

ST. JOHNS SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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  **Regular Board Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** June 22, 2021

**Present:**

Nicole Crosby, Chairman

Charles Owen, Supervisor

Mary Lawrence, Supervisor

Joe McAnarney, Supervisor

Bill Snow, Supervisor

Greg Dunn, Forestry

Geoff Sample, SJRWMD

Gina Allen, Secretary

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

The Speech and Poster Contest were held at this time. First place winner for the Speech Contest was Katie Brown. The theme for this year’s contest was Healthy Forests=Healthy Communities. Katie, Isabella and Ty Brown placed 1st in the Poster Contest.

Minutes from the previous meeting were approved with an amendment to page 2 under Old Business.

Treasurer’s report approved for the amount as of 4/30/21 - $7,362.54. Crosby was presented with a check in the amount of $164.89 for reimbursement for logo and ZOOM account.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Marsh Landing Subdivision was the first item under Old Business. Crosby presented email responses from St. Johns River Water Management District. A memorandum by the St. Johns County Commissioners has been passed. The memorandum stated plans are in order to get a permit issued for work at Marsh Landing Subdivision.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Urban Agricultural Grant (SWCD/NACD/NRCS) was the first item under New Business for discussion. NACD will award up to 18 grants for no more than $50,000.00 to

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conservation districts willing to participate. The grant addresses community needs in both rural and urban contexts. A deadline for submitting the grant application for next year is needed.

Resolutions for Area 3 Meeting was next for discussion. Crosby presented 2 sample resolutions to the Board. First proposed resolution was Florida Friendly Landscapes concerning water consumption issues. McAnarney suggested creating up a partnership with a HOA to set up a model home to promote Florida Friendly Landscaping. Sample volunteered to help with the language part of the resolution. McAnarney made a motion to approve Crosby’s draft resolution with suggested amendments from Sample on Florida Friendly Landscaping. Snow seconded the motion. Motion passed.

A draft resolution on Restriction of Helium Balloon Releases was presented to the Board by Crosby. It was decided unanimously to omit item 9 of the resolution. Crosby will make amendment to the resolution and email everyone with the changes. McAnarney made a motion to adopt proposed resolution with amendment. Snow seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Tour of the St. Johns County Wastewater Treatment Plant was next for discussion. Allen will contact Tim Harley to set up time and date for the tour.

Deep Creek Retaining Pond Tour was next for discussion. Owen has been in contact with a County representative to set up a tour. Crosby presented the Board with a map of the area.

Lawrence presented the Board with pictures of flooding on Orange Street in Hastings. Stormwater drains need to be installed and ditches need to be cleaned. McAnarney suggested contacting the St. Johns County Utility Department on this issue.

Crosby presented a quote for $600 per year from Farm Bureau Insurance for liability insurance for the Board members. Snow made a motion to get quotes from other insurance companies before a final decision. Lawrence seconded the motion.

**DC REPORT:**  See June Report.

**OPEN FLOOR:**

**ADJOURMENT:** The was no other discussion meeting adjourned at 11:15. Next Board meeting scheduled for July 28, 2021.