

Regular Meeting Minutes
Collier Soil and Water Conservation District (CSWCD)
November 13, 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 November 13, 2025 at 9:00 AM.

Present: Rob Griffin, James Nikolich, Meghan Foos, Jess Morris, Jillian Sanchez, Lindsey Crum, Kimberly Clements and IFAS guest Ryan Czaplewski.

I. Pledge of Allegiance

II. Approval of Agenda. Supervisor Meghan Foos made a motion to approve the agenda. Supervisor Jillian Sanchez 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 his office was working diligently to catch up on the backlog due to the government shutdown.

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

c. District Status Report: Mr. James Nikolich informed the board that the August invoice was approved by FDACS in the amount of \$8,200.83 and has been deposited. 15 evaluations were completed in September and 13 in October. Mr. Nikolich also reported that FMIT Insurance has increased to \$2860 per quarter and has been paid for the first quarter.

d. Chairman's Report: Chairman Rob Griffin shared information with the board regarding the upcoming Farm-City BBQ on November 26th. Mr. Griffin updated the board on the FASD meeting in Sandestin, where it was learned that HB123 has been tabled once more. Mr. Griffin proposed visiting Tallahassee during the legislative forum or placing emphasis on regional efforts.

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

f. Treasurer's Report: Supervisor Meghan Foos reported that AgVentures was actively seeking volunteers for Moore Haven on November 20th and 21st, and Immokalee on March 17th.

- g. Supervisor's Report:** Supervisor Jillian Sanchez informed the board of the extension of the deadline for the Emergency Livestock Relief Program (ELRP) to November 21, 2025.
- h. Supervisor's Report:** Supervisor Jess Morris proposed tabling the sale of the district's properties.
- i. UF/IFAS Quarterly Report:** Kimberly Clement, UF/IFAS Agriculture Awareness Program Assistant, updated the board regarding AgVentures planning for Hendry/Glades, Immokalee, and Naples, with Lee County joining in 2026. Ms. Clement reported her attendance of the USDA Disaster Aid Announcement with Secretary Rollins. The board was also informed of a regional biological control project for invasive pasture weed via Jacoby Beetles.

VI. New Business

a. IFAS Guest: Collier County Extension Director, Ryan Czaplewski, introduced the board to upcoming classes in both English and Spanish held by the extension office. Mr. Czaplewski also informed the board that 150 acres in East Collier County was in the process of being donated with 100 directed towards conservation and 50 towards educational programs.

VII. The board agreed to have our next board meeting on December 18, 2025 at our regular meeting site at the IFAS Extension Center at 9:00am

VIII. Adjourn meeting adjourned at 10:45 AM.