

**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 January 19, 2017, at 8:30 a.m.

A Quorum comprised of Supervisor Dennis Vasey, Chairman; Supervisor Clarence Tears, Vice Chairman; Supervisor Nancy Richie, Secretary, and Supervisor Rob Griffin was present.

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

- I. Pledge of Allegiance.
- II. Oath of Officers: Supervisors Richie and Griffin were sworn in by Chairman Vasey.
- III. The Introduction of Guests: Mike Richie, Marco Island, FL, and husband of Supervisor Richie.
- IV. Agenda: Supervisor Vasey added IX. b. Letter to Collier County Board of County Commissioners regarding TDR banking.  
Motion to approve the Agenda: Supervisor Griffin; second, Supervisor Tears. *Vote: All yea.*
- V. Minutes: Regular Meeting Minutes for December 2016 were Emailed for review.  
Motion to approve the December 2016 Minutes: Supervisor Tears; second, Supervisor Richie. *Vote: All yea.*
- VI. Public Comment: None.
- VII. Reports:
  - a. Mr. Rasiwala Emailed the financial report.
  - b. Mr. Beck said that while EQIP funds are dwindling, there have been two new applicants this year, in addition to carry-forward applicants. Three other applicants were not eligible. He has a meeting with a large local landowner to see if land leases can be extended, so more growers qualify for federal assistance. He reported that there are ongoing discussions about programs to preserve Florida panther habitat and to compensate ranchers for calf losses due to the cats.
  - c. Mr. Siverling, District Administrator and Agricultural Mobile Irrigation Lab (Ag MIL) Supervisor, said their annual contract with Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services is on track. Mr. Nikolich, Urban MIL Supervisor, reported that the Big Cypress Basin contract was converted to a purchase order; funds for past quarters have been received.
- VIII. Old Business:
  - a. Mr. Siverling announced that the search for a new Ag MIL technician is ongoing and that there have been several applicants. The interview process is the next step.
  - b. Mr. Ramsey gave an update on the Regional Offsite Mitigation Area. Ramsey, Inc. used all available funds to treat invasive melaleuca trees in the treatment area and notified the District of a stop work condition.  
Motion to approve the FDEP Notice: Supervisor Richie; second, Supervisor Tears. *Vote: All yea.*
  - c. Supervisor Vasey reported that CliftonLarsonAllen requested two documents that were completed and submitted.
- IX. New Business:
  - a. Supervisors were asked to volunteer or nominate one another for the Board positions. Supervisor Vasey remains Chairman. Supervisor Tears remains Vice Chairman. Supervisor Reichert remains Treasurer. Supervisor Richie becomes Secretary.
  - b. After discussion, it was decided that Chairman Vasey will draft a letter to the Collier Board of County Commissioners, offering to manage Transfer of Development Rights banking.
- X. Communications: The Board of County Commissioners responded to CSWCD's letter regarding conservation land management procedures.
- XI. Public Comments: None.
- XII. Next Regular Meeting: University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences Collier County Extension Building, 14700 Immokalee Road, Naples, FL 34120, February 16, 2017.
- XIII. Supervisor Tears, motion to adjourn the meeting, second Supervisor Vasey. *Vote: All yea.*