

Regular Meeting Minutes

Collier Soil and Water Conservation District (CSWCD)

March 19, 2026 9:00am

IFAS Extension Center

14700 Immokalee Rd, Naples, FL 34120

A regular monthly board meeting of the board of supervisors was called to order March 19, 2026 at 9:09 am.

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

I. Pledge of Allegiance

II. Approval of Agenda Supervisor Heather Cleckler made a motion to approve the agenda. Supervisor Jillian Sanchez seconds.

III. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes Regular Meeting Minutes were not provided due to the absence of secretary Heather Cleckler at previous meeting.

IV. Reports

a. District Conservationist Report: District Conservationist Colberg gave the board an update on the timeline for NRCS conservation programs and eligibility. He also informed the board of current fiscal year 2026 applications with a total of 78 EQIP and CSP applications. He shared with the board about the new program the Regenerative Agriculture Pilot Program (RPP). The board also discussed a local work group meeting in May. Supervisor Heather Cleckler invited him to attend the upcoming Collier County Cattlemen's Association Meeting.

b. Financials: An updated financial report was provided. Supervisor Heather Cleckler made a motion to approve the report. Supervisor Jillian Sanchez seconds.

c. District Status Report: James Nikolich informed the board that 14 evaluations were completed and the February 2026 invoice to FDACS has been approved in the amount of \$9,140.45 In March 12 evaluations have been completed and 2 more are scheduled.

d. Chairman's Report: Chairman Rob Griffin discussed another poster contest with the same award amount as the previous contest. Supervisor Heather Cleckler motions to approve the poster contest and awards. Supervisor Jess Morris approves. Chairman Griffin also informed the board that funding for soil and water will be discontinued in summer of 2026.

e. Secretary's Report: Supervisor Heather Cleckler shared updates on upcoming Immokalee Cattle Drive.

f. Treasurer's Report: Supervisor Meghan Foos was not in attendance so no new updates were provided.

g. Supervisor's Report: Supervisor Jess Morris had no new updates

h. Supervisor's Report: Supervisor Jillian Sanchez had no new updates

V. Old Business

a. AgVenture volunteers are needed for the Collier event March 26, 27, 30, and 31; as well as April 1-2.

VI. New Business

a. Chairman Rob Griffin has signed the engagement letter for the audit from Jim Davis for \$7500.00. It will be invoiced soon so it can be paid before June 30, 2026 so FDACS can reimburse CSWCD.

b. Many new updates and cuts will be coming up soon for NRCS and FDACS.

VII. Next Regular Board of Supervisors Meeting Our next regular board meeting will be held April 16, 2026.

VIII. Adjourn Supervisor Heather Cleckler made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Supervisor Jess Morris seconds. Meeting adjourned at 10:45am.