

**Minutes**  
**Regular Meeting**  
Collier Soil and Water Conservation District (CSWCD)  
Golden Gate Community Center  
4701 Golden Gate Parkway, Naples, Florida 34116

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors was called to order May 18, 2018, at 9:00 a.m.

Supervisor Dennis Vasey, Chairman; Supervisor Clarence Tears, Vice Chairman; Supervisor James Lang, Secretary; and Supervisor Rob Griffin were present.

Also present were Agricultural MIL Supervisor/District Administrator Mark Siverling, Urban MIL Supervisor James Nikolich, Agricultural MIL Technician Paul Hayden, and District Conservationist Howard Harrison.

**I. Pledge of Allegiance**

**II. Introduction of Guests:** Ms. Charlene Meeks, Association of Florida Conservation Districts (AFCD)

- a. Association of Florida Conservation Districts: Ms. Meeks gave a presentation about what the AFCD does and why it is important for Soil and Water Conservation Districts to be involved. Supervisor Griffin offered to attend the AFCD annual meeting in August.

**III. Approval of Agenda:**

Chairman Vasey moved item "VII. a. Association of Florida Conservation Districts" to "II. a."

Motion to approve the Agenda: Supervisor Lang; second, Supervisor Tears.

*Vote: All yea.*

**IV. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes:** for April 2018.

Motion to approve the April 2018 Minutes: Supervisor Lang; second, Supervisor Griffin.

*Vote: All yea.*

**V. Public Comments:** None

**VI. Reports:**

- a. District Conservationist Report: Mr. Harrison reviewed the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) assistance projects under way in Southwest Florida, including the Emergency Watershed Protection Program and Environmental Quality Initiative Program cost-share projects.
- b. Financial (written report): No financial report.
- c. District Status Report: Mr. Siverling reported that FDACS has still not paid the CSWCD for Agricultural Mobile Irrigation Lab (MIL) work done for the past three quarters of the contract. Contract managers Mark Mealo and Camilo Gaitan have been apprised of the situation.
- d. Community Outreach: Supervisor Tears said that networking with other local agencies to link websites can let more people know about the MIL services. Supervisor Vasey reported that the biggest public concern after Hurricane Irma is debris removal, which has cost tens of millions of dollars in Collier County.

**VII. Old Business:**

- a. Outreach articles: Supervisor Richie was not able to attend the meeting and give an update on the articles.
- b. Office location update: Supervisor Vasey said that Steve Carnell is in charge of the building space for Collier County. Mr. Harrison said that NRCS office leases are handled by the General Services Administration, and that they will open a bidding process for a Naples office site. The County is free to bid, and offer the previous office space.
- c. Urban MIL funding: Mr. Nikolich said that the Big Cypress Basin has paid for Urban MIL services for last quarter. The Urban MIL is currently seeking additional funding partners, and CSWCD staff will speak at the City of Naples board meeting.

**VII. New Business:**

- a. USDA Civil Rights Policy Adoption:  
Motion to adopt the USDA Civil Righty Policy as CSWCD policy, Chairman Vasey; second, Supervisor Lang.

*Vote: All yea.*

- b. Sunshine Law public records: Chairman Vasey distributed a printed copy of Sunshine Law specifics, which was provided by Collier County.

**VIII. Communications:** None

**IX. Public Comments:** None

**X. Next Regular Meeting:** June 21, 2018, at 9:00 AM. Golden Gate Community Center.

**XI. Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn: Supervisor Lang; second, Supervisor Tears. *Vote: All yea.*