



**Duval County Soil and Water Conservation District
Wednesday, November 16, 9:00 a.m.
Duval Agricultural Extension Office
1010 N. McDuff Ave, Jacksonville, FL 32254**

Attendance: Brian Allen, Shannon Blankinship, Dan Evans Jr., Allen Moore

Affiliate Members: John Barnes, Ed Wright

Not Present: Sebastian Alexander, Affiliate Member

Audience Attendance: Hunter Anderson, Supervisor-Elect; Nelson Greene, Supervisor-Elect; Paula Allen, USDA NRCS; Charlene Richburg, AFDC; Nadia Hionides, The Foundation Academy and Jax Science Festival; Geoff Sample, SJRWMD.

1. Call to order- Chairperson, Shannon Blankinship **9:25 a.m.**
2. Shannon Blankinship - recapped the October 2016 meeting held during the Florida Forestry Workshop to swear in Allen Moore replacing Patrick Bennett.
3. Newly elected members Nelson Greene and Hunter Anderson were introduced.
4. Minutes of the September minutes introduced.

MOTION to approve minutes by Brian Allen

SECOND by Allen Moore

IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS

5. Brian Allen – introduced treasurer’s report – verbally. No documentation provided.
 - a. Current Balance: \$741.
 - b. Discussed annual AFCD dues.

MOTION to further discuss AFCD dues in January made by Allen Moore

SECOND by Brian Allen

IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS

- c. Discussion of sponsorship by the DSWCD to the annual National Farm-City Week Luncheon. Allen Moore and Dan Evans believe we decided at a previous meeting to be a sponsor, but no funds were given. The luncheon is tomorrow. Our current bank account only has available balance of \$241 with no future donation promised.

MOTION made by Dan Evans to contribute \$100 as a sponsor to the luncheon.

SECOND by Allen Moore

IN FAVOR: Dan Evans, Allen Moore

OPPOSED: Shannon Blankinship, Brian Allen

The Motion did not pass.

6. NRCS Report: Paula Allen reported 17 applications for The Environmental Quality Incentive Program. Al Oliver will review the public information format for the MOU.
7. AFCD Report: Charlene Richburg informed the board a state required income form will be due in December. Another Florida staff person is being hired to assist the Districts with compliance issues and public records requests. A super training for Districts will be held January 14, 2017 in Clay County.
8. Discussion on recent passing of Fred B. Miller, Jr., founder of the DSWCD. Allen Moore took the time to deliver gift on behalf of the board to the family.

MOTION made by Allen Moore to accept the Resolution honoring the legacy of Fred B. Miller, Jr.

SECOND by Brian Allen

IN FAVOR: Unanimous

9. Discussion regarding Jacksonville City Council's recent Resolution Expressing Concern Over Changes to Florida's Surface Water Quality Standards to be presented to the City Council.

MOTION made by Allen Moore to pass a similar resolution with same language from the District.

SECOND by Dan Evans

IN FAVOR: Unanimous

10. Envirothon Discussion

- a. Brochure needs to be finished by December meeting.
- b. Sponsorship letters have been completed. Everyone is asked to contact possible sponsors. Shannon will contact Nassau County for a contribution and also request participation from Clay, Putman baker and St Johns Counties.
- c. The Regional meeting is in December.

11. January Meeting Agenda Items:

- a. 2017 Plan of Work
- b. Bylaws
- c. Ethics
- d. Swearing In Ceremony
- e. Position Appointments

12. Open Discussion

- a. District Aid position is still open
- b. Duval will host the AFCD Area II meeting April 13, 2017 (TBA).
- c. Shannon will send out proposal for the EPB grant submission.
- d. The Pass the Torch Grant was not funded
- e. Arbor Day is in April 25 and the plans are to plant 2 Live Oak trees on public land.
- f. Paula mentioned Lake City will get a new Soil Scientist.
- g. Ed Wright spoke about time to visit schools for training.

Meeting adjourned at **11:00 a.m.**