

Duval County Soil and Water Conservation District
Wednesday, December 19, 2018 8:30 a.m.
Duval Agricultural Extension Office
1010 N. McDuff Ave, Jacksonville, FL 32254



Supervisors in Attendance: Shannon Blankinship, Allen Moore, Dan Evans, Hunter Anderson
Affiliate Members: None
Partners: Geoff Sample (SJRWMD), Carrie Davis (Wealth Watchers)
General Public: Jennifer Casey, James Cook, Igor Pertile

Meeting Called To Order: 8:33 am

1. Opening Comments – Allen Moore
 - a. Prayer
 - b. Welcome
 - c. Introductions
2. Partner Comments
 - a. Geoff Sample (SJRWMD)
 - a. Rural Economic Development Innovation Project
 1. 1 applicant from Duval County received grant
 - a. Cost-share rankings: At its most recent meeting on December 11, the SJRWMD Governing Board approved cost-share funding rankings which included the city of Jacksonville Stormwater Microbe Treatment Pilot Project. The District will contribute \$53,170 towards construction costs.
 - b. The intention of this pilot study is to evaluate the application of naturally occurring microbe products as an alternative nonstructural Best Management Practice (BMP) as a low cost means to capitalize on existing wet detention stormwater treatment facilities through an increase in treatment efficiency. This pilot project shall provide an analytical evaluation to quantify any increase in nutrients and bacteria treatment efficiency in wet detention ponds through the addition of MICROBE-LIFT products.
 - b. Skip A Week campaign on water use
 1. Geoff Sample will sent social media tools over for us to use on Facebook
 2. Can save 1 billion gallons per week (skip a week campaign)
3. Minutes from November 28, 2018

MOTION from Shannon Blankinship to accept Minutes from November 28, 2018 General Meeting
SECOND from Hunter Anderson
IN FAVOR Unanimous

4. Review Treasurers Report
 - a. Hunter Anderson announced \$2,270.03 bank balance
 - b. Check to Ed Wright award – outstanding \$86.72

MOTION from Hunter Anderson to accept Treasurers Report from December 19, 2018
SECOND from Shannon Blankinship

IN FAVOR Unanimous

5. Ongoing Business

- a. Local Working Group
 - a. Allen Moore - Well attended
 - b. Next steps? Ed Wright not present, provided no report or follow up strategy
 - c. Jennifer Casey – Thought the meeting was very informative. Emergency Watershed Program is something she would like to see us promote further with City.
- b. 2018 Accomplishments
 - a. Shannon Blankinship – add White Harvest Farms organic conservation grant to document

MOTION from Shannon Blankinship to finalize the 2018 Accomplishments document with amendments (4): rename to 2018 Annual Report, include White Harvest Farm grant, make a 1 pager, and modify purpose statement to language in section (4) instead of section (1) from statute.

SECOND from Hunter Anderson

IN FAVOR Unanimous

- c. Envirothon 2019
 - a. Dr. Sowell to help get the word out re. Envirothon 2019 to all science teachers
 - b. Info on website, need to share/promote
 - c. Allen Moore does training on behalf of the DSWCD to run the soils program, not on behalf of the NRCS
- d. Poster and Speech Contest
 - a. Shannon Blankinship, send notice on contest out to media contacts
 - b. March 6, 6pm
- e. Land Judging Contest
 - a. Ed Wright provided no updates for this event, so the same status, below, remains.
 - b. Ed Wright has interest in contest from 3 schools
 - 1. Frank H. Peterson High School
 - 2. Duval County 4-H (IFAS)
 - 3. School at beach, can't remember name
 - c. Ed Wright to confirm March 5, Diamond D Ranch before next meeting, November, December, January?
- f. Teacher Summit
 - a. Hosted 12/1/2018 by St. Johns Riverkeeper, materials distributed for Envirothon, Speech and Poster Contest
 - b. TEACH conference, 3/1/2019, Jennifer Casey and Allen Moore will discuss the entry proposal before next meeting.
 - c. Joyce Miller planning an Envirothon Teacher Summit on 1/26/2019 with workshop
- g. EPB Grant Update
 - a. Expected January 2019

6. New Business

- a. Allen Moore is presenting a personal check for \$180.00 to DSWCD and requests that it be used on dues for NACD and AFCD specifically.
- b. Swearing In Ceremony
 - a. Shannon Blankinship to find someone to help lead ethics discussion
 - b. Allen Moore to secure Judge
 - c. Shannon Blankinship to send out notice on food to bring to meeting
 - d. ** We need a photographer for the event
- c. Urban Agriculture Grants
 - a. Carrie Davis, Wealth Watchers, present. Believes we can use the Rural Youth Initiative grant proposal she is currently developing in order to apply for this grant.
 - 1. Rural Youth Initiative Program helps socially disadvantaged farmers, provides conservation focused training to farmers
 - 2. Currently finishing project at Raines High School with raised beds partnering ag with culinary arts students. Unfortunately, program is on hold because current funding does not allow for any extracurricular activities at high school.
 - 3. This program took students on field trips to visit Florida A&M
 - 4. We could use this approach, and have Wealth Watchers to apply for Urban Conservation Grant. Supporting groups include Fresh Ministries.
 - 5. The grant requires outreach, workshops, and field trainings.
 - 6. In order to apply, we need a proposal, and then a resolution from the board supporting the proposal, due by December 31, 2018.
 - 7. The grant will require hiring a consultant or employee to manage the grant, and someone to write the grant.
 - b. Discussed including trees, and the tree commission, in grant proposal.

MISSING MINUTES

Agenda for January 2019 meeting

- 1. Decide date and time for Plan of Work meeting
- 2. Discuss giving USDA a longer time in the future on the agenda
- 3. Pick officers and positions

Meeting Adjourned