

**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
Collier Soil and Water Conservation District (CSWCD)  
August 17, 2023  
9:00 AM  
14700 Immokalee Rd., Naples, FL 34120

A regular board meeting of the Board of Supervisors was called to order on August 17, 2023 at 9:01 am.

James Nikolich, Santos Colberg, Rob Griffin, Heather Cleckler, Meghan Foos, Jillian Sanchez, and 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 Heather Cleckler seconds.

**IV. New Business**

a. The Yard and Garden Sale has changed the date to October 28-29, 2023.

b. Chairman Rob Griffin made a suggestion to move New Business on the Agenda after Old Business on future agendas. Supervisor Heather Cleckler motioned to amend the agenda. Supervisor Meghan Foos seconds.

**V. Reports**

**A. District Conservationist Report:** Mr. Santos Colberg informed the board that the fiscal year ends September 2023 and that NRCS will begin to accept applications for 2024. There are currently 12 EQIP applications and 1 CSP application in Collier County and 29 EQIP applications and 5 CSP applications in Lee County. Mr. Colberg introduced the NACD Perimeter Fencing for Feral Swine Grant Program to the board with an application deadline of October 13, 2023. He also shared that the DEP is in search of private landowners to participate in the DEP Land Management Review Team and encouraged board members to participate.

**B. Financials** A financial report was not provided but will be emailed to all board members as soon as it is received.

**C. District Status Report:** Mr. James Nikolich reports that the MIL completed 14 evaluations for July. The July invoice was approved for \$14,186.84 which included the \$6500 cost for the audit. So far for August Mr. Nikolich has completed 9 evaluations and has 4 more scheduled. The LWC MIL Invoice for June was deposited in the amount of \$9149.55. Mr. Nikolich also informed us of his attendance to the ICC Meeting in Citra. He shared that all MILs will be asking for a 30% increase when amendments come out. Mr. Nikolich will be out of town August 24-27. He also informed the board that the property taxes for current properties have been mailed and received.

**D. Chairman Report:** Supervisor Rob Griffin informed the board members that there is money available for reimbursement for state meeting costs. He also made a suggestion to make the state meeting in September our regular meeting for September. Supervisor Jillian Sanchez motioned to approve the change. Supervisor Jess Morris seconds.

**E. Secretary Report:** Supervisor Heather Cleckler thanked Supervisor Jillian Sanchez for completing the minutes in her absence.

**F. Treasurer Report:** Supervisor Meghan Foos reported that there is no new business. She also shared information on the upcoming AgVentures and encourages CSWCD participation in the event. Mrs. Foos volunteered to reserve rooms for certain board members for the upcoming state meeting and to complete registration for all attending board members.

**G. Supervisor Report:** Supervisor Jillian Sanchez shared a rising interest in urban agriculture and an interest by one individual to open a community ag center.

**H. Supervisor Report:** Supervisor Jess Morris has taken her oath and sent in her forms with payment but has not yet received her certificate.

**VII. Old Business**

a. the topic of switching banks has been deferred however Supervisor Meghan Foos and Supervisor Heather Cleckler will look for suggestions of a new bank and bring back to the board.

b. Supervisor Rob Griffin reviewed our strategic plan for preparation for OPPAGGA

**IX. Communications** Supervisor Heather Cleckler shared information about an upcoming public meeting about WERP.

**X. Next Regular Board of Supervisors Meeting** will be held at the upcoming state meeting on Sept. 26-27, 2023.

**XI. Adjourn** Supervisor Heather Cleckler motions to adjourn. Supervisor Jess Morris seconds. Meeting adjourns at 10:24 am.