

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

A regular monthly board meeting of the board of supervisors was called to order on April 18th, 2024 at 9:20 am

Present: Rob Griffin, James Nikolich, Jess Morris, Meghan Foos, Heather Cleckler, Jillian Sanchez, and Santos Colberg.

I. Pledge of Allegiance

II. Approval of Agenda Chairman Rob Griffin moved to add elections office, meeting in Marco Island, and the area meeting under new business. Supervisor Heather Cleckler makes a motion to approve the agenda with updates. Supervisor Meghan Foos seconds.

III. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes Regular meeting minutes were not completed in time for the board meeting. Minutes will be completed and emailed to all board members and approved in the following meeting.

IV. Reports

a. District Conservationist's Report: Santos Colberg reports that the district is in the process of hiring someone to help with his caseload. He also informed the board that there are 19 approved applications for CSP, 87 EQIP applications in Lee County, and 30 EQIP applications in Collier County. Deadline for EQIP applications is April 26, 2024. Mr. Colberg shared with the that one of his main goals this year is to network with more potential clients. He also let the board know that NRCS is planning to have an all-employee meeting by September 2024.

b. Supervisor Meghan Foos makes a motion to approve the financial report. Supervisor Heather Cleckler seconds. Supervisor Meghan Foos informed the board that the final payment to Smiley Graphics was made for the trailer wrap.

c. District Status Report: Mr. James Nikolich reports that the January Invoice for \$6725.12 and the February Invoice for \$8695.91 have been deposited. He has completed 14 evaluations for March making the total completed for the first quarter of the FDACS Contract 42 completed evals. The March Invoice totaling \$9419.12 has been approved. Mr. Nikolich also informed the board that 10 evaluations have been completed in April. He also said that FDACS is working on the SOW and SOP for the new extension to the existing contract.

d. Chairman's Report: Chairman Rob Griffin informs the board of the state quarterly meeting is tomorrow, April 19th. He also discussed how the South Regional Meeting will be held the same dates as the Florida Cattlemen's Convention. Chairman Griffin would like CSWCD to attend FCA Convention but also coordinate with Juan to schedule a date that is convenient for everyone.

e. Secretary's Report: Supervisor Heather Cleckler reports updates on WERP. No other information was reported.

f. Treasurer's Report: Supervisor Meghan Foos reports that the trailer is paid for in full. She asks the board to consider painting/covering the floor to protect it. Supervisor Jess Morris suggested adding turf for added protection. Chairman Rob Griffin suggested looking into event insurance for future events the the trailer will be used for.

g. Supervisor's Report: Supervisor Jillian Sanchez had no new information to report

h. Supervisor's Report: Supervisor Jess Morris had no new information to report

V. Old Business

a. Supervisors Meghan Foos and Heather Cleckler visited First 1 Bank in Immokalee to inquire information on switching banks. Meghan informed the board that we need at least 3 approved board members who can sign on the bank account. Supervisor Jillian Sanchez makes a motion to approve Chairman Rob Griffin, Supervisor Meghan Foos, and Supervisor Heather Cleckler as signors on the account that will be potentially created at First 1 Bank. Supervisor Jess Morris seconds.

b. Chairman Rob Griffin and James Nikolich reported that the OPPAGA review is going smoothly and could potentially be completed soon.

c. Chairman Rob Griffin gave an update on ethics training. There will be an ethics training provided at the area meeting in Sebring on May 23rd. He request that anyone who can not attend the area meeting to complete an ethics training online as soon as possible.

VI. New Business

a. The board reviewed the proposed 2023-2024 Budget. Supervisor Meghan Foos made a motion to approve the proposed budget. Supervisor Jess Morris seconds.

b. Chairman Rob Griffin informed each board member of the election time frame and requested each supervisor to go to the Supervisor of Elections Office and fill out

any required forms by June 15th. He also reviewed information about conducting our June meeting at the Florida Cattlemen's Association Convention. He also shared information on the upcoming Area Meeting in Sebring on May 23rd.

VII. Next Regular Board of Supervisors Meeting will be held on May 16, 2024.

IX. Meeting adjourned at 10:18 followed by our Local Work Group Meeting at 10:30.