

ST. JOHNS SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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**Regular Board Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** May 25, 2022

**Present:**

Nicole Crosby, Chairman

Charles “Chuck” Owen, Supervisor

Paul Leblanc, Supervisor

Doug Conkey, SJRWMD Via ZOOM

Joe Parker, Guest

Yesmarie Chaparro-Feneque

Gina Allen, Secretary

Crosby called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Minutes from the previous minutes were approved.

Treasurer’s report approved for the amount as of 4/29/22 - $7,162.65

2021 Area Speech Contest discussed. No monetary prizes were given due to lack of funding. Crosby suggested donating to Ellis Putnal Education Fund to help with prize money. Leblanc made a motion to donate $100.00 to the fund. Owen seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Senate Bill 1078. Crosby informed Board of Duval SWCD article in Folio Weekly addressing concerns about Senate Bill 1078. Duval SWCD has presented a resolution to the Governor’s office voicing the Board’s opinion of the Bill. Crosby presented copies of a resolution for St. Johns SWCD to the Board for viewing. An amendment was made to recitation #5 of the resolution. Leblanc made a motion to pass the resolution with amendment to recitation #5. Owen seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Bill Snow Resignation, Seat 1 Vacancy. Joe Parker was introduced to the Board. Parker gave a background on his farming career. Owen made a motion to elect Parker to seat 1 on the Board. Leblanc seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

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Qualifying Dates. Noon June 13 to Noon June 17.

Silverleaf Expansion. Crosby gave an update on the May 17th St. Johns BOCC she attended on May 17, 2022. 5,600 more homes were approved by the St. Johns COCC with a vote of 4 to 1. 700 acres of agricultural land to be developed.

Leblanc presented the Board with a study of total phosphorus levels from 2002 to 2021 for selected locations in comparison with Deep Creek levels. Levels in Deep Creek higher than other locations. Need phosphorus level in Deep Creek for 2021. Leblanc will contact the St. Johns County Utilities to get more data on phosphorus levels for 2021.

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

Chaparro-Feneque presented Civil Rights and Cooperative Agreement partnership docs for viewing and signatures.

Chaparro-Feneque explained the USDA-NRCS application and payment process to the Board.

**OPEN FLOOR:**

**ADJOURMENT:** The was no other discussion meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m. Next Board meeting scheduled for June 22, 2022. Speech & Poster Contest will be held at this time.