

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 December 18, 2025 at 9:14 am

Present: Rob Griffin, James Nikolich, Meghan Foos, Heather Cleckler, and Santos Colberg via phone.

I. Pledge of Allegiance

II. Approval of Agenda Supervisor Meghan Foos made a motion to add two items under New Business: 1. James Nikolich's Christmas bonus and 2. Extension office updates. Supervisor Heather Cleckler made a motion to approve the agenda with the two new items under new business. Supervisor Meghan Foos seconds.

III. Approval of Regular Minutes Supervisor Heather Cleckler made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes. Supervisor Meghan Foos seconds.

IV. Reports

a. District Conservationist's Report: Mr. Santos Colberg reported to the board that the USDA is receiving money for farmers and ranchers. Nationally there will likely be \$700 million next year between EQIP and CSP programs. He shared that a Regenerative Pilot Program for soil regeneration is in the works. Mr. Colberg also stated the the Farm Bill has been extended for the 8th year and that the application deadlines for programs have been extended to January 15th.

b. Financials: Mr. James Nikolich informed the board that the financial report was not yet available and will be provided to the board as soon as it is available.

c. District Status Report: Mr. James Nikolich then gave his report. He informed the board that the missing May 2025 invoice in the amount of \$8,371.94 has been deposited and the October 2025 invoice in the amount of \$8,151.71 has also been deposited. Mr. Nikolich has completed 16 evaluations in November after the government shutdown and he has successfully completed 6 evaluations in December with 3 more farm evals. scheduled. The November invoice in the amount of \$8,489.73 has been submitted for approval. He also shared that the domain fee for the collierswcd.org website of \$28.50 has been paid to Magi Consulting for the next annual year.

- d. Chairman's Report:** Chairman Rob Griffin informed the board that the trailer is registered and good for two years. He also shared that AFCD has formed a new group.
- e. Secretary's Report:** Supervisor Heather Cleckler shared with the board about the Deer Reintroduction Program.
- f. Treasurer's Report:** Supervisor Meghan Foos shared with the board the activities that the CSWCD trailer will be participating in.
- g. Supervisor's Report:** Supervisor Jillian Sanchez was not present.
- h. Supervisor's Report:** Supervisor Jess Morris was not present.

V. New Business

- A.** The Legislative Special Conference meeting will be held January 12th-16th. HB123 will be discussed.
- B.** Supervisor Meghan Foos made a motion to give Mr. James Nikolich a Christmas bonus of \$1875.00 Supervisor Heather Cleckler seconds.
- C. Extension Updates:** Lynn Knight, Collier County 4H Outreach Coordinator, shared some upcoming events with the board. The Collier County Livestock Show/Auction will be held January 15th-18th at the Roberts Ranch Museum. They will also host an AgVenture on January 16th for 1st graders and asked if the CSWCD would like to have the soils trailer participate in the event. She also shared that they would like to partner with us for our events.

VI. Old Business

Supervisor Meghan Foos shared the dates for the upcoming AgVentures and that volunteers are needed: March 16th for setup in Immokalee and March 17th for the Immokalee AgVentures at the Roberts Ranch Museum. For the Naples AgVentures at North Collier Regional Park; March 26th for set up and March 27th-April 2nd for the AgVenture event.

VII. The board agreed to have our next board meeting on January 22, 2026 at our regular meeting site at the IFAS Extension Center at 9:00am

VIII. Meeting adjourned at 10:12am