

**Duval County Soil and Water Conservation District**  
**FULL BOARD**  
**Wednesday, July 17, 2019 3:30 p.m.**  
**Duval Agricultural Extension Office**  
**1010 N. McDuff Ave, Jacksonville, FL 32254**



Supervisors in Attendance: Allen Moore, Ed Wright, Hunter Anderson, Jennifer Casey, James Cook  
Affiliate Members: Antoinette Jones, Joshua Rosenberg, Tiffany Bess  
Partners: Al Oliver (NRCS)  
General Public: None

Meeting Called to Order: 3:30 pm

1. Silent Prayer/Pledge of Allegiance
2. Opening Comments from the Chair – Compliments to Josie Fuentes and Jennifer Casey on the highly successful 66<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event and to Tiffany Bess on our new brochure design
3. Partner Comments
  - a. Al Oliver (USDA NRCS)
    - a. One application for Conservation Stewardship Program, 2019 EQUP Applications eligible: seasonal high tunnel – 1 (not yet funded and looking increasingly unlikely), Active contract: Starratt Timber and Wildlife, NRCS seeking applicants for available cost share programs
    - b. The Chair notes that we are committed to promoting cost-share programs within our district and thanks Al for attending our 66<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event
  - b. Geoff Sample (SJRWMD) – by email
    - a. Rainfall in counties in the northern portion of the district measured well-below average, with Nassau, Baker and Duval counties measuring less than 5 inches of rain during June <https://www.sjrwmd.com/2019/07/relationship-between-rainfall-and-groundwater-levels/>
  - c. Stacey Simmons (FDACS) – by email
    - a. Invasive Plant Alert – *Salsola kali* subsp. *pontica* (Russian thistle/prickly saltwort) currently occurring in relatively high concentrations on the North end of Amelia Island and nearby areas
4. Secretary's Report – Jennifer Casey
  - a. Minutes from last meeting

MOTION by Jennifer Casey to approve Full Board minutes from 6/19/19 and Planning Meeting minutes from 7/3/19

SECOND by Hunter Anderson  
IN FAVOR Unanimous

- b. Reminder – Upcoming events
  - July 31 Deadline to nominate COJ EPB Awards
  - Aug 7 Planning Meeting/Supervisor Training
  - Aug 17 Tabling at Honey Bee Festival
  - Aug 21 Full Board Meeting

Aug 27 Treat Our Teachers  
Sep 13 Environmental Symposium  
Nov 5 Start Farming Panel

- c. Social Media Update
  - a. Past FB posts: 66<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Thank you to sponsors, Conservation Teacher of the Year, AFCD post about DSWCD, Nathan Ballentine on Start Farming Panel, FFS Southern Pine Beetle Assistance and Longleaf Pine programs, SJRWMD cost-share for water conservation, NEFRC community resilience survey
  - b. Future FB posts: Announcement of new affiliate members, Treat Our Teachers invitation, Honey Bee Festival invitation, request for service form
  
5. Treasurer's Report – Hunter Anderson
  - a. May Expenses: \$1163.54 Reimbursement to Hunter Anderson (2019 Envirothon lunches), \$225.00 FL State Envirothon (fees), \$47.45 Vistaprint (business cards), \$28.95 Harland Clarke (checks). May Income: \$5000.00 JEPB grant. Balance: \$6,745.59. Anticipated income: Anniversary Celebration sponsors. Anticipated expenses: Allen Moore training reimbursement, Jennifer Casey Envirothon lunches tip reimbursement, Area II travel stipend, tablecloth, Anniversary costs.
  - b. June Expenses: \$41.15 Allen Moore training reimbursement, \$76.54 Josie Fuentes Envirothon reimbursement, \$20.00 Jennifer Casey Envirothon lunches tip reimbursement. June Income: \$300 sponsorship checks. Balance: \$6907.90. Anticipated Income: Anniversary sponsors. Anticipated Expenses: Tablecloth, Anniversary costs, Teacher of the year plaque and cash award.

MOTION by James Cook to approve Treasury Reports from May 2019 and June 2019

SECOND by Hunter Anderson

IN FAVOR Unanimous

6. COJ EPB Grant – Hunter will prepare report due in September
  
7. Affiliate Membership - Welcome to our new affiliate members: Antoinette Jones, Joshua Rosenberg, Tiffany Bess
  
8. AFCD Meeting Report (July 11-13 in Ocala)– Allen Moore
  - a. Allen Moore and Ed Wright attended and a written report is forthcoming
  - b. Highlights: ADA compliance, Sunshine/ethics, Allen judged State Speech Contest, Stephen Monroe (AKA Cowboy Poet) was guest speaker, meeting attendance was good but business meeting could not establish a quorum
  - c. Allen provides docs and agenda from meetings for the record
  
9. Emergency Watershed Protection Program – Allen Moore POC, no update
  
10. Cooperative Agreement with USDA/NRCS
  - a. Highlights: Science-based decision making, volunteer approach
  - b. Role of SWCD: promote NRCS/USDA programs, establish and chair LWGs, perform needs assessments, craft plan of work
  - c. Role of District Conservationist: Chair LWG if needed, attend SWCD meetings, provide office space, equipment, supplies, technology maintenance/support to SWCDs

11. Envirothon Report- Allen Moore
  - a. Allen Moore provides revised Envirothon Promotion Plan
  - b. Revised brochure ready to print
12. 66<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration – Jennifer Casey
  - a. Over 50 in attendance – Lisa Rinaman was guest speaker
  - b. Sponsors include Apple Rabbit Compost, Jacksonville Science Festival, NativeJax, Soil Life Organics and St. Johns Riverkeeper
  - c. Consensus to plan for an annual anniversary event
13. Conservation Teacher of the Year – Jennifer Casey
  - a. Kendal Schmidt will be nominated for JEPB Individual Achievement Awards
  - b. Josie Fuentes will handle application details by July 31 deadline
14. Start Farming Panel – Jennifer Casey
  - a. Nathan Ballentine (the “Man in Overalls”) and Jane Cant (UF/IFAS Small Farms Agent) have confirmed participation. New recommendations for panelists include Tim Armstrong from Eat Your Yard Jax and Katie Delaney.
  - b. Jennifer working with SJC SWCD to discuss partnership
15. Local Working Group - Ed Wright
  - a. Locally Led Conservation Model handout provided

MOTION by Jennifer Casey to schedule 2019 Local Working Group for November 6, 3:30-5:00 p.m.

SECOND by Hunter Anderson

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16. Bylaws Task Force – No update
17. Treat Our Teachers Meeting – Jennifer Casey
  - a. Invitations ready to go out by email and on Facebook
  - b. Food/beverage confirmed at venue
18. Sierra Club Joint Project Proposal – no update
19. Request for Service Form
  - a. Request for Service Form provided by Allen Moore
  - b. Recommendation to also allow citizens the ability to upload attachments with the form (documents/photos)

MOTION by Jennifer Casey to put the new Request for Service Form on our website with recommended revisions

SECOND by Hunter Anderson

IN FAVOR Unanimous

20. Photo Contest
  - a. Allen provides details about the NACD photo contest and photo release forms
  - b. Hunter suggests a blog post announcing the contest

MOTION by Jennifer Casey to host a photo contest in 2019 with a deadline of Oct 1  
SECOND by Ed Wright  
IN FAVOR Unanimous

21. JEPB Environmental Symposium

MOTION by Jennifer Casey to table at Environmental symposium and to purchase 2 additional registrations  
SECOND by Hunter Anderson  
IN FAVOR Unanimous

22. Public Comment

- a. Tiffany Bess – Composting Council has announced their theme for next year’s Compost Awareness Week as “Soil Loves Compost”
- b. Joshua Rosenberg – Will be attending Permaculture class in Australia during August Full Board meeting

Meeting Adjourned: 5:00 p.m.