

**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 February 16, 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 Agricultural MIL Technician Paul Hayden.

- I. Pledge of Allegiance.
- II. Introduction of Guests: Former employee Bill Gaddis and his wife Debbie were present.
- III. Agenda: Supervisor Vasey added: VII. c. Conservation Collier Letter and IX. b. Commission on Ethics Financial Disclosure letter
Motion to approve the Agenda: Supervisor Richie; second, Supervisor Tears. *Vote: All yea.*
- IV. Minutes: Regular Meeting Minutes for January 2017 were e-mailed for review.
Motion to approve the January 2017 Minutes: Supervisor Richie; second, Supervisor Vasey. *Vote: All yea.*
- V. Public Comment: Mr. Gaddis formally thanked the Board for their active management during his 14-year career with the District.
- VI. Reports:
 - a. Mr. Beck said that Friday is the deadline for EQIP fund sub-accounts, which are a part of the new application process. Mr. Beck has been meeting with landowners regarding longer leases that will qualify more growers for funding.
 - b. Mr. Rasiwala Emailed the financial report.
 - c. Mr. Siverling, District Administrator and Agricultural Mobile Irrigation Lab (MIL) Supervisor, submitted the final report from the MILs study of water conservation devices. He indicated that the MIL is giving part of a presentation at the University of Florida Research Station in Immokalee on March 23rd. Urban MIL technician James Nikolich gave a presentation about the MIL program, and it is airing on local television. The MILs will provide a brief summary of their activities at future meetings.
- VII. Old Business:
 - a. Mr. Siverling introduced the new Agricultural MIL technician, Paul Hayden.
 - b. Supervisor Vasey submitted the draft letter to the county regarding TDR banking. The board recommended changes.
Supervisor Tears, motion to approve updated letter; second, Supervisor Richie. *Vote: All yea.*
 - c. Supervisor Vasey submitted the draft letter to the county regarding Conservation Collier funds to maintain public lands. The board recommended changes.
Supervisor Richie, motion to approve updated letter; second, Supervisor Tears. *Vote: All yea.*
- VIII. New Business:
 - a. A vacancy was left on the Board with the death of Supervisor Reichert in January. Supervisor Griffin asked the Board of Supervisors to delay the appointment of a replacement until he had time to study Florida Administrative Procedures. After discussion, the Board of Supervisors directed him to contact the Supervisor of Elections for appointment clarification policy and report at the March Regular Meeting.
 - b. Chairman Vasey asked Supervisor Richie if she would be interested in serving as Treasurer. Supervisor Richie agreed to take on the office. Supervisor Tears, motion to appoint Supervisor Richie as Treasurer; second, Supervisor Griffin. *Vote: all yea.*
Resolution to remove Mr. Weiner and Ms. Bucceri as signors. District Bank of America signature authorization was retained for Supervisor Vasey and Supervisor Richie, Treasurer.
 - c. Draft Volunteer paragraph will be designed for the Employee Handbook.
- IX. Communications:

The Commission on Ethics sent a letter asking for the annual Financial Disclosure Validation. Chairman Vasey will respond.

- X. Public Comments: Bill Gaddis offered his services as a volunteer for the District. Mr. Siverling will make sure the appropriate paperwork is completed.
- XI. Next Regular Meeting: University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences Collier County Extension Building, 14700 Immokalee Road, Naples, FL 34120, March 16, 2017.
- XII. Supervisor Vasey, motion to adjourn the meeting, second Supervisor Richie. *Vote: All yea.*