

**Draft Minutes**  
**Monthly Regular 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 November 19, 2015, at 8:25 a.m.

Present: Supervisor Dennis Vasey, Chairman; Supervisor Clarence Tears; Supervisor Jim Lang; Supervisor Stan Wiener; NRCS Conservationist Bob Beck; Urban MIL technician James Nikolich, and Agricultural MIL Team Leader/District Administrator Mark Siverling

- I. Pledge of Allegiance
- II. Introduction of Guests – None
- III. Approval of Agenda. – Mr. Clarence Tears, motion to approve the agenda; Mr. Dennis Vasey, Second.  
Supervisor Dennis Vasey; Supervisor Clarence Tears, Supervisor Stan Wiener, and Supervisor Jim Lang; Yea.
- IV. Regular Meeting Minutes. Mr. Dennis Vasey, motion to approve the September 2015 Meeting Minutes; Mr. Stan Wiener, Second.  
Supervisor Dennis Vasey; Supervisor Clarence Tears, Supervisor Stan Wiener, and Supervisor Jim Lang; Yea.
- V. Reports:
  1. Mr. Rasiwala provided a printed financial report.  
Motion to accept for audit Mr. Dennis Vasey; Mr. Stan Wiener, Second.  
Supervisor Dennis Vasey; Supervisor Clarence Tears, Supervisor Stan Wiener, and Supervisor Jim Lang; Yea.
  2. Mr. Bob Beck, NRCS District Conservationist, reported:
    - a. He is utilizing a temporary helper from Sebring to create conservation plans for funding applicants. There are not many funds available this year, and this could increase the chances of projects being funded in Collier County.
    - b. The NRCS is directing much of its funding toward the Conservation Stewardship program, which pays landowners to implement or continue conservation practices.
  3. Mr. Siverling, District Administrator, reported:
    - a. The latest Naples phone book has the District's number listed as the Social Security Administration, so we have been getting many unwanted calls. The phone book company will be contacted, and the phone system message changed.
    - b. MIL technician Bill Gaddis attended a meeting at the University of Florida Immokalee Research station about Citrus Health Management Areas, which are agreements between area groves to spray for psyllids on an agreed-upon schedule to try to slow the spread of citrus greening disease.
    - c. The Agricultural MIL attended the annual staff meeting of the Best Management Practices implementation team that took place in Gainesville earlier this week. It was a good opportunity to network with an important conservation partner. The quarterly meeting of the Irrigation Conservation Committee took place in Tavares the next day.
- VI. Old Business:
  1. Regional Offsite Mitigation Area (ROMA) closeout: Supervisor Vasey will clarify the "Rach" letter with an Email to Mr. Wilson.
  2. The Financial Procedures document was updated to reflect the new policy for petty cash adopted by the Board of Supervisors during the October Regular Meeting. Copies distributed.

VII. New Business:

1. A request was sent to the Big Cypress Basin to attend this month's meeting and update CSWCD on water projects in Collier County. BCB declined because of questions about Sunshine Law application. Supervisors directed the District Administrator to request a presentation of approved Big Cypress Basin Projects at the December Regular Meeting.
2. The Water Symposium coordinating Best Management Practices at a Growth Management Division retention pond on 7th NW. The two year evaluation recently completed, was sufficient enough for the county to change mowing cycles and stop pre- and post emergent copper use to control algae in water retention ponds.
3. Sunshine Law information was distributed.

VIII. Communications:

1. Urban MIL contract #4600003347-FY16 was accepted and signed.
2. Florida Commission on Ethics financial disclosure notification response was sent for 2015.

IX. Next Regular Meeting:

University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences Collier County Extension Building, 14700 Immokalee Road, Naples, FL 34120, December 17, 2015.

X. Mr. Dennis Vasey, motion to adjourn; Mr. Clarence Tears, second.

Supervisor Dennis Vasey; Supervisor Clarence Tears, Supervisor Stan Wiener, and Supervisor Jim Lang; Yea.

Respectfully submitted,  
James Lang, Secretary