

ST. JOHNS SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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**Regular Board Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** May 9, 2022

**Present:**

Nicole Crosby, Chairman

Mary Lawrence, Vice Chairman

Charles “Chuck” Owen, Supervisor

Bill Snow, Supervisor

Paul Leblanc, Supervisor

Doug Conkey, SJRWMD Via ZOOM

Yesmarie Chaparro-Feneque

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 of 4/29/22 - $7,162.65

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Goals & Objectives. Crosby presented Plan of Operations – 2022 to the Board for viewing. Board will discuss Plan of Operations at next Board meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Total Nitrogen & Phosphorus Data for Deep Creek. Leblanc presented the Board with a graph chart showing average annual total nitrogen in Deep Creek from years 1985 to 2020. A graph showing average annual total of phosphorus in Deep Creek from years 2000 to 2020 was presented to the Board for viewing. A discussion on algae blooms and chlorophyll A followed. A comparison with Deep Creek nitrogen and phosphorus levels with other bodies of water in the County needs to be made. Leblanc suggested setting up meeting with County Utilities Department to discuss the numbers.

Senate Bill 1078. If Bill is signed by Governor qualifications of Elected Supervisor will include the following: Actively engaged or retired after 10 years in agriculture. Employed by an agriculture producer. Owns, leases, or actively employed on land classified as agriculture. All 5 Districts will be up for election in 2022. Qualification is in June.

AFCD Dues Hardship Letter. AFCD denied hardship letter and check for $250.00. Requested SWCD submit $350.00 for annual dues. Lawrence made a motion to submit $350 to AFCD for annual dues. Leblanc seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Poster and Speech Contest. Theme for 2022 contests is “Healthy Soil/Healthy Life”. A date was set for Wednesday, June 22, 2022. Deadline for submitting posters and copies of speeches was set for Wednesday, June 15, 2022.

Marsh Landing Update. Progress being made on requests by Marsh Landing residents. County has hired attorney and contractor. 5 votes from the Board of County Commission for approval on correcting drainage and flooding issues.

Silverleaf Expansion. 10,700 homes have been approved. Board of County Commissioner meeting schedule for May 17th asking for approval of 5,600 more homes. 700 acres of agricultural land to be developed. Crosby will attend May 17th Board of County Commissioner meeting. A motion to post information on SWCD Face Book page was made by Lawrence. Seconded by Leblanc. Passed unanimously.

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

**OPEN FLOOR:**

Crosby concerned if Board should hire attorney for future concerns on Senate Bill 1078. Board agreed it would be to costly.

**ADJOURMENT:** The was no other discussion meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m. Next Board meeting scheduled for May 25, 2022.