

**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
Collier Soil and Water Conservation District (CSWCD)  
April 24th, 2025, 9:00 am  
IFAS Extension Center  
14700 Immokalee Rd., Naples, FL 34120

A regular monthly board meeting of the board of supervisors was called to order April 25, 2025 at 9:20 AM.

Present: Rob Griffin, James Nikolich, Meghan Foos, and Jillian Sanchez. Also in attendance was IFAS guest Lindsey Crum.

**I. Pledge of Allegiance**

**II. Approval of Agenda.** Supervisor Jillian Sanchez made a motion to approve the agenda. Supervisor Meghan Foos seconds.

**III. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes** Supervisor Meghan Foos made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes. Supervisor Jillian Sanchez seconds.

**IV. Reports**

**a. District Conservationist's Report:** Mr. Santos Colberg reported that there are currently 3,836 EQIP applications in the state, with 59 of 99 submitted in this area. Mr. Colberg announced that these applications are totaling \$2.6 million dollars.

**b. Financials:** Supervisor Meghan Foos made a motion to approve the financial report. Supervisor Jillian Sanchez seconds.

**d. District Status Report:** Mr. James Nikolich informed the board he was able to complete 11 evaluations so far this month. Mr. Nikolich stated that the February invoice had been deposited in the amount of \$7,106.72 and March was approved in the amount of \$6,902.00.

**e. Chairman's Report:** Chairman Rob Griffin shared with the board of his attendance at the Hendry County Soil and Water Conservation District meeting in February. Mr. Griffin also attended the interview process for the hiring of the new IFAS position.

**f. Secretary's Report:** Supervisor Heather Cleckler was not present.

**g. Treasurer's Report:** Supervisor Meghan Foos reported on the items discussed during the Hendry County meeting. Mrs. Foos expressed her interest in a potential joint meeting.

**h. Supervisor's Report:** Supervisor Jillian Sanchez reported that she is drafting an email to petition against the dissolution of CCSWCD. She requested that all supervisors submit their requests and insight to her.

**i. Supervisor's Report:** Supervisor Jess Morris was not present.

## **V. Old Business**

**a. HB 973:** The board discussed the dissolution of SWCD's and House Bill 973.

## **VI. New Business**

**a. IFAS update on Ag Venture Position:** IFAS agent Lindsey Crum informed the board that the position has been filled. The employee will begin work within 3 - 4 weeks time. Mrs. Crum announced dates for several workshops and upcoming programs, including a Winter Supplementation on August 28th in Flaghole. There will be monthly round table programs at the Okeechobee Livestock Market on Wednesdays. In November, the reproduction school will take place in Desoto / Sarasota counties and will accept 10 -15 participants.

**VII.** The board agreed to have our next board meeting on May 15, 2025 at our regular meeting site at the IFAS Extension Center at 9:00am

**VIII. Adjourn** meeting adjourned at 10:20 AM.