

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 October 25, 2018, at 9:00 a.m. Supervisor Nancy Richie, Treasurer; Supervisor James Lang; and Supervisor Rob Griffin were present.

Also present were Agricultural MIL Supervisor/District Administrator Mark Siverling, and Urban MIL Supervisor James Nikolich.

I. Pledge of Allegiance

II. Introduction of Guests: Mr. Dennis Vasey and Mr. Paul Hayden

III. Approval of Agenda:

Motion to add V. Presentation on the Markley Property (by Mr. Vasey) to the Agenda: Supervisor Lang; second, Supervisor Richie.

Vote: All yea.

Motion to allow Mr. Vasey to go first in the agenda: Supervisor Griffin; second, Supervisor Richie

Vote: All yea.

Motion to approve the amended agenda: Supervisor Griffin; second, Supervisor Lang.

Vote: All yea.

IV. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes: for September 2018.

Motion to approve the September 2018 Minutes: Supervisor Lang; second, Supervisor Richie.

Vote: All yea.

V. Presentation on the Markley Property: Mr. Vasey reported that ten years ago, when he was on the CSWCD Board, the owners of a mulching company offered to donate land to the CSWCD for conservation purposes. The process was delayed by several factors, but the donation is now prepared to go through. CSWCD already possesses 23 parcels in the North Belle Mead Sending Area.

Motion to send a letter to the landowner ensuring that there are no liens or judgements against the property: Supervisor Lang; second, Supervisor Griffin.

Vote: All yea.

VI. Reports:

a. District Conservationist Report: Mr. Carlos Torres was unable to attend the meeting.

b. Financial (written report): Provided by Mark Stout, CPA.

c. District Status Report: Mark Siverling reported that the Agricultural Mobile Irrigation Lab (Ag. MIL) is on track to reach goals for the current quarter. The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services has caught up on payments owed to the CSWCD, and Mr. Siverling is preparing an invoice for the quarter that just ended. Mr. Nikolich said that he is getting calls for evaluations, even though there is not a current Urban MIL contract.

d. Community Outreach: Mr. Nikolich said that he gave a presentation at the Yard and Garden Show in Naples. Mr. Siverling said that CSWCD staff is still teaching classes with the Project Greenscapes and participating in the Greenscape Alliance, in addition to other outreach activities in coordination with the University of Florida research center in Immokalee.

VII. Old Business:

a. Urban MIL funding: Supervisors Richie and Lang reported that they separately contacted staff and leadership at the City of Marco Island and the City of Naples to secure funding for the Urban MIL, but were unsuccessful.

Motion to send a funding letter to other agencies and organizations: Supervisor Richie; second, Supervisor Lang.

Vote: All yea.

b. Office location update: Supervisor Griffin said that he met with Ms. Twyla Leigh of the Extension Service and Mr. Jeff Schmidt of NRCS about the CSWCD moving back into the University of Florida IFAS building in Naples. Though the new space would be smaller than the old space, Mr. Schmidt said that it may meet NRCS requirements. The CSWCD is waiting to hear back from Mr. Schmidt after he speaks with the General Services Administration.

c. Recognition for outgoing Chairman: Mr. Nikolich said that he got estimates to have plaques made for retiring board members, but it exceeded the approved budget. Motion to approve purchase of two plaques for recognition of service for Dennis Vasey and Clarence Tears, not to exceed \$115: Supervisor Richie; second, Supervisor Lang.

Vote: All yea.

d. Association of Florida Conservation Districts – Motion to pay annual dues to the AFCD, not to exceed \$350: Supervisor Griffin; second, Supervisor Lang.

Vote: All yea.

VII. New Business:

a. Budget Update Approval: Motion to accept the bookkeeper's updated annual budget: Supervisor Richie; second, Supervisor Lang.

Vote: All yea.

VIII. Communications: None

IX. Public Comments: None

X. Next Regular Meeting: Scheduled for November 15, 2018, at the Golden Gate Community Center.

XI. Adjourn: Motion to adjourn the meeting: Supervisor Lang; second, Supervisor Richie.

Vote: All yea.