

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

A regular board meeting of the Board of Supervisors was called to order on April 20, 2023 at 9:04 am.

James Nikolich, Rob Griffin, Heather Cleckler and Jillian Sanchez were in attendance

**I. Pledge of Allegiance**

**II. Approval of Agenda** Supervisor Heather Cleckler motioned to approve the agenda. Supervisor Rob Griffin seconds.

**III. Oath of Office** Rob Griffin and Heather Cleckler completed oath forms again for corrections. Jillian Sanchez performed the Oath of Office to swear in as our newest board member for Group 1.

**IV. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes** Supervisor Rob Griffin motioned to approve the regular meeting minutes. Supervisor Heather Cleckler seconds.

**V. Public Comments** no public comments

**VI. Reports**

**A. District Conservationist Report:** Mr. Santos Colberg in his absence sent in a brief report with the following information: NRCS started approving funding for Hurricane in March. One application in Collier County (\$4,172.00) and 41 applications in Lee County (\$1,307,864.00) have been selected for funding. There are currently 25 new contracts. Selections will continue to be made until all funds are used. Priority are Emergency EQIP.

We have 3 Classic application for EQIP in Collier County and 12 in Lee County. Upcoming deadlines for EQIP and CSP IRA applications-May 19, 2023

**B. Financials** A financial report was no provided for board meeting and will be emailed as soon as it is ready.

**C. District Status Report:** Mr. James Nikolich reports that the MIL completed 17 evaluations in April in Lee and Hendry county in mostly nurseries and vegetable farms. The FDACS MIL March invoice was approved in the amount of \$8867.85 and February has been deposited.

**D. Chairman Report:** Supervisor Rob Griffin informed the board that an area meeting will be taking place soon in Broward County. There was an informal meeting between the Agricultural Commissioner and SWCD. Supervisor Rob Griffin discussed having our June regular meeting at the Florida Cattlemen's Association convention in Marco to meet with other SWCD members. He also stated that certain meeting minutes are still missing from formal board member Rob Tolp.

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

**F. Treasurer Report:** Supervisor Meghan Foos was not in attendance

**VII. Old Business** the topic of switching banks has been deferred again. Supervisor Rob Griffin Also mentioned finding another board member to join the board.

**VIII. New Business** no new update on OPPAGA but board is remaining prepared

**IX. Communications** Supervisor Heather Cleckler mentioned volunteer opportunities with upcoming Adventures and Rodeo events

**X. Next Regular Board of Supervisors Meeting** will be held on May 18, 2023

**XI. Adjourn** Supervisor Heather Cleckler motions to adjourn. Supervisor Rob Griffin seconds. Meeting adjourns at 10:05 am.