



**Duval County Soil and Water Conservation District  
Wednesday, February 15th, 8:00 a.m.  
Duval Agricultural Extension Office  
1010 N. McDuff Ave, Jacksonville, FL 32254**

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

Affiliate Members in attendance: John Barnes, Edward Wright

Not Present: Sebastian Alexander

Audience Attendance: Alicia Halbritter (IFAS) & Jody Lee (Office of Agricultural Water Policy)

1. Call to order, Chairperson Blankinship 8:09 am
2. Guest Speaker
  - a. A representative from Waste Management, was unable to attend
  - b. Chairperson Blankinship noted that Jacksonville City Council President Lori Boyer will be presenting in the March Meeting
3. Minutes from January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017 introduced

**MOTION** to approve by Allen Moore

**SECOND** by Hunter Anderson

**IN FAVOR: UNANAMIOUS**

- a. Minutes passed
4. Treasurer's report
  - a. Introduced by Hunter Anderson
    - i. Current balance – \$741.24
      1. Special district fee paid on the 24th of Jan (2017)
      2. No other expected expenses from the group
5. Agency Reports
  - a. Jody Lee (Office of Agricultural Water Policy) spoke about ongoing projects from the Tri County Agricultural Area
    - i. Spoke to the possibility of cost share programs in Duval County as a way to further collaborate
  - b. Alicia Halbritter (IFAS) spoke of ongoing projects including but not limited to the backyard poultry program
6. Ongoing Business
  - a. Area II meeting
    - i. Area II meeting, hosted by Duval County, will take place at the White Harvest Farm and then convene at Duval Agricultural Extension Office
      1. Regional Speech Contest/Poster Contest will take place following the Area II meeting
    - ii. Chairperson Blankinship to update the district's blog with more details
  - b. Chairperson Blankinship spoke about the District's grant submission to the Jacksonville Environmental Protection Board (EPB)
    - i. The EPB will review the grant submission at their next meeting

1. Participation/support from supervisors and affiliate members is requested at the EPB's next meeting
- c. Affiliate Members are approaching their suggested two-year term limits

**MOTION** to add Edward Wright as an affiliate member

**SECOND** by Dan Evans

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- d. Envirothon was discussed
  - i. Currently 23 Teams registered for the event
  - ii. Duties assigned to supervisors
7. Public Comments
8. Chairperson Blankinship called the meeting adjourned at 9:52 am

Minutes taken by Nelson Greene