

ST. JOHNS SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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  **Regular Board Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** November 19, 2021

**Present:**

Nicole Crosby, Chairman

Mary Lawrence, Vice Chairman

Charles “Chuck” Owen, Supervisor

Joe McAnarney, Supervisor

Bill Snow, Supervisor

Chris Christiansen, IFAS, Hastings Research Center

Tim Wilson, IFAS, St. Johns County

Yesmarie Chaparro-Feneque

Steve, I-Phone

Gina Allen, Secretary

Crosby called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m.

Minutes from the previous minutes were approved.

Treasurer’s report approved for the amount as of 10/29/21 - $6,962.65.

**Continuation of Discussion of SWCD Goals and Objectives:**

Snow suggested to eliminate repartition and add more District contacts under Conservation Education and Outreach. Crosby suggested combining education and outreach activities.

Lawrence suggested scaling down achievement plan for the next two years. Focus on the most important items. Develop resolutions, apply for grants and Florida Friendly Landscaping were some of the items selected for 2022.

Regenerative Agriculture was next for discussion. Wilson stated that most growers are aware of Farm Service Agency and Natural Resources Conservation Service cost share program through meetings.

Organic farming was discussed. Owen stated there is a few small organic farms in St. Johns County. A farmer’s market and demand for produce is needed.

Chaparro-Feneque stated Natural Resources Conservation Service has a cost share program to help with organic vegetation.

Owen discussed irrigation methods on farms in St. Johns County. Funding is needed to install Irridrain. Cost to complete installation is $4,000.00 per acre.

McAnarney suggested adding a legislative category to the goals and objective list.

Crosby suggested taking a tour of some farms in St. Johns County. Owen stated there is a food safety issue with touring farms. Owen will get more information and report back.

**ADJOURMENT:** The was no other discussion meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m. Next Board meeting scheduled for December 22, 2021.