

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 November 15, 2018, at 9:00 a.m. Supervisor Nancy Richie, Treasurer; Supervisor James Lang; and Supervisor Rob Griffin were present.

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

I. Pledge of Allegiance

II. Introduction of Guests: None

III. Approval of Agenda:

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

Vote: All yea.

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

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

Vote: All yea.

V. Public Comments: None

VI. Reports:

a. District Conservationist Report: Mr. Carlos Torres reported that the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is accepting program applications until December 12 for fiscal year 2019. A new District Conservationist has been hired for Collier and Lee Counties, and will be based out of the Fort Myers office starting in January.

b. Financial (written report): E-mailed to the Board 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. Mr. Nikolich said that the Big Cypress Basin has sent in its final payment for last year's purchase order.

d. Community Outreach: Mr. Siverling said that the staff has participated in events at the University of Florida Research Center in Immokalee, and attended the Small Farms Workshop put on by the Extension Service.

VII. Old Business:

a. Urban MIL funding: Supervisor Richie reported that she discussed possible funding sources with the Bookkeeper. Supervisor Griffin suggested a discussion on charging homeowners for the Urban MIL service.

Motion to hold a workshop on Urban MIL funding on December 20, before the Board meeting: Supervisor Griffin; second, Supervisor Lang.

Vote: All yea.

b. Office location update: Mr. Torres reported that the NRCS and Collier County are putting proposal packages together to see if the CSWCD can move back into the Extension building on Immokalee Road. Supervisor Griffin said that the building restoration is scheduled to be complete in February or March of 2019.

c. Markley Land Donation: Motion to approve acceptance of the Markley land donation, with written assurance of a clear title: Supervisor Richie; second, Supervisor Lang.

Vote: All yea.

VII. New Business:

a. City of Marco Island Beautification Committee: Supervisor Richie reported that she and Mr. Nikolich made a presentation to the Beautification Committee. Mr. Nikolich spoke about the importance of the Urban MIL program, and the Committee approved a motion supporting MIL funding (of \$20,000) from the Marco Island City Council.

VIII. Communications: None

IX. Public Comments: None

X. Next Regular Meeting: Scheduled for December 20, 2018, at the Golden Gate Community Center, with an Urban MIL Funding Workshop before.

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

Vote: All yea.