

# **Duval Soil & Water Conservation District**

260 U.S. 301 North Baldwin, FL 32234, (904) 299-3112 www.duvalsoilandwater.com, duvalswcd@gmail.com, FB @jaxsoilandwater Meeting Location: 1010 N McDuff Avenue, Jacksonville, FL 32254 Jennifer Casey, Chair

Planning Meeting Agenda – October 6, 2021 3:30 PM

Supervisors in Attendance: Jennifer Casey (Chair), Allen Moore (Treasurer) - arrived ~4PM

Affiliate Members: Joshua Rosenburg, Tiffany Bess

Other Staff: Thea Baker (District Aide), Alison O'Donoughue (Urban Ag. Coordinator)

Call to Order: Chairwoman Casey call to order at 3:32 PM

Moment of Silence/Pledge:

Chairperson's Remarks: Commended Alison on the work she's done so far as Urban Agriculture Coordinator

for Regeneration Park, no quorum today.

#### **Public Comment:**

- Joyce spoke about the Envirothon: Discussion about waiting until January/ February for a workshop. There has been little interest from school. Dr. Yvonne Spinner is the director of Science for Secondary Schools and has been a great point of contact for spreading awareness. Registration Fee will need to be discussed later, typically \$5, Joyce requests replacement of her position.
  - Allen Moore to provide update on Tri-Fold pamphlet
- Jermyn Shannon: In regards to Regeneration Park, lack of cultural landscape, not much historical concepts. More participatory learning platform to engage key stakeholders. Develop certification programs. More community engagement, leveraging remote learning. Suggested rebranding Regeneration Park from forest and trees to be more people.
  - Jennifer Casey: There was little feedback from the local community when we published Request for Comment. It's been difficult to get community members engaged. Requested help engaging those neighborhoods.
- Jermyn Shannon then raised concerns about several sewage wells filling with water, and was informed to call 630-city and send pictures, and they should be responsive.

Agency Reports: none

**Previous Board Minutes:** 9/15 Full Board - Tabled due to no in-person quorum **Treasurer's Report:** Allen Moore provided a tentative Treasurer's report.

#### **Old Business:**

- Broward Rd. PUD Concerns
  - Jennifer and Allen attended the City Council meeting on 9/21 and Jennifer read our letter of support provided to Dorothy Gilette and homeowners on the peninsula. Bad algae bloom on that area of Trout River. 7x normal amount. Everything is temporarily paused until transportation study can be completed.
- Conservation Photo Contest Allen Moore
  - Marvel Li's poster was submitted and came in 2nd place at the state level. Letter prepared for Chairwoman signature, \$35 from AFCD to go to Marvel Li. Allen to get it in mail tomorrow.
- 2021 Local Working Group Meeting Agenda Nov 16 at 3:30pm
  - Annual meeting that every conservation district hosts. 14 RSVPs plus board members. Online event. FDACS wants to make a presentation. Added Public comment with a 2 minute time limit. Jennifer requested everyone review the draft agenda provided.
    - Tiffany Bess requests talking about composting / soil approved as part of 2 minute public share time.



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### **Committee Reports:**

- S-Line Regeneration Project Alison O'Donoughue
  - Reports: Parks for Pollinators BioBlitz & Bioswale Work Day
    - BioBlitz: Over 500 observations, over 150 participants
    - Saturday workday: 52 people came out, very successful. 9 schools, plus homeschool kids.
    - Discussion about using some of the remainder of the \$3500 plant budget to spend on trash grabbers and trash bags, as previously approved.
  - Mulch Spreading Workday Oct 23 at 9am
    - Josh scheduled skid steer on the 19th for 1 day (shouldn't take more than that),
    - Josh will spread the bulk of it before the 23rd and then volunteers will come behind and do the smaller areas that skid steer can't get to.

## [Allen Moore Arrived]

- NACD grant report and disbursement
  - Grant report due October 15th Alison will submit
- o 2021 JEPB-UNF Environmental Symposium October 15, 8:45am-4:30pm
- Swag order for Nov events including Farm City Week Luncheon Nov 18 at 11:30am
- Tabling Opportunities at Porchfest and White Harvest Farms event
  - Porchfest November 6th, need to commit to an 8 hour shift. Tiffany is providing zero-waste stations at the event. 12-8PM. Discussion to do 2 hour shifts.
  - White harvest farms field day Thursday November 4th 9-2:30.
- Received a \$3,000 grant for Regeneration Park MaryEllen Willis Foundation to be used towards pervious pathways.
- Start Farming
  - Mentorship Workshop #4 Agency Partners at Celestial Farms Oct 16, 10am-12pm
    - Paul Gleason has committed, Natasha from Extension office who does Cottage Food, would do zoom with farmers
    - Invite Horticulture agent
    - FDACS has been reached out to not committed yet.
    - Content informal, share briefly what they have to offer (cost shares, support)
  - 2021 Start Farming Panel Discussion & Farmers Market Ashantae Green
    - Need a date, and save the date.
      - December 1st was recommended. New small farms agent from extension office to work with us. He can commit to December 1st. Suggested to book with Extension Office from 5:30-7:30, so we can get Save the Date out.
      - Tiffany or Alison work with Ashantae to work with farmers to get on panel
      - Chloe's kitchen
      - Eatyouryardjax
      - Holiday market because it's close to christmas?
- 2022 Speech and Poster Contest
  - Need Date Potentially February 16th

#### **New Business:**



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2021 Calendar Year Budget Reconciliation

- Thea Baker to collaborate with Allen Moore
- Next meeting: Recommend reappointing Tiffany as an Affiliate Member, and recognizing Thea as volunteer of the month
- Treat Our Teachers: Tuesday December 7th educational materials to teachers. Cost for the last event was \$3 per beverage, plus cost of a couple trays of food.
  - Tiffany suggested new place, Community Loaves, to develop new relationships with businesses. Tiffany to explore that option.
  - o 4:45-6PM

Requests for Service: None Public Comment: None

Board Member & Affiliate Comments: Discussion about Bioswale Funds and reimbursement for Josh

(NativeJax).

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

Adjourn: 4:55 PM