

ST. JOHNS SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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  **Regular Board Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** August 24, 2022

**Present:**

Nicole Crosby, Chairman

Paul Leblanc, Supervisor

Joe Parker, Supervisor

Mary Lawrence, Supervisor

Prissy Fletcher, IFAS

Yesmarie Chaparro-Feneque, NRCS

Gina Allen, Secretary

Crosby called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

Minutes from the previous minutes were approved.

Treasurer’s report approved for the amount as 7/29/22 - $6,487.65.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Follow up on St. Johns County Utilities Department Water Supply Presentation: SJC Utilities Director, Colin Groff, gave a presentation on St. Johns County future water supply titled “Is There Enough for Everyone”. Key points of the presentation discussed. Board in agreement the presentation was very well put together and educational on the future water supply for St. Johns County.

Goals for the Remaining 4 Months: Future projects discussed. Farm tours suggested. Fletcher suggested tour of Hastings Research Facility. Parker suggested tour of his farm. Board in agreement to plan tours in early November when crops are ready for harvest. Fletcher suggested tour of Whitney Lab at Marineland. A tentative date for September 21st was selected by the Board. Fletcher will contact Whitney Lab to see if date is available.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Hastings Retention Pond Data: Discussion was tabled to next Board meeting to discuss item with Doug Conkey, St. Johns River Water Management District.

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Local Work Group Meeting: A tentative date for November 1st was selected for the Local Working Group Meeting. Crosby suggested moving the regular Board meeting to week before due to Thanksgiving holiday. Board meeting was changed to Wednesday, November 16, 2022

**DISTRICT CONSERVATIONIST REPORT: Yesmarie Chaparro-Feneque-See Report**

**OPEN FLOOR:**

Crosby suggested using funds on small community garden or rain barrel project. Fletcher suggested soil testing for the public. A voucher of $10.00 would cover fees for the soil tests. Parker suggested water bottle refill stations along the rails to trails bike path. Crosby suggested educational kiosks at county parks or preserves. Board will follow up on project ideas and discuss at next regular Board meeting.

**ADJOURMENT:** The was no other discussion meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m. Next Board meeting scheduled for September 28, 2022.