

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 June 16, 2016, at 8:30 a.m.

Present:

Supervisor Dennis Vasey, Chairman; Supervisor Jim Lang, Secretary; Supervisor Nancy Richie; Supervisor Clarence Tears; NRCS Conservationist, Bob Beck; Urban MIL technician, James Nikolich; Agricultural MIL Team Leader/District Administrator Mark Siverling, and Agricultural MIL Technician Bill Gaddis.

Supervisor Dennis Vasey, motion to approve Supervisor Bruce Reichert, Treasurer, telephone attendance, Supervisor Tears, second.

Vote: All Yea.

Supervisor Bruce Reichert, Treasurer, participated, the meeting by telephone.

- I. Pledge of Allegiance
- II. Introduction of Guests – None.
- III. Agenda – Mr. Bob Beck added agenda item “VII. c. Farm Services Agency partnership for Citrus Expo”

Supervisor Dennis Vasey, motion to approve the Agenda, Supervisor Tears, second.

Vote: All Yea.

- IV. Approval of Minutes – Supervisor Tears, motion to approve the May 2016 minutes; Supervisor Lang, second.

Vote: All Yea.

- V. Public Comments – None

- VI. Reports:

1. Mr. Beck, District Conservationist, reported that only two EQIP applications were approved for the current year, both high tunnel operations in Lee County. Mr. Beck reported on the slow progress in the effort for government agencies to reimburse ranchers for livestock lost to panthers.
2. Mr. Rasiwala provided a printed financial report.
3. Mr. Siverling, District Administrator, reported:
 - a. The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services will issue a one-quarter contract for the Agricultural Mobile Irrigation Lab, followed by a contract for the remainder of the fiscal year.
 - b. Mr. Nikolich reported that he has completed his quarterly report for the Urban Mobile Irrigation Lab and submitted an invoice to Big Cypress Basin.

- VII. Old Business:

Supervisor Vasey reported that floating islands of grass will be used in the retention pond at 7th Avenue Northwest as a pollution-cleaning mechanism. He has researched to find the best species of grass.

- VIII. New Business:

1. Mr. Siverling reported that a draft budget has been prepared for the next FDACS Fiscal Year for the Agricultural Mobile Irrigation Lab, but it won't go into effect until the second contract. The only change in next quarter's contract will be reimbursement for flow meter repairs, and possibly funds for a new pH/TDS meter.
2. A checklist for the annual audit was provided to the supervisors. Mr. Siverling and Mr. Rasiwala will ensure that the requirements are met.

3. Mr Bob Beck reported that the Farm Service Agency, in an effort to increase public outreach, has proposed partnering with the CSWCD in the MIL booth at this year's Citrus Expo in August. They would like to present information at the booth and assist in funding it.

IX. Communications:

1. The Supervisor of Elections provided November Ballot information for the supervisors.
2. Supervisor Reichert excused.
3. Supervisor Tears, motion to suspend the July meeting, second, Supervisor Lang.

Vote: All Yea.

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, August 25, 2016.

XII. Supervisor Vasey, motion to adjourn the meeting; Supervisor Lang, second.

Vote: All Yea.