

Regular Meeting Minutes
Collier Soil and Water Conservation District (CSWCD)
June 25, 2026
10:00am
Florida Cattlemen's Association Convention
JW Marriott Marco Island Beach Resort
400 S. Collier Blvd., Marco Island, FL 34145

A regular board meeting of the Board of Supervisors was called to order on June 25, 2026 at 10:04 am.

James Nikolich, Santos Colberg(via phone), Rob Griffin, Heather Cleckler, Meghan Foos, Jillian Sanchez, and Jess Morris were in attendance. Guests: Kaylyn Glenn, Lindsey Crum, Maddie Hilliard, and Dr. Mike Burton

I. Pledge of Allegiance

II. Approval of Agenda Supervisor Meghan Foos motioned to approve the agenda. Supervisor Jillian Sanchez seconds.

III. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes Supervisor Jess Morris motioned to approve the regular meeting minutes. Supervisor Meghan Foos seconds.

IV. Guest Speaker Dr. Mike Burton-Update on UF/IFAS

Dr. Mike Burton is the Director of County Logistics. He shared with the board new updates coming to county extension offices. He also stated that UF/IFAS is moving to be more county-focused.

V. Reports

A. District Conservationist Report: District Conservationist Mr. Santos Colberg gave an updated report on NRCS in Lee and Collier counties, stating that this the lowest amount of preapproval on EQIP and CSP applications in years.He also shared that a new chief has been appointed to NRCS: Colton Buckley. This new appointee will shift the focus of NRCS to working directly in the field with farmers and ranchers. With that, this next fiscal year will allow for more hired positions to work in the fields. He shared that all UCA and MOU for shared resources are on temporary hold as of 6/17/2026. Supervisor Heather Cleckler thanked Mr. Colberg for presenting a local work group meeting at the recent Collier County Cattlemen Association meeting. His presentation was well received.

B. Financials A financial report was provided. Supervisor Meghan Foos made a motion to approve the report presented. Supervisor Heather Cleckler seconds.

C. District Status Report: Mr. James Nikolich informed the board that the May 2026 invoice has been deposited for \$8,362.74. The audit for Jim Davis for \$7500.00 has been paid and will be added to the June 2026 invoice. He sent Monica Scarlett the corrections for page 4 on us only having one MIL lab and that the Ag Lab has two added counties; Sarasota and Desoto. The seven evaluations for June have been completed, the June package has been approved by Camilo, and is waiting for invoice. Jeanie Vause, FDACS Contract Manager, stated the LWC MIL has \$13,793.03 left in the budget. Anything amount above that will not be reimbursed. She told Mr. Nikolich to hand write the audit invoice a lower amount that \$7500.00 for the audit so the final June invoice with the 5% is exactly \$13.793.03. Mr. Nikolich also shared that the website host (Host Gator) invoice has been paid (3-years) for \$791.61 and will need to be paid by CSWCD because it cannot be added to June invoice. He informed the board that the following FDACS equipment has been returned ahead of schedule to the following and have been confirmed received: FDACS computer equipment and cell phone returned to Eric Montgomery; FDACS owned lab equipment

to Aaron Grimes; and the FDACS Chevy Silverado (with license plate removed) to Roy Curry in Labelle. The title for the Chevy truck just needs to be signed by CSWCD and send to another FDACS location and returned to Nancy Lane. Chairman Rob Griffin signed the title at the end of the meeting. Mr. Nikolich showed Santos Colberg, district conservationist, how to access the CSWCD documents on the government server in the (PUB)lic area of the server. He also stated he'll be able to assist the board member who will be updating the CSWCD website as long as he is in the office. CSWCD will have to inform Mark Stout, CPA, how to move forward with the CSWCD. He also stated the CSWCD credit card will need to be updated with new information once he is removed. Chairman Rob Griffin made a motion to take Mr. James Nikolich off the board's credit card and give to treasurer Meghan Foos. Supervisor Jillian Sanchez seconds.

D. Chairman Report: Chairman Rob Griffin discussed a successful workshop with board members Meghan Foos, Heather Cleckler, and Jess Morris on June 16, 2026. He also suggested new board member, Kaylyn Glenn, to take over the website maintenance. Kaylyn Glenn has agreed, Chairman Griffin also shared that he has spoken with Juan Hernandez. They would like to meet to discuss a partnership with NRCS in the future. We will meet on August 12, 2026 with Mr. Hernandez for our regular meeting to discuss strategies.

E. Secretary Report: Supervisor Heather Cleckler has no new updates.

F. Treasurer Report: Supervisor Meghan Foos reported making the last payment to Hendry County for the Agriculture Education Project Assistant position. She is also working diligently with Mr. James Nikolich for a smooth transition upon the end of the FDACS funding.

G. Supervisor Report: Supervisor Jillian Sanchez had no new updates.

H. Supervisor Report: Supervisor Jess Morris requested any information/help on completing a rodeo grounds project.

I. Maddie Hilliard and Lindsey Crum Report: Lindsey introduced Maddie Hilliard as the new UF Multi-County Agricultural Awareness Project Assistant. They also gave the board a comprehensive update on all the educational projects they have conducted this year with the financial support from CSWCD including: AgVentures, Adopt A Cowboy, Soil & Water poster contest, Soil Trailer presentations, and bio-controls. The funding will also help with mealybug research.

VI. Old Business

- a. The Jim Davis Audit was previously discussed in the district status report.

VII. New Business

- a. Revenue possibilities for CSWCD has been deferred to a later date.

VIII. Next Regular Board of Supervisors Meeting will be held on July 16, 2026.

IX. Adjourn Meeting adjourned at 11:59 am