



**Duval County Soil and Water Conservation District
Wednesday, October 17, 2018 8:30 a.m.
Duval Agricultural Extension Office
1010 N. McDuff Ave, Jacksonville, FL 32254**

Supervisors in Attendance: Shannon Blankinship, Ed Wright, Allen Moore, Hunter Anderson
Affiliate Members: John Barnes
Partners: Geoff Sample (SJRWMD), Al Oliver (NRCS)
General Public: Bob Abene, Jennifer Casey

Meeting Called To Order: 8:35 am

1. Opening Comments – Allen Moore – Dan Evans has a doctor's visit this morning.
2. Agency Reports
 - a. NRCS – Al Oliver
 - a. New Year for application and sign ups
 - b. 1 deferred Seasonal High Tunnel
 - c. 1 active long leaf pine planting, starratt(?) and wildlife
 - b. Duval IFAS – Not Present
 - a. Alicia Halbritter, took a new position with Baker County IFAS. Position will be filled eventually.
 - c. SJRWMD – Geoff Sample
 - a. Aquifer levels have only been higher in 5 years of testing.
3. Minutes from September 19, 2018

MOTION from Shannon Blankinship to accept Minutes from September 19, 2018 General Meeting and
SECOND from Hunter Anderson
IN FAVOR Unanimous

4. Minutes from October 3, 2018

MOTION from Hunter Anderson to accept Minutes from October 3, 2018 Plan of Work meeting and
SECOND from Shannon Blankinship
IN FAVOR Unanimous

5. Review Treasurers Report
 - a. Hunter Anderson announced \$2,633.19 bank balance

MOTION to approve from Ed Wright
SECOND from Shannon Blankinship
IN FAVOR Unanimous

6. Ongoing Business
 - a. Conservation Teacher of the Year
 - a. Presentation postponed because School Board requested we present next month, on November 7, 5:30pm
 - b. Start Farming

- a. Update with details from Shannon Blankinship
- c. Local Working Group
 - a. Ed Wright passed out hard copy invite list. Is still adding to the list. Ed will send an email with full invite list to DSWCD.
 - b. Shannon Blankinship highlighted benefits of having meeting in January with our new board members

MOTION from Ed Wright to change November meeting date from November 21 to November 28.

SECOND from Hunter Anderson

IN FAVOR Unanimous

- d. Envirothon 2019
 - a. Allen Moore met with Director of Science with Duval County. Needs to provide information re. Envirothon.
 - b. Shannon Blankinship reminded Allen that signup, details, registration, all on our website
 - e. Poster and Speech Contest
 - a. John proposed combining with Envirothon
 - b. John Barnes will meet with Duval County Director of Science to discuss options for event combination
 - f. 2018 Accomplishments
 - a. Shannon Blankinship passed out copy of DRAFT 2018 accomplishments.
 - b. All Supervisors to review and send updates to Shannon for inclusion asap
7. New Business
- a. None
8. Open Discussion
- a. Jennifer Casey stressed importance of voting down ballot
 - b. John Barnes requested strategy for reducing meeting times below 2 hours
 - c. Allen Moore highlighted the county fair. Said to visit the munch wagon.
 - d. Election Day, November 6, 2018
 - e. Farm City Luncheon, November 15
 - f. Local Working Group, November 28

Agenda for November 2018 meeting

- 1. Ed Wright – LWG Agenda

Meeting Adjourned at 10:34am