



Duval County Soil and Water Conservation District
Wednesday, January 18th, 8:00 a.m.
Duval Agricultural Extension Office
1010 N. McDuff Ave, Jacksonville, FL 32254

Supervisors in Attendance: Chairperson Blankinship, Allen Moore, Hunter Anderson, and Nelson Greene

Former supervisor in attendance: Brian Allen

Affiliate Members in attendance: John Barnes

Not Present: Ed Wright, Sebastian Alexander

Audience Attendance: Alicia Halbritter - Duval IFAS, Paula Allen, & Geoffrey Sample - SJRWMD

1. Call to order, Chairperson Blankinship 8:14a
2. Minutes of the most recent meeting introduced

MOTION to approve by Brian Allen

SECOND by Allen Moore

IN FAVOR: UNANAMIOUS

3. Brian Allen – Introduced Treasurer’s report
 - a. Current balance – \$741.24
 - b. Upcoming expenses to report on via Chairperson Blankinship
 - i. \$200 Special District Fee for 2015 (incorporates any small district that generates income over \$3,000.00)

MOTION to approve Special District Fee by Allen Moore

SECOND by Brian Allen

IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS

4. Hunter Anderson (GROUP 2) and Nelson Greene (GROUP 4) were officially sworn into office via Chairperson Blankinship
5. Paula Allen provided a general overview of the concept of open governance to the group
6. Chairperson Blankinship addressed the standing bylaws of the district and commented on the alterations to the treasurer and vice chair role
7. Voting began on officer positions on the board
 - a. Chairperson Blankinship was **NOMINATED** to CHAIRPERSON by Allen Moore, **SECOND** by Nelson Greene, **IN FAVOR UNANIMOUS**
 - b. Allen Moore and Nelson Greene **NOMINATED** themselves to the position of VICE CHAIRPERSON,
 - i. Allen Moore’s **NOMINATION** was **SECONDED** by Hunter Anderson, **IN FAVOR UNANIMOUS**
 - c. Hunter Anderson **NOMINATED** himself to TREASURER, **SECOND** by Nelson Greene, **IN FAVOR UNANIMOUS**
 - d. Nelson Greene **NOMINATED** himself to SECRETARY, **SECOND** by Allen Moore, **IN**

FAVOR UNANIMOUS

- e. Dan Evans was **NOMINATED** to PUBLIC RELATIONS REPRESENTATIVE by Allen Moore, **SECOND** by Nelson Greene, **IN FAVOR UNANIMOUS**
- 8. Chairperson Blankinship visited the plan of operations and presented additions to the 2017 PLAN OF WORK
- 9. Hunter Anderson and Nelson Greene spoke of their proposed additions of the 2017 PLAN OF WORK

MOTION to add John Barnes to the 2017 plan of work by Nelson Greene
SECOND by Allen Moore
IN FAVOR UNANIMOUS

MOTION to close the 2017 plan of work by Allen Moore
SECOND by Nelson Greene
IN FAVOR UNANIMOUS

MOTION by Allen Moore to amend the board's bylaws to change the allowable number of consecutive absences by a board member before they are under official review from 6 (six) to 3 (three)
SECOND by Nelson Greene
IN FAVOR UNANIMOUS

MOTION by Allen Moore to approve the Area II meeting
SECOND by Nelson Greene
IN FAVOR UNANIMOUS

MOTION by Allen Moore to allocate \$100 for awards/incentives in order to host the first annual poster contest in conjunction with the annual speech contest
SECOND by Hunter Anderson
IN FAVOR Hunter Anderson, Chairperson Blankinship
OPPOSED Nelson Greene
MOTION carried to be clear

- 10. Paula Allen provided the NRCS report with special attention to the Freedom of Information Act as well as the Memorandum of Understanding with all Soil and Water Districts
- 11. Alicia Halbritter provided an overview of her role with IFAS
- 12. Geoffrey Sample provided an update on the North Florida Regional Supply Plan
- 13. Allen Moore provided an update on the AFCD Area II meeting to be held on April 18th
- 14. Chairperson Blankinship reviewed the proposed grant to the Jacksonville Environmental Protection Board and spoke of the importance of receiving the grant in order to provide continued services to the public
- 15. Discussion was held open to the public
- 16. Chairperson Blankinship called the meeting adjourned at 10:15am

