

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 March 24, 2016, at 8:30 a.m.

Present:

Supervisor Dennis Vasey, Chairman; Supervisor Clarence Tears, Vice Chairman; Supervisor Jim Lang, Secretary; Supervisor Bruce Reichert, Treasurer (by teleconference); Supervisor Nancy Richie, Member; NRCS Conservationist, Bob Beck; Urban MIL technician, James Nikolich; Agricultural MIL Team Leader/District Administrator, Mark Siverling; Agricultural MIL Technician, Bill Gaddis; and Michael Ramsey, District Consultant.

Guest: Ms. Ashley O'Conner, graduate student.

- I. Pledge of Allegiance
- II. Introduction of Guests – Ashley O'Conner, Mike Ramsey
- III. Agenda – Mr. Vasey, added:
 - Old Business item: Surplus Equipment
 - New Business item: Elect a Vice Chair
 - New Business item: Budget amendment for Citrus Expo
 - Communications item: Award for Mr. Stan Weiner.
 - Communications item: Insurance RefundMr. Clarence Tears, added:
 - New Business item: Florida Association of Conservation DistrictsMr. Dennis Vasey, motion to approve the agenda, Mr. Clarence Tears, second.
Supervisor Dennis Vasey, Supervisor Clarence Tears, Supervisor Jim Lang, Supervisor Nancy Richie, Supervisor Bruce Reichert, Yea.
- IV. Approval of Minutes – Mr. Clarence Tears, motion to approve the February 2016 minutes; Ms. Nancy Richie, second.
Supervisor Dennis Vasey, Supervisor Clarence Tears, Supervisor Jim Lang, Supervisor Nancy Richie, Supervisor Bruce Reichert, Yea.
- V. Public Comments – None
- VI. Reports:
 1. Mr. Mike Ramsey, environmental consultant, reported the remaining area in the Regional Offsite Mitigation Area will receive initial treatment weather permitting. January rains prevented vehicle access to the site and the chemicals cannot be applied in water. Treatment will be completed within 90-days after site entry.
 2. Mr. Rasiwala provided a printed financial report.
 3. Mr. Bob Beck, NRCS District Conservationist, reported:
 - a. January and February rainfall reached 32-year high in the area, making work such as prescribed burning difficult.
 - b. He is working to close out several contracts; eleven are carry-forwards from last year. Overall project funding has decreased again.
 3. Mr. Siverling, District Administrator, reported:
 - a. Both Agricultural and Urban Mobile Irrigation Labs are on pace to finish quarterly requirements and will submit reports to contract agencies before the next board meeting.

- b. The ultrasonic flow meter is working properly once again. The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services will reimburse the District for repairs and calibration in the new FDACS Fiscal Year. According to the manufacturer, the flow meter should not need to be calibrated. MIL staff can test it against the calibrated meters at the City of Naples.

VII. Old Business:

1. There has been no response to the wetlands letter that the district sent to Collier County.
2. Staff recommended disposal of the PSSF Computer and deletion of the Budget Item.

Motion to Approve Mr. Lang; Ms. Nancy Richie, second.

Supervisor Dennis Vasey, Supervisor Clarence Tears, Supervisor Jim Lang, Supervisor Nancy Richie, Supervisor Bruce Reichert, Yea.

VIII. New Business:

1. Mr. Dennis Vasey nominated Mr. Tears to serve as the Vice Chair of the Board of Supervisors; Ms. Richie, second.

Supervisor Dennis Vasey, Supervisor Clarence Tears, Supervisor Jim Lang, Supervisor Nancy Richie, Supervisor Bruce Reichert, Yea.

2. Mr. Vasey discussed budget line item adjustments for Citrus Expo, Printing, Vehicle and Equipment maintenance, and repair. Mr. Siverling will coordinate the adjustments with the Accountant and introduce them as Old Business Items during the April Regular Meeting.
3. Mr. Clarence Tears brought to the Supervisors' attention that the District is not a member of the Florida Association of Conservation Districts. The Board of Supervisors declined Association Membership.

IX. Communications

1. Mr. Vasey revealed the certificate thanking Mr. Stan Weiner for his years of service as a Supervisor. Mr. Siverling will deliver it.
2. The district received a refund of \$512 from the insurer, which will be among the items Mr. Siverling discusses with the Accountant.

X. Public Comments – Ms. O'Conner asked some background questions about the District governing document and wetland management. Discussion by the Board of Supervisors and Mr. Ramsey followed.

XI. Next Regular Meeting:

University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences Collier County Extension Building, 14700 Immokalee Road, Naples, FL 34120, April 21, 2016.

XII. Mr. Dennis Vasey, motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Bruce Reichert, second.

Supervisor Dennis Vasey, Supervisor Clarence Tears, Supervisor Jim Lang, Supervisor Nancy Richie, Supervisor Bruce Reichert, Yea.