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ST. JOHNS SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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**Regular Board Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** December 21, 2022

**Present:**

Nicole Crosby, Chairman

Paul Leblanc, Supervisor

Joe Parker, Supervisor

Chuck Owen, Supervisor

Yesmarie Chaparro-Feneque

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

Minutes from the previous minutes were approved.

Treasurer’s report approved for the amount as 10-31-22 - $6,312.65.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Parker Farm Tour: Toured farm on Tuesday, November 22nd. Crops were damaged due to hurricanes.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Soil Presentation by County Extension Agent postponed due to illness.

Hastings Drainage Issues: Owen’s top issues were having Deep Creek inspected and cleared. Another issue was improved drainage in Hastings. Owen suggested having Deep Creek droned. Crosby recommended drone photographer, Adam Sugalsky for the job.

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**OPEN FLOOR:**

Top Issues: Crosby’s top issues was the SWCD Board should continue to uphold the purpose as written in State statue, and that include issues unrelated to agriculture such as “Protect Wildlife”, and “Protect Public Lands”.

Crosby asked the Board to continue to support statewide balloon release ban based on the Board’s resolution.

Crosby had presented to the St. Johns County Legislative Delegation earlier in December her request to repeal SB 1078. She stated that she strongly opposed the Bill but would continue to support SWCDs.

Leblanc offered his assistance and his water quality experience to the future SWCD Board.

**ADJOURMENT:** The was no other discussion meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m. Next Board meeting scheduled for January 25, 2023.