

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 May 21, 2026 at 9:08 am

Present: Rob Griffin, James Nikolich, Meghan Foos, Heather Cleckler, and Santos Colberg. Guests Chloe Wood and Kaylyn Glenn. Not in attendance: Jess Morris and Jillian Sanchez

I. Pledge of Allegiance

II. Approval of Agenda Supervisor Heather Cleckler makes a motion to approve the agenda. Supervisor Meghan Foos seconds.

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

IV. Reports

a. District Conservationist's Report: District Conservationist Santos Colberg informed the board that the NRCS Florida FY 2026 Conservation Programs and eligibility timeline had been revised. New dates were posted for CSP and EQIP deadlines. He also gave a report on the current number of applications for CSP and EQIP in Lee and Collier County, along with the statewide funding requested so far for 2026. Mr. Colberg shared his upcoming Local Work Group information and presentation/requirements. Supervisor Heather Cleckler extended an invitation to Mr. Colberg to attend the June 3, 2026 Collier County Florida Cattlemen's Association meeting to present. He also discussed the contract for office space for CSWCD with NRCS is good through 2031, but also the funding from FDACS will end on June 30, 2026.

b. Financials Report: The March 2026 financial report was provided. However the April 2026 report was not yet available. Mr. Nikolich will email that report to the board as soon as it is available. He also stated that the May and June will be the last invoices for FDACS.

c. District Status Report: Mr. Nikolich reported completing 16 evaluations for April 2026 and the invoice has been submitted for approval from FDACS for the amount of \$8,194.73 and deposited on May 15, 2026. He's also completed the 14 evaluations for May and will invoice FDACS when all documents are received. He also informed the board that the audit from Jim Davis for \$7500.00 has not yet arrived. Hopefully when it does it will be invoiced before June. He also shared complications with FDACS and the budget for the audit costs. Steve Smith and Lisa Jensen are collaborating to see if a job on their fruit and vegetable team can be created for Mr. Nikolich to continue the MIL program since funding from FDACS will be ending June 30th. Updates on the status of this will be given. FDACS also reduced the number of required evaluations for June to seven due to cutting the funds and they want the invoices earlier so they can be paid before the end of June. Mr. Nikolich is not to use the vehicle after June 15th and working with FDACS to return all the equipment. FDACS will come to collect the vehicle. He also asked the board if the invoice for the website host (autopay on June 12th for \$791.61/3years), paid with the CSWCD credit card, should be approved. The board voted that the invoice should be paid and the website continue to operate. He also shared the NACD dues is paid through January 22, 2027.

d. Chairman's Report: Chairman Rob Griffin thanked the boarded members who participated in the March AgVentures. He also shared that he hasn't heard any new action on the House Bill to dissolve Soil and Water districts but to keep a close eye on it. Chairman Griffin also stated that the FASD Conference will be held in Orlando June 11-14, 2026.

e. Secretary's Report: Supervisor Heather Cleckler had no new updates.

f. Treasurer's Report: Supervisor Meghan Foos explained to the board that she is still working on the poster contest and that she would like to expand the contest to more students next year and allow more time for the students to work on the poster entries. She also informed the board that Lee county would possibly like to use our CSWCD trailer. After discussion, the board decided its probably not a good idea due to liability and storage. Supervisor Foos shared with the board of her participation in a recent County Commissioner Public Meeting and encourages the board to participate in more county discussions.

V. Old Business

a. As mentioned in the District Status Report, the invoice for the audit has not yet been provided. When it is, Mr. Nikolich will submit the invoice.

VI. New Business

a. Chairman Rob Griffin proposed conducting a workshop before our next Regular Meeting to discuss revenue possibilities for CSWCD, NRCS and FDACS Updates, employee status, and options to keep CSWCD running. He proposed June 16, 2026 at Rib City in Immokalee at 1:00pm. Supervisor Meghan Foos made a motion To move forward with the workshop. Supervisor Heather Cleckler seconds.

VII. Next Regular Board of Supervisors Meeting will be held on June 25, 2026 at 10:00 at the Florida Cattlemen's Association Convention at the JW Marriott Resort In Marco Island.

IX. Meeting adjourned at 11:22.