

Regular Meeting Minutes
Collier Soil and Water Conservation District (CSWCD)
June 22, 2023
JW Marriott Marco Island Beach Resort
400 South Collier Blvd. Marco Island, FL 34145

A regular board meeting of the Board of Supervisors was called to order on June 22, 2023 at 10:01 am.

James Nikolich, Santos Colberg, Rob Griffin, Heather Cleckler, Meghan Foos, Jillian Sanchez, and guest Jess Morris were in attendance

I. Pledge of Allegiance

II. Approval of Agenda Supervisor Meghan Foos motioned to approve the agenda. Supervisor Heather Cleckler seconds.

III. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes Supervisor Meghan Foos motioned to approve the regular meeting minutes. Supervisor Jillian Sanchez seconds.

IV. Meet and Greet Florida's State Conservationist Juan Hernandez The board was honored to meet Mr. Hernandez. Mr. Hernandez shared with the board the focus at the state level for each district for the upcoming year. He also shared that the state would like to have at least one board member from each district present at the state meeting in September 2023. He also emphasized the need to start advocating for CSP program.

V. New Business

a. The board was honored to meet Camilo Gaitan with FDACS. Mr. Gaitan shared with the board the history of the MIL program. He also reviewed the update to the 3 yr. MIL contract and the tools that have been introduced to assist the MIL in meeting contract requirements. There is a reduction in evaluation requirements. There is, however, not going to be a cost of living increase in this contract.

b. The board was also honored to meet Charlene Meeks, Executive Director for AFCD. Mrs. Meeks informed the board that the financial report is due June 30, 2023. She advised the board to have a strategic plan ready for the OPPAGA audit. Effective July 1st each board member is required to participate in ethics training. She also updated the board about details of the upcoming state meeting in September including: the meeting will be Sept. 26-27, 2023 in Gainesville, a mock LWG meeting will be introduced, and pilot program for Certified District Official Training will be introduced.

c. Our guest Jess Morris was introduced to the board as a potential board member

VI. Reports

A. District Conservationist Report: Mr. Santos Colberg reported the number of active EQIP and CSP applications in Lee and Collier County. He also reported that the Lee and Collier County area received \$1,022,000 in emergency EQIP relief funds for Hurricane Ian. He also informed the board that his office is getting an intern.

B. Financials A financial report was provided. Supervisor Meghan Foos motioned to approve the financial report. Supervisor Heather Cleckler seconds.

C. District Status Report: Mr. James Nikolich reports that the MIL completed 16 evaluations in May to catch up with the requirements for the FDACS contract. He has also completed 11 evaluations so far in June and has four scheduled to complete his requirement of 15/month. The LWC MIL invoice for April was approved for the amount of \$7,109.07 and we are waiting to receive the check. The MIL May invoice was also approved by project manager Camilo Gaitan in the amount of \$6,841.10 and also waiting to receive the check. The new contract with the amendments has arrived and needs to be signed by Chairman Rob Griffin. The contract includes a reduction in the number of evaluations required each month from 15/month to 14/month. We would like

to ask for a 10% increase like the other labs.

D. Chairman Report: Supervisor Rob Griffin reviewed amendments to the MIL contract and would like to include addressing a cost of living increase within the three year contract. He also emphasized the importance of attending the state meeting in Sept.

E. Secretary Report: Supervisor Heather Cleckler referred to meeting minutes

F. Treasurer Report: Supervisor Meghan Foos reported the bookkeeping fee has been paid and that there is no new business otherwise.

G. Supervisor Report: Supervisor Jillian Sanchez has received her official letter of recognition as an official board member for CSWCD.

VII. Old Business the topic of switching banks has been deferred.

IX. Communications Supervisor Meghan Foos mentioned the upcoming Tomato Conference

X. Next Regular Board of Supervisors Meeting will be held on July 20, 2023

XI. Adjourn Supervisor Jillian Sanchez motions to adjourn. Supervisor Heather Cleckler seconds. Meeting adjourns at 12:34 am.