports

1. District Conservationist's Report – Mr. Bob Beck, District Conservationist – Mr. Beck was not able to attend as there was an area wide meeting that took priority.
2. Environmental Manager's Report – Mr. Michael Ramsey, Environmental Manager – Mr. Ramsey met with Florida Dept. of Environmental Protection last week. FDEP approved of the condition of the lands but is concerned about so little money coming in at the same time. Cairo may buy Benfield properties to donate to Army Corps. of Engineers. (reference Old Business below). Mr. Vasey will be appearing in court on May 15, 2014 pertaining to access for right of way there.
3. Lower West Coast/Big Cypress Basin MIL

VII. Old Business

1. Mitigation Proposal – Cairo, Follow-Up
- Mitigation Proposal: Cairo--Collier Soil and Water Conservation District (CSWCD) will assist reference applicant with wetland impact mitigation as follows:

- Provide initial treatment and oversight;
- Provide follow-up for five (5) years;
- Provide required reporting;
- Retreatment where required;
- Long term management following initial treatment, and
- Achieving success criteria defined as <5% infestation in the ground cover, none in the canopy and sub-canopy five (5) years after initial treatment.

After the area meets success criteria, CSWCD will assure long-term management until transfer to the Florida Division of State Lands or other designated government agency.

2. FDEP ROMA Visit Comments – See Mr. Ramsey's remarks above at Reports #2.

VIII. New Business

1. White Paper Discussions – See letter of April 17, 2014 to the Honorable D.R. Alexander, Administrative Law Judge. Letter was written by Mr. Vasey and presented for review/revision by the Board, if any.
2. 2014 Work Plan Review – Army Corps. of Engineers certification has been added to the annual work plan. A draft is to be available NLT Dec.1, 2014 to apply as an In-Lieu Fee Mitigation Bank.

IX. Announcements/Public Comment

X. Next Board Meeting – June 19, 2014 or call of the Chairman. There will be no May, 2014 meeting due to Supervisor vacation, etc.

XI. Adjournment – Mr. Lang motioned, Mr. Weiner 2nd, all Ayes, adjournment called at 9:20 a.m.