

**Duval Soil and Water Conservation District**  
**Minutes Wednesday, June 15, 2016 Called to order 9:00 a.m.**

**Duval Agricultural Extension Office**  
**1010 N. McDuff Ave. Jacksonville, FL 32254**

**Attendance:** *Shannon Blankinship, Dan Evans, Brian Allen, Patrick Bennett, Evelyn Coney*

**Affiliate Members:** Allen Moore, and Ed Wright. . . . **absent:** Sebastian Alexander

**Associate Members:** *Terra Freeman (UFIFAS Duval Ext), Greg Tison (Duval AG Council),  
Geoff Sample (SJRWMD), Jack Hernandez (Florida Forest Service)*

**Guest:** Tom Braddock (Retired IFAS Extension)

**Chairwoman Shannon Blankinship** called the meeting to order at 9:01. Quorum present.

Speaker Tom Braddock, retired IFAS and member of Cattleman's Association was introduced.

Mr. Braddock spoke on the history of The Cattleman's Association and their purpose because of "Bang Disease". He explained history of cattle raising in Duval County, active cattle farms and activities that take place in surrounding areas. A "Hay Day" in July was mentioned. Questions were taken from board members. Brain Allen proposed a visit to a working farm. A date will be set at a later board meeting.

**Chairman Blankinship** asked for a review of the April 20, 2016 and May 15, 2016 meeting minutes. There was not a quorum present at the May 15, 2016 meeting to approve the minutes.

April 20, 2016 needed to correct the title for Geoff Sample, the correct title is SJRWMD. With a motion by Patrick Bennett and a second by Dan Evans the minutes were passed and approved with the correction.

May 18, 2016 minutes were passed and approved with a motion from Brian Allen and a second from Patrick Bennett.

**The treasurers report** was called for and entered into the record with a reconciled bank balance of \$911.49

Brian Allen along with Patrick Bennett will continue the search for a bank that will not charge the monthly fee. Authority was given to Brian Allen and Patrick Bennett to act on the board's behalf. A motion was made by Dan Evans and seconded by Patrick Bennett to table the discussion until the July meeting.

Allen Moore presented the NRCS report with a reported 18 projects for Duval, Nassau, and Baker Counties. He also talked about Duval property contracts concerning Landscaping activity.

VP American Tree Farm is planning a Tree Farm Land Owner Workshop tentative for Aug. and would like to have input from DSWCD. Shannon Blankinship will serve as point person for the DSWCD.

Jack Hernandez, Florida Forrest Service, has been set as the guest speaker at the July meeting to Talk about Urban Community Forestry Grants.

This is the last meeting for Terra Freeman, UF IFAS Duval Ext. she has been promoted to St Johns Ext. Sharon Freeman, AG Sec, will be new contact as associate member.

Chairman Blankinship asked for a motion to approve the 2016/2017 Plan of Work. A suggestion was made to amend or modify the plan dates. A motion was made by Dan Evans and seconded by Patrick Bennett to accept the Plan of Work with Amendments to be made by Chairwoman Blankinship.

Evelyn Coney completed her Masters degree.

Ed Wright would like to see improvements concerning the involvement of schools on educational projects and the Regional Envirothon.

Chairman Blankinship will review scheduled AREA II meeting and workshops.

Motion for adjournment was made and seconded. Meeting adjourned at 10:23 am

Presented by Dan Evans, DSWCD SEC. July 18, 2016.

Motion Presented and Accepted \_\_\_\_\_

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