**SJCSWCD Board Meeting**

**July 28, 2021**

**MINUTES**

**ATTENDANCE**: Joe McAnarney, Bill Snow (via Zoom), Mary Lawrence, Nicole Crosby, Geoff Sample (in person)

Chairman Crosby convened the meeting at 9AM. The Zoom meeting was recorded.

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**MINUTES APPROVAL**:

McAnarney moved to approved minutes from 6/22/21 meeting. Lawrence seconded. Approved.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**:

Balance of $7362.54 reported. Lawrence moved to accept. McAnarney seconded. Approved.

**OLD BUSINESS**:

* WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT TOUR: Crosby reported waste water treatment plant pictures to be posted on Facebook.
* MARSH LANDING FLOODING ISSUES: Crosby showed more pictures from Marsh Landing flooding and shared letter from Ann Shortelle. Crosby advised there was no mention in the letter about HOA 1 and other areas. Supervisors encouraged to also write to her. It appears there is movement to acquire permits to fix some of their problems. Curb and gutter work has started and SJWMD has acknowledged other issues. Enforcement from Marsh Landing is desired. Crosby noted Marsh Landing Long Term Capital Management needs to incorporate these issues and increase the urgency for repair. Sample noted a meeting between SJRWMD and Marsh Landing on 7/15/2021. Marsh Landing acknowledged deadlines and will provide as built by 8/13/2021. Engineers will provide update by 8/31/2021. SJRWMD has no code enforcement power; process is by consent order.
* INSURANCE POLICY: Crosby talked to the Farm Bureau and got a quote of $1000.00 McAnarney noted Duval SWCD does not carry insurance. Snow located another agency and will follow up. Crosby will forward the form to him.
* WEBSITE: Tabled for next meeting. Bios and photos due to Gina. Lawrence noted need for use of new graphic.
* AREA 3 AFCD MEETING: Crosby noted the great attendance. Both resolutions from SJSWCD passed and will move on to the state meeting in September. Currently 3 SJSWCD members are planning to attend.
* RESOLUTIONS UPDATE: Crosby reported St Augustine City Commissioner Barbara Blonder received the balloon-beach-release ban, who sent it to the city attorney who incorporated it into the litter ordinance (8 of our points included). Passed unanimously at the city on First Reading. Crosby reported St Augustine Beach contacted her and are considering passing same.
* FLORIDA FRIENDLY PRESENTATION: Crosby stated both Deidre and Claire agreed to present to our August meeting. Lawrence moved to approve; McAnarney seconded. Passed.

**NEW BUSINESS**:

* STRATEGIES AND OBJECTIVES: McAnarney reported Duval’s impressive response to PUD rezoning on #2020-689 proposal. Crosby noted we will start ours in August and determine if a workshop is needed. Snow stated we need this in September. McAnarney noted that Duval utilized expert opinions and adopted an advocacy stance, a strategy we should consider. Crosby noted we need this for all our projects. Tabled for August meeting while Crosby encouraged supervisors to bring other ideas.
* NATIVE PLANTS LANDSCAPING: Snow suggested applying for grants for education on this issue. Crosby noted a grant for $50,000, requiring a 25% match for which we will fundraise. Other suggestions included:
	+ Florida Friendly Yards demonstration, contests, presentations, financial assistance possibilities, collaboration with developers and HOAs and consider institutional and public areas
	+ Proposals and presentations to HOAs
	+ Advocacy to County Commission
	+ Community composting and mulching programs managed by the county
	+ Regenerative agriculture programs complimenting or amplifying what farmers are already doing.
	+ Water conservation on agricultural scale. Crosby will contact Brian Jones or other experts.
* COMMUNITY EDUCATION: SLAB LEAKS: Lawrence reported leak on her property and lack of awareness of this issue. Sample noted Clay County has a digital reporting program to detect this type of leak. Crosby indicated we need to learn about such reporting/alert programs. Lawrence will contact utilities to see what’s possible/existing in our area. Sample will forward to her Shoemaker contact from Clay.
* MASTERS TRACT TOUR: Crosby will finalize and disseminate information.
* DISTRICT CONSERVATIONIST: More information needed.

**OPEN DISCUSSION**:

* AMENDMENTS OF RIGHTS OF NATURE: Blue School Grant Program applications up to $2,000 to enhance student knowledge of water conservation. Three SJC schools were awarded these. Dr Jennifer Mitchell is coordinator and Sample will send out contact information.

Meeting adjourned approx. 1045 AM.

Respectfully,

Mary Lawrence,

Vice Chair