



ST. JOHNS SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Regular Board Meeting Minutes (ZOOM)

Date: October 27, 2021

Present:

Nicole Crosby, Chairman
Mary Lawrence, Vice Chairman
Charles Owen, Supervisor
Joe McAnarney, Supervisor
Bill Snow, Supervisor
Yesmarie Chaparro-Feneque, NRCS
Lisa Rinaman, St. Johns Riverkeeper
Jen Lomberk, Matanaz Riverkeeper
Nana Royer, Guest
Dave Spaulding, Guest,
John Pilecki, Guest
Diane Abell, Guest
Dee Omahen, Guest
Maureen Long, Guest
Steve ? , Guest
I-phone?, Guest
Gina Allen, Secretary

Crosby called the meeting to order via ZOOM at 9:02 a.m.

Minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

Treasurer's report approved for 9/30/21- \$6,962.65.

OLD BUSINESS:

Crosby gave an update on the Balloon Resolution. She recently met with the St. Johns Board of County Commissioners and the resolution was voted unanimously at the State level. County Commissioner Henry Dean requested a draft proposal for a balloon release ordinance for St. Johns County.

Crosby gave an update on the Marsh Landing Subdivision. Mike Register, new director for the St. Johns River Water Management, has recently met with some of the residents

of Marsh Landing and is concerned about the issues. Crosby stated the Board should continue to monitor the situation.

Right to Clean Water Act Amendment was next for discussion. The amendment is one of the 5 Florida Friendly Conservation Amendments. Crosby informed the Board of an online workshop being held on November 2nd discussing this topic. Crosby will email the Board the ZOOM link.

NEW BUSINESS:

National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) and Special District annual dues were the first item for discussion. A motion was made by the Board to pay the amount of \$350.00 to NACD and \$175.00 to the Department of Economic Opportunity for Special District. Dues. Motion passed unanimously.

University of Florida Qualtrics online survey was tabled to the next Soil & Water Board workshop.

DISTRICT CONSERVATIONIST REPORT:

Working on applications for the year 2020. A total of 30 applications for all counties. Building construction for the new office is expected to be completed by February 2022. Local Working Group meeting will be held on November 19th at 9:00. Chaparro-Feneque will email the ZOOM link the week of the meeting.

Jen Lomberk (Matanzas Riverkeeper) and Lisa Rinaman (St. Johns Riverkeeper) gave a presentation on the origin and purpose of the Riverkeepers. There are 350 Waterkeeper organizations & affiliates in 44 countries across the world. 15 Waterkeepers in the State of Florida covering over 45,000 square miles. Their work includes local grass roots projects, legislative advocacy, statewide regulations, litigation and community engagement.

OPEN FLOOR:

Q & A

ADJOURNMENT: There was no other discussion meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m. Next Board meeting scheduled for November 19, 2021.