

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 February 21, 2019, at 9:00 AM
Supervisor Nancy Richie, Chairman; Supervisor Jim Lang, Vice Chairman; and Supervisor Rob Tolp,
Treasurer; were present.

Supervisor Samantha Bruntjen was not able to attend due to a family illness.

Also present were District Conservationist Mitchell Aman, Agricultural Mobile Irrigation Lab (MIL)
Supervisor/District Administrator Mark Siverling, and Agricultural MIL Technician James Nikolich.

I. Pledge of Allegiance

II. Introduction of Guests: Beth Johnssen, Collier County Utilities; John Pratt, Marco Island Water
and Sewer, Heather Santana, Bonita Springs Utilities, and Paul Hayden, private citizen

III. Approval of Agenda:

Motion to approve the Agenda, Supervisor Lang; Second, Supervisor Tolp.

Vote: All yea.

IV. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes: for January 2019.

Motion to approve the January 2019 Minutes: Supervisor Lang; second, Supervisor Tolp.

Vote: All yea.

V. Public Comments: None

VI. Reports:

a. District Conservationist (DC) Report: Mr. Aman described his attendance at the Charlotte Harbor
Water Quality Summit and distributed information from the event. He announced an upcoming
CCA (Coast Conservation Association) meeting/banquet. He talked about his participation in the
National Resource Inventory, which collects range data. He reported on his field visit to see
canals cleared using Emergency Watershed Program funds. He said that the Conservation
Stewardship Program deadline is March 15. He will send information to the Supervisors about
\$9 million in grant funds being released by the National Association of Conservation Districts.

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

Resolution to update the bank signing authority:

Bank of America account #001678053780

- Remove retired Supervisor Dennis Vasey
- Add Vice Chairman Jim Lang
- Add Treasurer Rob Tolp

Motion, Chairman Nancy Richie; second Supervisor Tolp.

Vote: All yea.

c. District Status Report: Mr. Siverling reported that the CSWCD did not receive the grant from the
National Association of Conservation Districts discussed in December. He said that the
Agricultural Mobile Irrigation Lab (MIL) is on track to meet contract goals of irrigation system
evaluations, and has received payments for all but one past quarter. He said that Mr. Aman went
along for a field visit at a large citrus grove.

d. Community Outreach: Mr. Siverling and Mr. Nikolich said that MIL staff participates in the Project
GreenScapes and Greenscape Alliance and will help train the Master Gardeners in water
conservation. They also do outreach at the University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural
Sciences (UF-IFAS) center in Immokalee.

VII. Old Business:

a. Urban Mobile Irrigation Lab: The Supervisors and guests discussed the Urban Mobile Irrigation
Lab and how municipalities can support this important conservation program. Draft proposals

will be submitted to the municipalities' budgets to fund evaluations for high water-users and educational programs about proper irrigation.

- b. Office location update: Mr. Siverling 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.

VII. New Business:

- a. District vehicle sale – After discussion, no motions were made to sell any District vehicles at this time.

VIII. Communications: None

IX. Public Comments: Mr. Hayden commented that there seems to be strong interest in the Urban Mobile Irrigation Lab, and other municipalities may want to participate in addition to the ones represented at the meeting.

X. Next Regular Meeting: Scheduled for March 21, 2019, at the Agricultural Center: 14700 Immokalee Road.

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

Vote: All yea.