

Minutes
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 December 15, 2016, at 8:30 a.m.

A Quorum comprised of Supervisor Dennis Vasey, Chairman; Supervisor Clarence Tears, Vice Chairman; Supervisor Jim Lang, Secretary, was present.

Also present was Agricultural MIL Supervisor/District Administrator Mark Siverling, Urban MIL Supervisor James Nikolich, and District Conservationist Bob Beck.

- I. Pledge of Allegiance.
- II. Introduction of Guests: None.
- III. Agenda: Supervisor Vasey added VIII. a. Recognition certificate for Supervisor Lang; VIII. b. Holiday office schedule.
Motion to approve the Agenda: Supervisor Vasey; second, Supervisor Lang. *Vote: All yea.*
- IV. Minutes: Regular Meeting Minutes for November 2016 were e-mailed for review.
Motion to approve the October 2016 Minutes: Supervisor Lang; second, Supervisor Tears. *Vote: All yea.*
- V. Public Comment: None.
- VI. Reports:
 - a. Mr. Rasiwala Emailed the financial report.
Motion to approve the report for audit by Supervisor Vasey; second, Supervisor Lang. *Vote: All yea.*
 - b. Mr. Siverling, District Administrator, said the Ag Mobile Irrigation Lab (MIL) was able to meet the quarterly goals with the help of a volunteer provided by NRCS and several field days with Mr. Nikolich. The search continues for a new Ag. MIL technician. Mr. Nikolich said that his contract and quarterly payment have not yet arrived, and he will contact the BCB to follow up.
 - c. Mr. Beck said that EQIP funds are dwindling, though there are some applicants and the ranking process is underway. There is one Conservation Stewardship Program contract in Collier County. The rancher is having some difficulty finishing the controlled burns on schedule because of weather.
- VII. Old Business:
 - a. Under the Annual Work Plan, the CSWCD is working on a plant tool study, and sea level rise issues. Because the amount of sea level rise is unknown, the first question to be addressed is: When do we need to move infrastructure? Research is ongoing.
 - b. Supervisor Vasey is meeting with the county Growth Management Division on December 20th to address the care of Stormwater Treatment Areas (STA) and optimal mowing schedules to account for dry and wet season growth; buffer height and maintenance area clearing. On on call program could reduce annual mowing costs. Currently, STAs are mowed without regard to grass height. Doing so removes habitat and biological functions.
 - c. We are negotiating to manage 38 county STAs for mowing compliance.
- VIII. New Business:
 - a. Annual year-end incentives for the two full-time CSWCD employees were discussed. Motion to approve Three Hundred and Fifty Dollars and No Cents for Mr. Siverling, and Two Hundred Fifty Dollars and No Cents for Mr. Nikolich by Supervisor Vasey; second, Supervisor Lang. *Vote: All yea.*
 - b. Supervisor Lang was presented with a certificate of appreciation to honor his years of service to the District.
 - c. The CSWCD office will be closed on December 26, 2016, and January 2, 2017, for federal holidays. The District office will also be closed December 23, 2016, along with Collier County offices. A closure schedule will be posted on the website and door.
- IX. Communications: The Florida Public Lands Survey was received, but there are no changes to the CSWCD properties over the past year.
- 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, January 19, 2016.