



Duval Soil & Water Conservation District

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

Jennifer Casey, Chair

Planning Meeting Minutes – December 1, 2021 3:30 PM

Supervisors in Attendance: Jennifer Casey, Ashantae Green

Others: Stephen Jennewein (UF/IFAS), Tiffany Bess (Apple Rabbit Compost)

Call to Order: 3:35 PM

Chairperson's Remarks: Start Farming Panel and Market is tonight and the Chair commends Tiffany Bess and Alison O'Donoghue on planning efforts and on securing \$780 in sponsorships. No quorum today, so this meeting is general discussion only.

Public Comment: None

Agency Reports: Stephen Jennewein (UF/IFAS) provides highlights from current Extension newsletter

Previous Board Minutes: Still need 10/20 Full Board and 11/17 Full Board, draft of 11/16 LWG was sent out for review

Treasurer's Report: Balance is \$11,333.72 (provided by Treasurer by email)

Old Business:

- Conservation Photo Contest – Category winners chosen. One overall winner to receive \$100. Tiffany to send our winner to NACD before the deadline. Need to make arrangements with Treasurer to send check and to congratulate on website and social media.
- 2021 Calendar Year Budget Reconciliation – no update
- Treat Our Teachers event on Dec 7 – 12 teachers RSVP'd so far, there is a website page for teachers now, FB ad to be boosted.
- District Aide – Thea Baker is moving. We need to advertise for new aide. Thea will wrap up remaining minutes and will participate virtually for a little bit into the new year.

Committee Reports:

- S-Line Regeneration Project
 - Maternity leave 12/11-1/22
 - Collecting donations on website – Paypal not set up yet, but there are instructions on how to give by check or money order.
 - Rotary Grant application – Meetings scheduled with a couple of nonprofits for potential partnerships. Alison and Jennifer met with Kompan playground company at the site to get estimate for playground there which was app. \$69,000. COJ says that is low estimate for playgrounds based on others COJ has done. Also said, we are not obligated to use their vendors so will do more research.
 - UNF Intern 1/1-3/31 for 50-100 hrs. – Alison creating and sending April her syllabus so she will know what to be working on during her internship with us.
 - Seed ceremony – Saturday afternoon Josh needs to plant the seeds before he leaves town on Sunday. Seed choices for cover crops have been approved by COJ.
- Start Farming Panel Discussion & Holiday Market on Dec 1
 - Due to high sponsorship amounts (\$780) and hardships for farmers, Tiffany recommends honorariums of \$50 per panelist. Consensus reached to accommodate request.
 - Slight glitch on Eventbrite ticketing led us to go up to the next level of FB ad boosting. Jennifer recommends \$19 additional FB boost. Consensus reached to accommodate request.
 - Discussion about the enormous value that Tiffany brought to the event this year in organizing and also providing the zero-waste station. Honorarium of \$150 recommended and consensus reached to accommodate request.



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- 2021 Local Working Group Meeting Report needs approval and survey from AFCD needs completing
- 2022 Regional Envirothon on Mar 3 – Joyce hopes to have a late February workshop
- 2022 Speech and Poster Contest Mar 16 6-8pm – Extension confirmed date and time is available

New Business:

- USDA UAIP grant
- FL Senate Bill 1078 – Attempt to abolish all SWCDs in FL. AFCD to provide action plan for districts and a virtual workshop.
- 2021 Annual Report – Tiffany offers to get started and suggests a new design theme. She will begin work and Jennifer will provide a letter from the Chair.

Requests for Service: None

Public Comment: None

Board Member & Affiliate Comments: None

Next Full Board Meeting: Dec 15, 2021, Duval Ag. Extension Office

Adjourn: 4:35 PM