



Duval Soil and Water Conservation District

FULL BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, September 16, 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

Affiliate Members: Tiffany Bess, John Barnes (candidate)

Agency Partners: Stephanie Toelle (UF/IFAS), Geoff Sample (SJRWMD), Jon Johnson (FFS), Paul Gleason (USDA/NRCS)

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

Meeting Called to Order: 3:30 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

1. Agency reports
 - a. Geoffrey Sample (SJRWMD) - Two new members were appointed by Gov. Ron Desantis (Janet Price and Rob Bradley)
 - b. Jon Johnson (FFS)
 - a. Arbor day- delayed until further notice
 - b. Cost shares/grants available in Duval County
 - c. Paul Gleason (USDA/NRCS)
 - a. Introduction – Joined NRCS 18 years ago
 - b. Currently working on EQIP contracts (3 in Baker and 1 in Duval)

2. JEPB grant report
 - Coordinating with James Richardson
 - Hunter/Allen working together on report
 - Call Shannon for more information on reapplying

3. Treasurer's report- Allen Moore provided for the record

Motion by Jennifer Casey to approve the Treasurer's report

Second by James Cook

In Favor- Unanimous

Old Business

4. District Aide-
 - No inquires for the position as of yet.
5. Permaculture grant
 - Not open as of yet
 - When the grant is available, we will apply for it.
6. Candidate Forum
 - Virtual or in person
 - Date and time will be discussed at the next meeting
 - The plan of the event
7. Committee report
 - We did not receive any applications for the Conservation teacher of the year
 - Internal process selection
 - Steve Sherrill was nominated for the award

Motion by Hunter Anderson to select Steve Sherill for the 2020 Conservation Teacher of the Year

Second by Allen Moore

In Favor- Unanimous

8. Start Farming Update
 - We have confirmed all panelists for the event
 - Promoting the event on Facebook
 - Meet with volunteer committee
 - Zoom Webinar
 - Tickets are free on Eventbrite

- Breakout sessions
 - Still looking for sponsors
 - d. Stephanie Toelle (Duval County Extension)
 - a. IFAS Vice President visited Extension recently
 - b. No Farm City Week Luncheon this year
9. Envirothon
- Webinar for State Envirothon planning on September 28, 2020 1pm-2pm
 - Tentative date for virtual FL Envirothon- April 24, 2021
10. Speech and Poster
- Poster was found
 - 2021 theme and information were sent in email
11. Local working group- Update
- Need to work on a date for the meeting
 - Paul Gleason will find out if there is a date yet for State LWG
 - Allen said our concerns from last LWG were sent to State Technical Committee

New Business

12. 2020 AFCD meeting
- November 5th-6th
 - Early Bird registration fee- \$100.00
 - General registration fee- \$200.00
 - Board will vote on travel expense
 - Budget- \$800.00

Motion by Jennifer Casey to budget up to \$800.00 total to include travel expenses for AFCD meeting for any interested Supervisors to attend

Second by James Cook

In Favor- Unanimous

13. 2020 Affiliate membership
- John Barnes will not be seeking reappointment
 - We will need an Affiliate member for the board
14. District branding orders
- 15 shirts

- We had different quotes
- We went with the More than Ink printing company
- Quoted price is around \$400.00

Motion by James Cook to budget up to \$360 for shirts for all board members and volunteers

Second by Allen Moore

In Favor- Unanimous

15. Arbor Day Festival

- Sponsorship- Booth rental- \$50.00

Motion by Jennifer Casey to table at Arbor Day Festival for \$50

Second by James Cook

In Favor- Unanimous

16. Farm Bureau Young Farmers and Ranchers event

- Well attended - 35 people
- Jennifer Casey, Ashantae Green and Joshua Rosenberg attended the event at Diamond D Ranch
- Jennifer will reach out to K'leigh Combs at Diamond D about future partnerships

17. Farm List

- Ashantae Green notes there are 366 farms in Duval County
- USDA might know of the farms listed in Jacksonville
- Make a contact list of area farms - reach out to the Department of Agriculture for help

Board Member Comments:

Joshua Rosenberg – Working on Community Food Forest Design Class in Elkton and will send flyer

John Barnes – Longest-serving board member next to Allen Moore. He thanks the board and has enjoyed the experience. He is on the ballot for Group 2.

Public Comment:

Ashantae Green – Acknowledges James and VP of Keep Jax Beautiful and commends the board on the great work they are doing

Leigh Ann Gustavus – Introduces self as a climate organizer with New Florida Majority

Adjourn: 4:45 PM

Next meeting: October 7, 2020 at the Duval County Extension