

ST. JOHNS SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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**Regular Board Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** June 22, 2022

**Present:**

Nicole Crosby, Chairman

Charles “Chuck” Owen, Supervisor

Paul Leblanc, Supervisor

Joe Parker, Supervisor

Mary Lawrence, Supervisor

Tim Wilson, IFAS

Myles Duncan, NRCS

Yesmarie Chaparro-Feneque, NRCS

Gina Allen, Secretary

Crosby called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Minutes from the previous minutes were approved.

Treasurer’s report approved for the amount as of 5/31/22 - $6,812.65

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Silverleaf Expansion: Water quantity discussed. St. Johns County Utility Director, Colin Groff stated water quantity good for 60 to 70 years. Adam Blalock, Deputy Secretary for the Florida Department of Environmental Protection disagreed stating water quantity would run out before then. Crosby suggested inviting Colin Groff to speak at the July 27th Board meeting. Leblanc made a motion to approve speaker. Owen seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Leblanc presented a graph on average total phosphorus in Deep Creek from years 2000 to 2020. Leblanc stated Neal Shrinkre, Assistant Director of St. Johns County Public Works, invited the Board to take tour of Hastings Sewage Treatment Plant. A motion was made by Leblanc to accept the invitation. Owen seconded the motion.

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Motion passed unanimously. A proposed date of Monday, July 25th at 9:30 a.m. was set by the Board. Leblanc will contact Shrinkre to confirm time and date.

SB 1078: Leblanc stated he will withdraw from the ballot due to agricultural qualification. Five farmers qualified to run in the general election.

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

**OPEN FLOOR:**

Civil Rights document signed by each Board member. Chaparro-Feneque will attend Area 3 AFCD Annual Meeting on June 30th in Gainesville.

**OPEN FLOOR:** Owen and Parker led a discussion on the proposed nitrogen application regulations on Florida Senate Bill. Owen discussed retention ponds being pumped into the swamp in Hastings. Leblanc stated water should have been tested before pumping.

Wilson presented the Board with a Civil Rights partnership between IFAS and the Soil & Water Board. Document signed by Crosby.

Goals and Objectives discussed. Crosby stated focusing on the next 6 months before new Board members take office.

Wilson discussed Equine Manure Management Educational Workshop recently held by IFAS.

Leblanc discussed distance from top of the land to the Florida Aquifer and major recharge points. He will contact the St. Johns County Utilities Department for this information.

**ADJOURMENT:** The was no other discussion meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m. Next Board meeting scheduled for July 27, 2022.