



## Duval Soil & Water Conservation District

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Meeting Location: 1010 N McDuff Avenue, Jacksonville, FL 32254

Jennifer Casey, Chair

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### **Full Board Meeting Agenda – September 15, 2021 3:30 PM**

Supervisors in Attendance: Jennifer Casey, John Barnes, Allen Moore, James Cook (via zoom), Ashantae Green (via zoom - arrived about 40 minutes in)

**Affiliate Members:** Josh Rosenberg

**Other Staff:** Thea Baker, Alison O'Donoghue

**Agency Staff:** Paul Gleason (NRCS)

**Call to Order:** 3:31 by Chairwoman Casey

### **Moment of Silence/Pledge**

**Chairperson's Remarks:** We need to have a last quarter shift of focus because of the bill recently passed (HB 1103/SB 1624). Budget & compliance might start investigating all special district boards so we need to do a heightened job and be ready for any investigation. We need to prepare for an audit with FDACS.

### **Public Comment:**

- **Tia Unthank:** Works for Jacksonville Science Festival - interested in the Regeneration Park project.
- **Dorothy Gillette:** DSWCD gave her a letter of support against development. The proposal is for 113 acres to be converted to over 200 homes. She is requesting someone from DSWCD to attend September 21st, preferably as an expert to speak. Allen Moore's presence requested and Allen mentioned to also have Joshua Rosenberg attend. Josh to look over material.

**Agency Reports:** Paul Gleason - EQIP application deadline extended to Oct. 1st. With the October 16th farming event, Paul wants to reiterate members to get applications in. Paul Gleason is going to send a paragraph about what he is offering. Jennifer Casey to drop in Facebook group. Dorothy Gillette expressed interested and requested more information.

**Previous Board Minutes:** 1/20 Full Board, 8/18 Full Board, 9/1/21 Planning

John Barnes - **move to approve all, Allen Moore - second. All in Favor. Approved 4-0.**

Thea Baker to get minutes on the website.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

- Allen Moore gave update on Treasurer's Report.
- Jennifer: We've always made a budget, but we haven't always reconciled the budget. Jennifer to shift focus from events to tasks like reconciling budget and other compliance issues.
- **Motion to approve treasurer's report - John Barnes. 2nd - Allen Moore. All in Favor. Approved 4-0.**
- [New Business]: Need to approve a FY budget by September 30th. Jennifer sent a separated budget where she made a few minor changes. Included \$1500 budget and \$1500 expense for Start Farming Mentorship program. **Motion to approve - John Barnes. Second - Allen Moore. Approved 4-0. All in Favor.**
  - Further discussion can occur later.

### **Old Business:**

- 2021 Local Working Group Meeting on Nov 16
  - Were waiting on confirmation from Paul Gleason and he responded that he could do that date. Eventbrite created, but invitations not sent out yet. Can discuss agenda, format, etc. at planning meeting.

### **Committee Reports:**

- S-Line Regeneration Project – Alison O'Donoghue
  - Parks for Pollinators BioBlitz - September 27 - 30



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- Virtual Event, using Facebook Regeneration Park Page.
- Allison will start posting how to participate in BioBlitz
- Tentative Schedule (5-10 minute videos):
  - 27th - COJ Naturalist - Jodie Schreiber - talk on new pollinator garden
  - 29th - Extension Office
  - 30th at 10AM - "Dave the Plant Man" who will donate plants - Josh Rosenberg's attendance requested. Josh Rosenberg confirmed.
- Bioswale Work Day – Oct 2 at 9am
  - Environmental Science Teacher to generate student participation - 10 students tentatively confirmed for each work day.
  - Plant material (\$3500 budgeted for bioswale installation) - **Allen Moore motion to approve up to \$3500, John Barnes - second. All in Favor. Approved 5-0. [First Motion with Ashantae Green present]**
  - Food - donations (pastries & tea) from Community Loaves. Tiffany Bess to supply water, plates and cups. Ashantae Green to donate fruit.
  - Restrooms - none, so people need to be ready for that and wear closed-toed shoes.
- 2021 JEPB-UNF Environmental Symposium October 15, 8:45am-4:30pm
  - Need Swag - talked about post-its, pens, (\$120 each) etc. - **Allen Moore motion to approve \$300. John Barnes - second. All in Favor. Approved 5-0.** Discussion - Ashantae Green votes pens over post-its because they will be used more.
  - Allison to re-send email to [TUnthank@foundationacademy.com](mailto:TUnthank@foundationacademy.com)
- Start Farming
  - Only half of participants came to the last workshop at Congaree and Penn - brainstorm how to get more participation.
  - Mentorship Workshop #4 Agency Partners at Celestial Farms - Oct 16, 10am-12pm
    - Need additional Agency Representatives - Extension Office, Farm Bureau (Allen Moore to contact them - what kind of resources can they supply)
    - Boxed Lunches would be nice - need sponsor - to be discussed at planning meeting. Allen Moore offered to reach out for sponsors.
  - 2021 Start Farming Panel Discussion & Farmers Market – Ashantae Green
    - Normally November or December. Date will be recommended at the planning meeting.
- 2022 Regional Envirothon on Mar 3 - *tabled*.

### New Business:

- 2021-2022 Fiscal Year Budget Requirement
- **Website Renewal - Pre Approval of reimbursement to Jennifer for her paying - motion to approve by John Barnes. Allen Moore second. All in Favor. Approved 5-0.**
- Conservation Photo Contest - Need Someone to Run point. Just local because NACD hasn't advertised one yet. Allen Moore to take the lead, with help from Allison. Allen to come up with a deadline by planning meeting.
- Farm City Week Luncheon Nov 18 at Fairgrounds at 11:30am
  - Annual Luncheon put on by agricultural council, 250 or more people attend. We usually plan for swag for goodie bags.
  - If someone wants to create graphics for social media - talk about at planning meeting.



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**Requests for Service:** JUL request for speaker - was forwarded to Ashantae Green, Ashantae forwarded the request to someone else.

**Public Comment:** None

**Board Member & Affiliate Comments:**

- Allen Moore to reach out to see if affiliate members can come to Farm City Week Luncheon.
- Environmental Symposium - **Motion to buy 2 more registrations for symposium - John Barnes, Second - Allen Moore. All in Favor. Approved 5-0.**
- Envelope in office for Tiffany & Kevin for catering.
- We should post something on Facebook about instructions to get rain barrels - they are to go get it at the farm, and bags will be in the office.
- Ashantae Green has house plant for Steve Sherrill - 2020 Teacher of the Year
- Thea to Invite Steve Sherrill to November or October full board meeting. Plaque needs to be located.

**Next Full Board Meeting:** October 20, 2021, Duval Ag. Extension Office

**Adjourn:** 4:44