



ST. JOHNS SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
111 Yelvington Road, Suite 4, East Palatka, FL 32131
Telephone: (386) 328-5051 (Ext. 3)

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Date: February 26, 2019

Present:

Craig Hartwig, Chairman
Dave Rogers, Vice Chairman
Erica Conner, Supervisor
Geoffrey Samples, SJRWMD
Tim Wilson, IFAS
LaKeisha Barber, NRCS
Gina Allen – Secretary

Hartwig called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

Minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

Treasurer's report approved for the amount as of 1-31-19 - \$7,661.84

OLD BUSINESS:

The District website url has been corrected. Both websites are running. Connor and Rogers will update the new website.

Connor stated the District Facebook page is up and running.

Rogers still working on Twitter and Instagram accounts.

Seat 3 is still vacant. Former Supervisor Jones will not be able to attend a.m. meetings. Allen will contact former Supervisor Sykes to see if any interest in filling seat 3 on the Board.

NEW BUSINESS:

Connor plans to distribute speech and poster contest information to the schools.

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Website emails were the next item discussed. Emails need to be associated with the website and not use personal emails. Samples suggest using one single email for all Supervisors.

Rogers discussed funding through the St. Johns River Water Management District. Samples discussed cost-share programs offered by the SJRWMD. Agricultural cost-share, Rural Economic Development cost-share and General fund cost-share were some of the options available. Funding is provided when cost-share project is completed. Rogers suggested letting the producers know that the funding is available. TCAA meeting would be a good opportunity to present the cost-share programs.

Samples announced that April is Water Conservation Month. The SWCD could adopt a proclamation recognizing April as Water Conservation Month.

Wilson presented brochures to the Board for viewing. Florida's Tri-County Agricultural Area and Commercial Agriculture in St. Johns County.

Wilson has been working with Equestrian farms in the County. Educating horse owners on grass production, grazing etc.

Wilson would like to invite another IFAS agent to the next Board meeting.

Rogers inquired about poultry in the County. Wilson stated that there is no poultry program at UF but does have agents that do have experience in the field.

Hartwig led a discussion on invasive species in the County. He stated that there is an EDDs map that keeps track of invasive species.

Wilson plans to attend the next Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area (CISMA) meeting.

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DC REPORT: LaKeisha Barber

Barber presented the Board with the Statement of Work for the Cooperative Agreement between USDA NRCS and St. Johns SWCD for review.

Barber presented the Board with Annual Civil Rights and Equal Opportunity Discussion with Partners for review.

Barber explained the Dust Bowl and how SWCDs were formed. SWCD served as a liaison between the Federal Government and the producers.

Barber stated that a yearly plan of work for the SWCD is needed to conduct business throughout the year.

Allen will email the SWCD Long Range Plan to Supervisors for viewing.

OPEN FLOOR:

Rogers attended the PTR2 Public Private Regional Resclicy Committee meeting. The PTR2 is under the North Florida Regional Council Committee. He stated that a sea rise level report will be coming out soon.

Rogers plans to attend the next Bee Keeper meeting in April.

There was no further discussion. The meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m. The next Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 26, 2019.





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Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Date: January 22, 2019

Present:

Craig Hartwig, Chairman
Dave Rogers, Supervisor
Chaddon Levrini, Supervisor
Erica Conner, Supervisor
Tim Wilson, IFAS
Gina Allen – Secretary

Hartwig called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

Treasurer's report approved for the amount as of 12-31-18 - \$7,661.84

OLD BUSINESS:

Special District dues submitted to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity before the deadline.

NEW BUSINESS:

Introduction of new Supervisors. Election of Officers was held at this time. A motion was made by Connor to elect Hartwig to the position of Chairman. Levrini seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. A motion was made by Connor to elect Rogers to the Vice Chairman position. Levrini seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Seat 3 still vacant. Allen will contact former Supervisor Bryan Jones to see if he is interested in filling the position.

Hartwig gave an explanation on SWCD funding. Funding raised through various projects in the past. Mobile irrigation lab with JEA and Floridan R C & D. Grants from other agencies provided funding for beach plantings.

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Speech and Poster Contest was the next items for discussion. A tentative date of April 9th was set for the Speech Contest pending on room availability. A deadline date to submit posters was set for March 26th.

NACD and AFCD annual dues was discussed. A motion was made by Rogers to pay \$350.00 toward NACD dues. Levrini seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. A motion was made by Rogers to pay \$250.00 toward AFCD dues. Levrini seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

District website was the next item up for discussion. The URL name for the website was misspelled. Allen will contact the web designer and have the issue resolved.

DC REPORT: LaKeisha Barber – See Attached

OPEN FLOOR:

A motion was made by Levrini for Connor to set up a Facebook page for the District. Rogers seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. A motion was made by Connor for Rogers to set up Instagram and Twitter accounts for the District. Levrini seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

District meeting dates discussed. A motion was made by Conner to change time of meetings to 9:00 a.m. every month. Levrini seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

There was no further discussion. The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m. The next Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 26, 2019.



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Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Date: July 24, 2018

Present:

Chris Wadelton, Chairman
Craig Hartwig, Vice Chairman
Jim Visser, Supervisor
Tim Wilson, IFAS
Stacey Simmons, FDACS
Mike Adams, Guest
LaKeisha Barber, NRCS
Charlene Meeks, AFCD
Kaylee Durrance, AFCD
Gina Allen – Secretary

Wadelton called the meeting to order at 5:25 p.m.

Minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

Treasurer's report approved for the amount as of 6-9-18 - \$7,849.79.

OLD BUSINESS:

Election documents (Financial Disclosure) have not been filed as of this time by Jones and Sykes.

NEW BUSINESS:

Visser submitted his letter of resignation to the Board. He stated that he could no longer attend Board meetings and will resign from Seat 3.

Guests were introduced to the Board.

An election document from the St. Johns County Supervisor of Elections Office was presented to the Board for approval and signature. The document certifies the St. Johns County Supervisor of Elections to conduct the 2018 special district election. A motion was made to approve and sign by Hartwig. Visser seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

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Meeks gave a presentation on what AFCD does for the SWCDs. Provides training and support to SWCD. Keeps SWCDs in compliance with the Florida Department of

Economic Opportunity with annual financial reports and audits. Helps with setting up SWCD website and maintaining the website at no cost to the Districts.

Hartwig made a motion to discontinue service with Marlin Consulting Solutions and allow AFCD to develop and maintain the District website. Visser seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Hartwig made a motion to pay the remaining fee owed to Marlin Consulting Solutions for maintaining the website. Visser seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

DC REPORT: LaKeisha Barber – See Attached

OPEN FLOOR:

There was no further discussion. The meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m. The next Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 25, 2018.



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January 23rd 2018

Present: Chris Wadelton, Jim Visser, Bryan Jones, Bucky Sykes, Craig Hartwig

Waldeton called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm

Minutes of the previous meeting in November were approved with no changes. Motion to accept by Jim Visser, seconded by Craig Hartwig, Approved

No treasurer's report was available. Motion to put off treasurers report until next meeting was made by Jim Visser, seconded by Bucky Sykes and approved.

Discussion of New Officers for the next year was discussed. Motion by Bryan Jones was made to keep the officers the same as last year, Bucky Sykes seconded. Approved

There was discussion of the Speech contest and Poster contest for this year. It was decided to try to get more than 3 people to participate so it is a contest, Award only one prize per contestant. Craig mentioned that he thought the poster entries were at the district level and Saint Johns county usually did not participate. He would check with Gina Allen.

Envirothon was out for this year, discussion about the need for a person or teacher to get involved to make this an option in the future.

DC Report was read; (See Attached) The board understood other obligations for Lakeisha, but had questions, the board would very much like her to attend or "if possible" conference call in during meeting. Option of earlier meeting time was also discussed and abandon because of difficulties reaching a quorum.

Craig Hartwig asked about getting some price quotations on website hosting to bring to the board for review next meeting, it was his assertion that we may not be getting the service we need. It was agreed to bring this up next meeting

Hartwig also discussed a phone call and emails to DOT about beach replenishment project much like the one done in the past in the Southeast end of St Johns county. DOT is self-performing this project in his opinion.

There was no further business; meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm





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Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Date: November 28, 2017

Present:

Chris Wadelton – Chairman
Jim Visser – Supervisor
Bryan Jones, Supervisor
Bucky Sykes, Supervisor
Ed Young, Seminole SWCD, Guest
Dennis Gorlick, Guest
Gina Allen – Secretary

Wadelton called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m.

Minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

Treasurer's report approved for the amount as of 10/31/17 - \$7,849.79.

OLD BUSINESS:

No old business to discuss at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

Guests were introduced to the Board.

Ed Young Supervisor from Seminole County gave an update on the Seminole SWCD. First year the SWCD is getting funding from Seminole County. In the past the SWCD has acquired funding thru fundraisers.

Dennis Gorlick is an environmental science teacher at Flagler College.

Invoices for District annual dues were presented to the Board. Visser made a motion to pay \$350.00 for NACD dues. Sykes seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Sykes made a motion to pay \$250 for AFCD dues. Jones seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Jones made a motion to pay \$175.00 for special district dues.



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Sykes seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

DC REPORT: LaKeisha Barber – See Attached

OPEN FLOOR:

Visser led a discussion on Army Corps of Engineers wanting to use his property as access to widen the channel that drains into the St. Johns River.

There was no further discussion. The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m. The next Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 23, 2018.





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Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Date: May 23, 2017

Present:

Chris Wadelton – Chairman
Craig Hartwig – Vice Chairman
Jim Visser - Supervisor
Tim Wilson – IFAS
Julia Kelly, IFAS
Greg Dunn, Forestry
Jody Lee, FDACS
Stacey Simmons, FDACs
Bucky Sykes, Guest
Gina Allen – Secretary

Wadelton called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

Minutes from the previous meeting were approved with amendment made to add Visser to the present list.

Treasurer's report approved for the amount of \$8,196.11.

OLD BUSINESS:

Envirothon was the first item for discussion under old business. The Duval SWCD sponsored an Envirothon on March 9, 2017 at the University of North Florida Wildlife Sanctuary. Julia Kelly, 4-H Youth Development Extension Agent, was introduced to the Board. Kelly is interested in getting a team coordinated for St. Johns County to participate in next year's contest. A teacher at Creekside High School is interested in the contest and may know more when school resumes in August. Forestry and Marine Science Clubs may be interested. Need to contact event coordinator, Joyce Miller, to speak to the clubs about the contest.

AFCD area 2 meeting was discussed. St. Johns SWCD did not attend the meeting. Water usage and District compliance was some of the topics discussed during the meeting. A proposed cut of 21% in the NRCS budget was announced during the meeting. Speech and Poster contest was held during the meeting.

**SJSWCD Meeting
May 23, 2017**

NEW BUSINESS:

Board seat one vacancy discussed. Hartwig made a motion to appoint Bucky Sykes to fill seat one. Visser seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

The AFCD annual meeting will be held on July 20th thru July 22nd. The meeting will be at the Ocala Hilton in Ocala, Florida.

DC REPORT: LaKeisha Barber – See Attached

OPEN FLOOR:

Lee introduced Stacy Simmons to the Board. Stacey is an Environmental Specialist for the Office of Ag and Water. Stacey will be working with Jody to implement best management practices and cost share programs.

Visser led a discussion on monitoring water levels in lakes. The World Golf Village as an example. Lee stated that St. Johns River Water Management District monitors water levels and they have to report water usage.

There was no further discussion. The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m. The next Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 25, 2017.