

ST. JOHNS SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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  **Regular Board Meeting Minutes (ZOOM)**

**Date:** September 22, 2021

**Present:**

Nicole Crosby, Chairman

Mary Lawrence, Vice Chairman

Charles Owen, Supervisor

Joe McAnarney, Supervisor

Bill Snow, Supervisor

Yesmarie Chaparro-Feneque, NRCS

Myles Duncan, NRCS

Deirdra Irwin, SJRWMD

Claire Lewis, UF

Jamie Coleman, SJRWMD

Lisa Williams, Guest

Deirdra Omahen, Guest

Nana Royer, Guest

Gina Allen, Secretary

Crosby called the meeting to order via ZOOM at 9:07 a.m.

Minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

Treasurer’s report approved for 7-30-21 - $7,127.54.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

McAnarney gave an update on the virtual Mitigation Workshop he attended. The workshop was organized by Laura Nelson of the St. Johns County Emergency Management Department. Representatives from City/County Agencies and Departments meet quarterly to discuss flood, stormwater and resiliency mitigations issues within St. Johns County.

Crosby gave an overview of the Area 3 Annual Meeting. She stated the St. Johns Soil & Water Conservation District resolutions for Florida Friendly Landscaping were unanimously approved during the meeting.

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Crosby gave an update on the Balloon Resolution. She stated she met with Cyndi Stevenson, Florida House of Representatives, and Oceana to discuss a resolution to ban helium balloons statewide.

Crosby gave an update on the Marsh Landing Subdivision. St. Johns County gave Marsh Landing Subdivision a deadline of August 22nd to submit plans to the County.

Florida 5 Conservation Amendment research was next for discussion. Crosby was unable to contact someone to discuss the amendments during the Board meeting. Further research is needed.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Lawrence discussed the 1000 Friends of Florida Webinars. Some webinars apply to soil and water conservation. Lawrence will resend the link to the Board for viewing.

Local Working Group meeting scheduled for November 16th was rescheduled for November 19th at 9:00 a.m. The Board meeting scheduled for November 24th will be cancelled and combined with the Local Working Group meeting due to the Thanksgiving Holiday.

District Conservationist Report-Yesmarie Chaparro-Feneque-See attached Report

Myles Duncan, new Soil Conservationist for the East Palatka Service Center, was introduced to the Board.

Deirdra Irwin, St. Johns River Water Management District, Water Conservation Coordinator, gave a presentation on how the St. Johns River Water Management District and water conservation plays a role in Florida.

Claire Lewis, Senior Information Specialist, University of Florida, gave a presentation on the Florida Friendly Landscaping Program.

**OPEN FLOOR:**

Florida Friendly Landscape demonstration gardens were discussed. St. Johns County Agricultural Center and Utility Department have onsite demonstration gardens.

**ADJOURMENT:** The was no other discussion meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m. Next Board meeting scheduled for October 27, 2021.