

Duval County Soil and Water Conservation District
FULL BOARD
Wednesday, September 18, 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: John Barnes, Antoinette Jones, Tiffany Bess, Joshua Rosenberg
Partners: Geoff Sample (SJRWMD)
General Public: Kay Ehas (Groundwork Jacksonville)

Meeting Called to Order: 3:32 p.m.

1. Silent Prayer/Pledge of Allegiance
2. Opening Comments from the Chair – Highlights include participation in the JEPB Symposium at UNF and making NACD news. We are now working toward an urban agriculture grant.
3. Introduction of Guest – Kay Ehas (Groundwork Jacksonville)
 - a. Groundwork Jacksonville, Inc. is a partnership between the COJ, US National Park Service, US EPA and Groundwork USA, Inc. and is part of the Groundwork USA network. Groundwork Jacksonville is one of 20 such trusts across the country, the only Groundwork trust in Florida and the first in the Southeastern US.
 - b. Groundwork Jacksonville is the city's primary non-profit specifically created to clean and redevelop Hogans and McCoys creeks and convert contaminated land into parks, playgrounds, trails, and other public spaces to create the "emerald necklace" championed by famed architect Henry Klutho in the early 20th Century.
 - c. Groundwork and COJ are working together to restore McCoys Creek with a budget of \$60 million over the next three years to return McCoys Creek to a naturally meandering flow to prevent flooding, significantly improve water quality, restore fish/wildlife habitat and create a more resilient ecosystem along the western end of the Emerald Trail.
 - d. The Trail Master Plan also includes improvements to Hogans Creek that improve the water quality and habitat to make it accessible for fishing, kayaking and recreation.
 - e. They will develop community-based partnerships which empower people, businesses and organizations to promote environmental, economic and social well-being.
 - f. The Emerald Trail is a nationally recognized centerpiece attracting people to Jacksonville, connects urban core neighborhoods that are valued as vital and desirable places to live, work, and visit. As a result, 28 city parks will need redevelopment.
 - g. Learn more at <https://groundworkjacksonville.org/>.
 - h. There may be opportunities to partner and we can schedule a future meeting.
4. Partner Comments
 - a. Geoff Sample (SJRWMD)
 - a. Duval County received 6-9 inches of rainfall in August
 - b. SJRWMD attended the JEPB Symposium and is reintroducing education exhibits for events
 - c. Groundwater use is up 400% since 1950s

- d. SJRWMD still adding board members including the appointment of Daniel Davis and reappointment of Ron Howse
5. Secretary's Report – Jennifer Casey
 - a. Minutes from last meeting

MOTION by Jennifer Casey to approve Full Board minutes from 8/21/19

SECOND by Hunter Anderson

IN FAVOR Unanimous

6. Treasurer's Report – Hunter Anderson
 - a. August Expenses: \$390.00 AFCD conference fees, \$200.75 district brochures. August Income: \$200 sponsorship checks Balance: \$5,349.28 Anticipated Income: \$130.00 refund for unused conference registration, \$100 sponsorship. Anticipated Expenses: \$137.50 Treat Our Teachers Aug food, \$45.40 Honey Bee Festival materials, \$70 JEPB Symposium fees, \$250 Farm City luncheon donation, business cards for affiliate members and Treat Our Teachers Oct food

MOTION by Jennifer Casey to approve Treasury Reports from August 2019

SECOND by Ed Wright

IN FAVOR Unanimous

7. COJ EPB Grant - Hunter has prepared the report and will submit the report by Sep 30 deadline with a narrative summary as discussed
8. Emergency Watershed Protection Program – Assistance is available from NRCS as needed
9. Requests for Service Form – Currently available as a download online, a web form is a premium feature and additional website expense is not necessary at this time
10. Supervisor Training – Ed Wright
 - a. Rescheduled to October 2, 2019 3:30-5:00 p.m.
 - b. Will focus on budgets, partners, and how to be a successful SWCD
 - c. Ed will send a video link for all to watch prior to the training
11. Farm-City Week Program Support – Allen Moore
 - a. Ag Council meeting and luncheon is on November 21, 2019 (setup is Nov 20 from 12:00-2:00 p.m. and volunteers are needed)
 - b. We will need 300 brochures for the event bags

MOTION by Jennifer Casey to reorder 1000 DSWCD brochures with a budget not to exceed \$275

SECOND by James Cook

IN FAVOR Unanimous

12. Treat Our Teachers Oct Meeting – Jennifer Casey
 - a. Scheduled for Oct 20 at 13 Gypsies with a budget of \$200
 - b. Cost would be \$500, but 13 Gypsies is giving us an in-kind sponsorship of \$300
 - c. Invitations going out to our teacher list and on FB
 - d. Jennifer will attend DCPS Green Champions kickoff meeting to promote

13. St. Johns Water Management District – James Cook
 - a. James Cook attended a meeting with Jessica Spencer, of the St. Johns Water Management District.
 - b. The meeting focused on introducing both organizations with each other.
 - c. Additionally, Jessica is affiliated with the Army Corps of Engineers.

14. Start Farming Panel – Jennifer Casey
 - a. Tiffany Bess attended recent St. Johns SWCD meeting to secure their participation
 - b. St. Johns SWCD has provided a \$40 sponsorship to assist with FB advertising and would like to see reports on reach and success of advertisement
 - c. Tiffany extended an invitation to them to invite a farmer from St. Johns County, but to let us know by end of September

15. Local Working Group
 - a. Ed Wright provides a list of potential invitees
 - b. Allen mentioned that FL Health Dept John Cordy has requested a soil scientist

16. Envirothon Report- Allen Moore
 - a. Brochures and a cover letter will be mailed to all DCPS high schools marked to the attention of “Environmental Science Teacher”
 - b. James and Antoinette will mail them before Oct Full Board, be reimbursed for postage
 - c. Allen will get PDF of brochure from Carlton that work for printing so we can reorder
 - d. Hunter will research pricing of t-shirts for at least 200 students

17. 2020 Speech and Poster Contest – February 19, 2020 from 6:00-8:00pm at the County Extension

18. 2019 Photo Contest – Hunter will work on blog post with details to promote

19. 2020 Land Judging Competition – Ed Wright
 - a. Tentatively scheduled for Saturday, March 14, 2020
 - b. Ed and Josh visited Eden Gardens which will be a great fit for Envirothon 2021 but not for land judging
 - c. Josh will continue to visit other sites including Congaree and Penn

20. Annual Report
 - a. Send highlights of this past year to Josie to begin compiling for Annual Report
 - b. Will print a more attractive report this year

21. Public Comment - None

Meeting Adjourned: 5:00 p.m.