



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

Supervisors in Attendance: Chairperson Blankinship, Allen Moore, & Nelson Greene
Supervisors Absent: Dan Evans & Hunter Anderson
Partners in Attendance: Al Oliver (NRCS) & Geoffrey Sample (SJWMD)

Call to order, Chairperson Blankinship 8:14 AM

1. Treasurers Report
 - a. Treasurer's report tabled to November meeting
2. Review of meeting minutes
 - a. Review and approval of meeting minutes pushed to November meeting
3. Agency Reports
 - a. NRCS
 - i. No change in the approval numbers for EQIP applications in Duval County
 1. Deferral letters sent to applicants for future applications
 - ii. USDA disaster recovery workshop set for late October
 - b. SJWMD
 - i. Discussed the Blue School Grant Program
 1. Potential funding for schools involved in STEM activities
 2. Video shared
<https://m.youtube.com/watch?feature=youtu.be&v=u2DNDsU-aVo>
4. Ongoing Business
 - a. Shannon Blankinship discussed the upcoming local farmer workshop
 - i. Ongoing marketing initiatives in place to drive attendance to event
 - ii. <http://www.duvalsoilandwater.com/blog/start-farming-panel-and-farmers-market-hosted-by-us>
 - b. Allen Moore discussed the possibility of securing assistance for a dry hydrant initiative
 - c. Allen Moore to reach out to Nassau County Forester Dave Holly to join him at upcoming meeting on Dry Hydrant with Jacksonville Fire Rescue

Meeting Adjourned at 9:10 AM