

ST. JOHNS SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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**Regular Board Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** March 23, 2022

**Present:**

Nicole Crosby, Chairman

Mary Lawrence, Vice Chairman

Charles “Chuck” Owen, Supervisor

Bill Snow, Supervisor

Doug Conkey, SJRWMD

Ginger Feagle, FWC

Kaitlyn Dietz, GTM Reserve

Paul Leblanc, Guest

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 2/28/22 - $7,162.65

**OLD BUSINESS:** No Old Business to discuss.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Drip irrigation was the first item for discussion. Owen stated he did research on stand behind trenching equipment for irrigating his lawn. Snow stated funding is needed for irridrain irrigation system for farmers. Crosby attended American Rescue Plan meeting to request the County funding for irridrain systems.

Snow presented the Water Conservation Proclamation Month to the Board. Crosby suggested adding a fact to the proclamation from the Board’s mission statement. Lawrence made a motion to accept fact. Snow seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

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Seat 2 Vacancy was the next item for discussion. Guest Paul Leblanc introduced his self to the Board. Leblanc stated he has over 40 years in the laboratory industry as an Environmental Chemist. He stated he was semi-retired and does consulting work and audits laboratories on a part time basis.

Snow made a motion to appoint Paul Leblanc to fill the position of seat 2 on the St. Johns County Soil & Water Conservation District Board. Owen seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with a vote of 4.

Owen discussed nutrient level study for Deep Creek to St. Johns River from years 1985 to 2017. Water quality from the County Water Treatment plant discussed. Chemicals in final product of drinking water discussed. Owen discussed how appliances were affected by chemicals in the water.

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

Received signed Memorandum of Understanding from Crosby. Will submit MOA and UCA to State office this week. Working with assessments, cost estimates and ranking for all 2022 applications.

Lawrence discussed Victory on all 6 Winter Park Charter Amendments. She suggested adding a statement to our goals and objectives list.

Senate Bill 1078 discussed. Final version went through 8 amendments. Bill passed and waiting for final signature from Governor.

Plans and Objectives reviewed. Snow stated grants are needed to create parks and community garden projects. Crosby state HOA’s need to be aware of Florida Friendly Landscape Program. Crosby suggested prioritizing plans and objectives and finalize before next Board meeting. Allen will research deadlines for AFCD and NACD grants and report at next Board meeting.

**OPEN FLOOR:**

Leblanc suggested adding provision of water monitoring on a local level to the plans and objectives list.

**ADJOURMENT:** The was no other discussion meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m. Next Board meeting scheduled for April 27, 2022.