

Regular Meeting Minutes
Collier Soil and Water Conservation District
IFAS Extension Center
14700 Immokalee Rd., Naples, FL 34120

A regular board meeting of the Board of Supervisors was called to order on December 22, 2022 at 9:03 am.

Mitchell Aman, Santos Colberg, James Nikolich, Rob Griffin, Meghan Foos, Conor Egan, and Heather Cleckler were in attendance

I. Pledge of Allegiance

Mitchell Aman introduced our new District Conservationist: Santos Colberg after our pledge

II. Approval of Agenda

Supervisor Meghan Foos motioned to approve the agenda, Supervisor Heather Cleckler seconds. Vote: all yea

III. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes

Supervisor Meghan Foos motioned to approve meeting minutes, Supervisor Heather Cleckler seconds. Vote: all yea

IV. Public Comments

No public comments

V. Reports

a. Mitchell Aman-District Conservationist's Report:

Mr. Mitchell Aman reported on the active contracts, obligation amount, payments, and acres for Collier and Lee County for the Farm Bill Program. He also reported the number of applications for the 2023 EQIP and CSP applications for Lee and Collier counties. Next, Mr. Aman summarized the Emergency EQIP Applications (due to Hurricane Ian) for Lee and Collier counties. In Collier there is only seven applications, however, in Lee County there is 93 active applications. Mr. Aman reports that they have made close to 120 site visits. He also stated there is a high percentage of new clients to the farm program that did not know about NRCS programs before. Mr. Aman explained that they are receiving a lot of assistance from other counties with the ongoing damage assessments from Hurricane Ian. Mr. Aman concluded his report by discussing the deadlines for future contracts with NRCS.

Regular EQIP Application Deadline: February 24, 2023

Review Eligible Documents: March 24, 2023

Assess the Application Paperwork: April 14, 2023

CSP: May 19, 2023

b. Financials Report:

The board reviewed the Profit and Loss report submitted by Mark Stout. Supervisor motioned to approve the financial report, Supervisor Meghan Foos seconds. Vote: all yea.

c. James Nikolich-District Status Report:

Mr. James Nikolich reported that reimbursement for October has been received from FDAC. Mr. Nikolich also reports that he is short 10 evaluations for October and 5 evaluations for November due to Hurricane Ian damage. He also stated that our website is back up and running after the domain fee of \$75 was paid.

d. Rob Griffin-Chairman Report:

Mr. Rob Griffin took time to welcome Santos Colberg to CSWCD. He then addressed the New Business on the agenda to discuss our board members for 2023. Beginning January 9th, CSWCD will only have one Supervisor, Rob Griffin. To rectify the situation

Mr. Griffin proposed we hold a board meeting on January 10th so that he may appoint Supervisor Meghan Foos to the CSWCD board. Then complete the appropriate steps with the Board of Elections. As soon as Meghan Foos is officially appointed a board member, the board will convene again as soon as possible and appoint Supervisor Heather Cleckler to the CSWCD board. All in hopes of having a full board for the February 2023 CSWCD meeting.

e. Heather Cleckler-Secretary's Report

Mrs. Cleckler referred board members to the regular meeting minutes for the secretary's report

f. Meghan Foos- Treasurer's Report

It was suggested by Supervisor Meghan Foos to reconvene at a later date to address the topic of Old Business (switching banks) after discussing matters with Mr. Mark Stout.

VI. Old Business

The subject was discussed in the Treasurer's Report

VII. New Business

The subject was discussed in the Chairman's Report

VIII. Next Regular Board of Supervisors Meeting will be held January 10, 2023

IX. Meeting Adjourned

Supervisor Meghan Foos motioned to adjourn the meeting, Supervisor Heather Cleckler seconds. Vote: all yea. Meeting adjourned.