

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 February 18, 2015, at 8:30 a.m.

Present:

Supervisor Dennis Vasey, Chairman
Supervisor Clarence Tears
Supervisor Jim Lang
NRCS Conservationist Bob Beck
Urban MIL technician James Nikolich
Agricultural MIL Team Leader/District Administrator Mark Siverling
Agricultural MIL technician Bill Gaddis
Big Cypress Basin Service Center Administrator Lisa Koehler
Nancy Richie of Island Environmental & Marine Services
Brooke Hollander of Tropical Environmental Consultants LLC

- I. Pledge of Allegiance
- II. Introduction of Guests – Brooke Hollander, Nancy Richie, Lisa Koehler
- III. Approval of Agenda – Mr. Dennis Vasey, motion to approve the agenda, Mr. Jim Lang, second.
Supervisor Dennis Vasey, Supervisor Clarence Tears, Supervisor Jim Lang, Yea.
- IV. Approval of Minutes – Mr. Jim Lang, motion to approve the minutes; Mr. Dennis Vasey, second.
Supervisor Dennis Vasey, Supervisor Clarence Tears, Supervisor Jim Lang, Yea.
- V. Public Comments – Ms. Brooke Hollander engaged the board in a lively discussion about wetlands protection in Collier County. The Board of Supervisors agreed to send an inquiry to the county regarding current wetlands protection methods.
- VI. Reports:
 1. Mr. Rasiwala provided a printed financial report.
 2. Mr. Bob Beck, NRCS District Conservationist, reported:
 - a. Weather conditions have made it difficult for recipients of cost-share funds to implement their practices. The record rainfall in January was especially hard on pasture lands, because the Bahia grass that is used for forage is not flood-tolerant.
 - b. The small organic operation in Collier County that is receiving cost-share funding is currently under construction.
 3. Mr. Siverling, District Administrator, reported:
 - a. The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services has verbally agreed to pay for the repairs and calibration to the District's flow meter, but the money will be reimbursed in the first quarter of the state's next fiscal year, which begins July 1st.
 - b. At the Irrigation Conservation Committee meeting, it was announced that Camilo Gaitan, the contract manager for the Mobile Irrigation Labs, will be moving to a new position, and the new contact for the MILs will be Mark Maelo.
 - c. Also at the ICC meeting, a Freedom of Information Act officer from the Natural Resources Conservation Service explained that because the CSWCD has entered into a partnership with the NRCS, the FOIA document 1619 applies to District activities. Requests for information should be sent to the NRCS FOIA office.
- VII. Old Business:
 1. Effective January 9, 2016, Supervisor Stan Weiner resigned due to health issues.
Effective February 18, 2016, the following appointment is effective:
Nancy Jean Richie, Supervisor, Seat 2
553 Somerset Court
Marco Island, FL 34145

2. The ROMA amendment has not been enacted because weather conditions prevent working at the site.

Motion to approve \$21,149.76 for ROMA completion; authorize a draw of \$15,000.00 payable to Ramsey Inc., and final draw, not to exceed \$6,149.76, for remainder of ROMA work completion upon presentation of an invoice by Ramsey Inc. Supervisor Vasey; Second, Supervisor Lang.

Supervisor Dennis Vasey, Chairman; Supervisor James Lang, Secretary, and Supervisor Clarence Tears. Yea.

VIII. New Business:

1. Ms. Lisa Koehler of the Big Cypress Basin, provided an overview of the BCB's projects and plans for fiscal year 2016.

IX. Communications – the following were distributed to all present:

1. Building permit information from Ms. Hollander
2. Neighborhood Lakes and Ponds Management Workshop Schedule
3. Moonlight on the Marsh Lecture Series Schedule

X. Public Comments – none

XI. Next Regular Meeting:

University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences Collier County Extension Building, 14700 Immokalee Road, Naples, FL 34120, March 17, 2018.

XII. Mr. Jim Lang, motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Clarence Tears, second.

Supervisor Dennis Vasey, Supervisor Clarence Tears, Supervisor Jim Lang, Yea.