

Duval County Soil and Water Conservation District
FULL BOARD
Wednesday, May 15, 2019 3:30 p.m.
Duval Agricultural Extension Office
1010 N. McDuff Ave, Jacksonville, FL 32254



Supervisors in Attendance: Allen Moore, Ed Wright, Jennifer Casey, Hunter Anderson, James Cook

Affiliate Members: John Barnes

Partners: Al Oliver (NRCS)

General Public: Josephine Fuentes (District Aid), Dan Evans (Former Board Member), Joshua Rosenberg, Michael Pelletier

Meeting Called to Order: 3:32 pm

1. Silent Prayer/Pledge of Allegiance
2. Opening Comments from Allen Moore – The Chair highlights our participation in national Soil and Water Stewardship Week and acknowledges guests
3. Special Recognition – Former DSWCD Supervisor Dan Evans
 - a. The Chair presents Dan Evans with a plaque honoring the completion of his term of service on the board
 - b. Dan shared encouragement with the board to keep things moving forward and made himself available to assist with media engagement as needed
4. Partner Comments
 - a. Al Oliver (USDA NRCS) – One new application for Conservation Stewardship Program, 2019 EQUP Applications eligible: seasonal high tunnel – 1 (not yet funded), Active contract: Starratt Timber and Wildlife, NRCS actively seeking applicants for available cost share programs.
 - b. Geoff Sample (SJRWMD) – Geoff could not attend, but provided the April hydrologic summary by email: <https://www.sjrwmd.com/2019/05/rainfall-trends-remain-steady-with-some-regional-variation/>
5. Secretary's Report
 - a. Minutes from last meeting

MOTION by Jennifer Casey to approve Full Board minutes from 4/17/19, Plan of Work Subcommittee minutes from 5/1/19

SECOND by James Cook

IN FAVOR Unanimous

- b. Reminder - We are missing minutes from November 2018 Local Working Group
- c. Social media update
 - a. Past FB posts: Affiliate Membership open seats, FL Envirothon update, DCPS presentation, Stewardship Week and COJ resolution, advertisement of *Living Soil* film screening, Area II meeting update, Earth Day, NRCS EQIP and CSP
 - b. Future FB posts: Endangered Species Day (FWCC), Save the Date Envirothon 2020, NRCS EWP, Farm Bill

6. Treasurer's Report

- a. April Expenses: \$32.78 Harland Clarke (checks). April Income: \$700 (BK Envirothon Check, Allen Skinner Sponsorship Check). Balance: \$3,210.53. Anticipated income: COJ EPB grant. Anticipated expenses: recognition for outgoing supervisors, Envirothon expenses, Speech and Poster Contest expenses, Area II travel stipend, tablecloth, business cards
- b. Hunter will file our June 30 Annual Financial Report
- c. Hunter distributes business cards to Supervisors

MOTION by Hunter Anderson to reimburse Josie Fuentes \$76.54 for administrative expenses

SECOND by James Cook

IN FAVOR Unanimous

MOTION by Jennifer Casey to accept Treasurer's Report from April 2019

SECOND by Ed Wright

IN FAVOR Unanimous

7. Permaculture Grant Discussion – There is consensus to pursue reapplying for this grant when made available and further discussion is planned for July 3 planning meeting
8. AFCD Meeting
 - a. Allen provides a report for the records from the Area II meeting
 - b. AFCD meeting registration for July 11-13 event in Ocala is due June 20 (\$100 ea.)

MOTION by Ed Wright to pay registrations for as many as 3 supervisors to attend the AFCD meeting

SECOND by Jennifer Casey

IN FAVOR Unanimous

9. Envirothon Report- Allen Moore

- a. Team Dasher of Darnell Cookman came in 4th overall at the FL Envirothon and 1st in the current issue oral presentation speech on ways to mitigate nutrient pollution from agricultural runoff
- b. Envirothon Subcommittee scheduled for May 16 at 3:30 the County Extension
- c. Carlton Higginbotham will work on an Envirothon brochure (needs one month)

10. Local Working Group – No update

11. Bylaws Task Force – Revisions tabled until after required COJ Ethics training on June 5

12. Emergency Watershed Protection Program (EWP)

- a. Allen will prepare a letter informing Emergency Management about the program
- b. Allen provides handout on the program

13. 66th Anniversary Celebration – Josie Fuentes

- a. Scheduled for Tuesday, July 16, 6-8 p.m.
- b. Rooftop space at Intuition Ale Works has been reserved for \$100/hr plus food
- c. Board members are challenged to secure at least one sponsor for the event
- d. John Barnes is working on a list of potential sponsors and Josie will send letters
- e. Jennifer will work with Josie on a list of environmental contacts for invitations

MOTION by Jennifer Casey to invite Lisa Rinaman to be guest speaker for our 66th Anniversary Celebration

SECOND by Hunter Anderson

IN FAVOR Unanimous

14. Conservation Teacher of the Year – Jennifer Casey

- a. Applications will be made available to all teachers that participated in a DSWCD education program
- b. Applications must be received by June 30 and a winner will be approved at our July 3 planning meeting
- c. Winner to receive a plaque and check like last year

15. Start Farming Panel – Jennifer Casey

- a. Still waiting to hear from the Greater Jacksonville Agricultural Fair on this year's dates so there is not a conflict
- b. Tentative dates for Start Farming panel include Nov 5 and Nov 12

16. Sierra Club Joint Project Proposal – No update

17. Affiliate Membership – Application window open until June 31 and new members will be approved at our July 3 planning meeting

18. Public Comments

- a. Joshua Rosenberg (NativeJax|Permaculture Designs) – Joshua has applied for affiliate membership. He's a realtor with a background in permaculture and business and is applying for membership because he determined to make an impact on the way we live and how the city is using our natural resources.
- b. Michael Pelletier (JSO Officer) – Officer Pelletier expressed a desire to understand what goes on around the city to be a better-informed citizen and officer.

MOTION by Ed Wright to adjourn meeting

SECOND by James Cook

IN FAVOR Unanimous

Meeting Adjourned: 4:55 p.m.

Special Meeting

May 29, 2019 at 3:30 p.m. at the County Extension (2019 Plan of Operations)

Next Full Board Meeting

June 19, 2019 at 3:30 p.m. at the County Extension