



**Duval County Soil and Water Conservation District**

**FULL BOARD**

**Wednesday, July 15th, 2020 3:30 p.m.**

**Duval County Extension Office**

**1010 North McDuff Avenue Jacksonville, FL 32254**

Supervisors in Attendance: Allen Moore, Hunter Anderson, Jennifer Casey, James Cook, Ed Wright

Affiliate Members: Tiffany Bess, John Barnes (candidate), Antoinette Jones

Agency Partners: Stephanie Toelle (UF/IFAS), Geoff Sample (SJRWMD)

General Public: John Nooney (candidate), Ashantae Green (candidate), Arthur Bides (candidate), Caleb Johnson

Meeting Called to Order: 3:30 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Opening Comments from the Chair: These have been difficult times, but we are glad to be together again.

1. Past minutes
  - Email was sent about the agenda

MOTION by Jennifer Casey to approve the Full Board minutes from 2/19/20 and minutes from the 3/4/20 Plan of Work Subcommittee

SECOND by James Cook

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2. Agency Reports

- a. Geoffrey Sample (SJRWMD) - June Rainfall: Well above average (Beaches: 6-9, Central Jax: 9-12", West: 12-15"). District Avg: 7.68". August 7<sup>th</sup> Deadline for the Water Conservation Cost Share cycle. The amount for the cost share currently is 40 million. The Millage Rate is lowered for the 8<sup>th</sup> year in a row. Prefers Zooms for future DSWCD meetings during pandemic.
  - b. Stephanie Toelle (UF/IFAS) - Extension Service is open for meetings with less than 10 people to attend. With permission from the Extension office, we can hold events that will have more than 20 people. 4-H programs are going virtual.
  - c. Jon Johns (FFS) – Sent email regarding prohibition on Zoom for FFS employees.
3. Treasure report- Allen Moore - Reports provided for the record.  
Balance: Before- \$7829.26  
Deposit-\$770.00  
Expenses-\$1573.29  
Total- \$7125.97
4. Feb 19<sup>th</sup> to July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020 all meetings were cancelled due to Covid-19.
5. Public Comment: John Nooney shared about his candidacy for Group 2 seat. Arthur Bides shared about his candidacy for Group 4 seat. Caleb Johnson represented FFS to learn more.

#### Old Business- Update

6. 2019 Annual Report- Tiffany Bess
  - Not spending any money on printing a report for distribution due to Covid-19
  - Digital could be a possibility?
  - List of names, head shots and a quote to put in the report
7. Local Working Group-Update
  - Resource concerns list was completed and sent to the State and we are awaiting a response.
8. Conservation Teacher of the Year
  - Revised application for this year
  - Deadline- August 30<sup>th</sup>
  - The selection for the teacher will be presented at the September Full Board meeting
  - Give a Cash award of \$250.00 to the winning teacher
9. DSCPS Green Champions Principal of the Year
  - We are partnering with DCPS to provide a \$250 cash award for this year's winner.
  - Green Champions meetings canceled due to pandemic. We are awaiting updates.

MOTION by Jennifer Casey to award a 2020 Conservation Teacher of the Year with a \$250 prize

Second by Allen Moore

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10. Start Farming Panel- Update

- We have new volunteers including Amanda Searle (from Sustainable Springfield), Tiffany Bess and Ashantae Green
- Free virtual event on November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020 6:00-8:00 PM
- The panel will have breakdown sessions this year
- Budget for the event-\$250.00/ No Tabling
- Caria Hawkins from Abundant Harvests Farm is confirmed, Conagree/Penn is invited, Natasha Parks (IFAS) is a maybe, still need a livestock producer
- Clay SWCD is sponsoring
- Waiting on a response from St. Johns SWCD

MOTION by Jennifer Casey to host virtual Start Farming event in 2020 with a \$250 budget

Second by Allen Moore

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11. 2019 Financial report

- The report was sent out on June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020

New Business

12. Meet the Candidate section

- Forum could be a possibility
- Create a candidate survey?

Motion by Jennifer Casey to create a DSWCD Soil and Water Supervisor Candidate Survey

Second by Allen Moore

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13. Farm Share Food Distribution

- a. August 18<sup>th</sup> 3:00PM

- Food is free but Farm Share requests donations/sponsorship to cover transportation costs
- Drive-thru only
- No current candidates can be involved
- All Supervisors bring water to volunteers

Motion by Jennifer Casey to host Farm Share Distribution Event on Aug 18 and to provide Farm Share with a \$500 donation

Second by James Cook

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#### 14. Bylaws

- Teleconference is permissible by individuals but there is no language to allow full meeting to take place virtually
- Need to draft language to allow this in an emergency
- Jennifer Casey notes that 10 full board meetings are required annually
- Turn planning meetings to full board meetings if need be

MOTION by Jennifer Casey to change the August Plan of Work Subcommittee meeting to a Full Board meeting

SECOND by James Cook

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#### 15. Bee Friends Farm Honey Bee Festival – August 15<sup>th</sup>

- Opportunity to sponsor Virtual Education Kits
- Asking for 20 kits/\$300.00
- Provide coloring sheets
- \$35.00 share vendors on FB post

MOTION by Allen Moore to sponsor the 2020 Honey Bee Festival at \$335

SECOND by Jennifer Casey

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#### 16. Farm City Week Luncheon

- TBA - Waiting for update

Board Member/Affiliate Comments: Ed Wright happy to be meeting again. James Cook shares about his new initiative: Cook's Community Cleanups to be held every 2 weeks.

Public Comments: John Barnes shared about his candidacy for Group 2 and his service since 2016 as an DSWCD Affiliate Board Member

Next Meeting: August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Duval County Extensive Office

Adjourn- 4:30 PM

Motion by Allen Moore to adjourn the meeting

Second by Jennifer Casey

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