



**Duval County Soil and Water Conservation District**  
**Wednesday, May 18, 9:00 a.m.**  
**Duval Agricultural Extension Office**  
**1010 N. McDuff Ave, Jacksonville, FL 32254**

**Attendance:** Brian Allen, Shannon Blankinship

*Not Present: Evelyn Coney, Board Member; Patrick Bennett, Board Member; Dan Evans, Board Member; Sebastian Alexander, Affiliate Member*

*Audience Attendance: Victoria Rosati, District Aid; Geoff Sample, SJRWD; Paula Allen, NCRS; Jody Lee, FDACS; John Fitzgerald, SJRWD; John Barnes, DSWCD 2016 Candidate*

1. Call to order- Chairperson, Shannon Blankinship **9:06 a.m.**
2. Speakers: Geoff Sample and John Fitzgerald from St. Johns River Water Management District on North Florida Water Supply

**Affiliate Members:** Allen Moore, Ed Wright This is a regional supply plan focusing on Duval County to identify enough sources of water to meet the demand.

- i. Traditional sources such as groundwater may no longer meet the demand.
3. Not enough Board Members for a quorum to review April 20, 2016 meeting minutes.
4. Treasurers Report: Brian Allen
  - a. Brian has been looking for a new bank for the DSWCD.
  - b. DSWCD cannot use Credit Unions.
5. NCRS Report: Paula Allen
  - a. 8 seasonal high tunnels have been funded.
  - b. DSWCS should start fundraising for Envirothon 2017.
    - i. We should try and get the Envirothon media coverage.
6. Plan of Work- Shannon Blankinship
  - a. Add Ed to fundraising.
  - b. Add Ed to partnerships.
  - c. Ed and Allen are not NCRS anymore; change some NCRS assignments to them personally.
7. Open Discussion
  - a. Seats 2 and 4 are open on the DSWCD Board.
  - b. DSWCD has offered to hold 2017's Area II meeting.
    - i. Want to make it farm-to-table event.
  - c. Terra Freeman is leaving Duval and going to Clay County.
  - d. Ed Wright- DSWCD should consider judge's backgrounds when we pick them for the speech contest.
  - e. John Barnes- introduced himself as running for DSWCD Group 2.

Meeting adjourned at **11:04 a.m.**