

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 January 16, 2019, at 9:00 AM
Supervisor Clarence Tears, Chairman; Supervisor Nancy Richie, Treasurer; Supervisor Rob Tolp; and
Supervisor Samantha Bruntjen were present.

Also present were District Conservationist Mitchell Aman, Agricultural MIL Supervisor/District Administrator
Mark Siverling, Agricultural MIL Technician James Nikolich, and former Supervisor Dennis Vasey.

I. Pledge of Allegiance

II. Introduction of Guests: Paul Hayden, private citizen

III. Approval of Agenda:

Add "VI. e. Conservation Information"

Motion to approve the amended Agenda, Supervisor Richie; Second, Supervisor Tolp.

Vote: All yea.

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

Motion to approve the December 2018 Minutes: Supervisor Richie; second, Supervisor Bruntjen.

Vote: All yea.

V. Public Comments: None

VI. Reports:

- a. District Conservationist (DC) Report: Mr. Aman introduced himself. He explained the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Civil Rights statement and his expectation that all clients should be treated with equal respect and dignity. He encouraged the supervisors and staff to invite citizens to the public meetings. He informed the Board that the NRCS Engineer for the area is leaving the agency, and this could cause some delays in approving cost-share projects.
- b. Financial (written report): Provided by Mark Stout, CPA.
- c. District Status Report: Mark Siverling reported that the Agricultural Mobile Irrigation Lab (MIL) has been evaluating citrus irrigation systems in Collier County and will continue to do so this quarter.
- d. Community Outreach: No updates.
- e. Conservation Information: Mr. Aman distributed a folder with local conservation news, including information about a fundraising dinner, a Water Quality Summit, the Modern Fish Act, and Florida Severe Weather Awareness Week.

VII. Old Business:

- a. Urban MIL funding: Mr. Nikolich said that because the District has not secured funding for the Urban Mobile Irrigation Lab, the District has applied for a grant from the National Association of Conservation Districts for assisting with rooftop gardening. A response to the application is expected in February. Mr. Siverling said that local utility staff will be invited to the February meeting to discuss Urban MIL funding ideas.
- b. Office location update: Mr. Nikolich reported that the NRCS is still in negotiations with Collier County regarding the NRCS and CSWCD moving back into the building at 14700 Immokalee Road. The building is scheduled to reopen with Collier County staff in February.

VII. New Business:

- a. Recognition of Outgoing Supervisors: Former Supervisor Vasey and Chairman Tears were presented with plaques thanking them for their years of dedicated service to the CSWCD.
- b. Swearing in of New Supervisors: Chairman Tears swore in Supervisor Rob Tolp and Supervisor Samantha Bruntjen.
- c. Election of New Officers:
Motion to appoint Nancy Richie as the Chairman, Supervisor Tolp; second, Supervisor Bruntjen.

Vote: All yea.

Motion to appoint Jim Lang as the Vice Chairman, Supervisor Richie; second, Supervisor Tolp.

Vote: All yea.

Motion to appoint Rob Tolp as the Treasurer, Supervisor Richie; second, Supervisor Bruntjen.

Vote: All yea.

Motion to appoint Samantha Bruntjen as the Secretary, Supervisor Tolp; second, Supervisor Richie.

Vote: All yea.

VIII. Communications: Supervisor Richie received a quitclaim document related to the Markley property donation.

IX. Public Comments: None

X. Next Regular Meeting: Scheduled for February 21, 2019, at the Golden Gate Community Center.

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

Vote: All yea.