



**Duval County Soil and Water Conservation District
Wednesday, April 18, 2018 8:30 a.m.
Duval Agricultural Extension Office
1010 N. McDuff Ave, Jacksonville, FL 32254**

Supervisors in Attendance: Shannon Blankinship, Allen Moore

Affiliate Members:

Partners: Geoff Sample (SJRWMD), Al Oliver (NRCS), Alicia Halbritter (Duval IFAS)

Meeting Called To Order: 8:45am

1. Opening Comments from Chairman, Allen Moore
 - a. Reflections from March meeting, cancelled due to a known lack of quorum. Allen Moore and City Councilman Sam Newby were the only 2 people that attended.
2. Agency Reports
 - a. Duval IFAS, Alicia Halbritter – Discussed impacts from federal trade regulations. Ban/restriction on use of Dicamba, used on wheat and other crops. Will impact forage food for horses and cattle.
 - b. St. Johns River Water Management District – Geoff Sample
 - i. Water shortage warning orders in place, restrictions on days and time for outdoor irrigation
 - ii. Cost share programs underway that would help water supply, no known applicants from Duval County
 - c. NRCS - Al Oliver
 - i. 2 forestry applicants moving forward, 2 seasonal high tunnel moving forward – replacements from Hurricane Irma
3. Review Minutes from February 21, 2018
 - a. Dan Evans will supplement draft minutes from Shannon.
4. Review Treasurers Report
 - a. Treasurer not present. No report to review.
5. 65th Anniversary Update
 - a. Allen Moore said that without Ed Wright, we have no updates to this event, and wants to postpone the potential date from July 10 to August 2018.
 - b. Allen Moore says he will work to secure the speaker and the date with available location by the next meeting so that we can move forward.
6. Envirothon Update
 - a. Showed news clip from Jonothan Stacey who came to the event
 - b. State Funding submitted by Hunter Anderson
 - c. Reimbursement from medals submitted by Shannon Blankinship for \$67.34

MOTION by Shannon Blankinship to reimburse \$67.34 spent on medals for Envirothon to the DSWCD
SECOND by Dan Evans
IN FAVOR Unanimous

- d. Traveling Trophy needs to be submitted for engraving. Shannon Blankinship will do, pay, pickup, and bring to next meeting when it is completed.

- i. Darnell Cookman, Envirothon 2018, Lake Fretwell Park, Team Sponsor: Scott Sowell
- 7. Soil and Water Stewardship Week
 - a. April 29, 2018 – May 6, 2018 a week to promote the health of soil in our community
 - b. COJ awards proclamation of the week, May 8, 2018 meeting. Sam Newby is sponsor.
- 8. Area 2 AFCD Meeting
 - a. AFCD can assist with websites, training, annual meeting
- 9. DSWCD office space and staff
 - a. Allen Moore wants to know if we want a staff person.
 - b. Baldwin USDA office is usually empty. No staff person works there full time. We have many file cabinets of material there, from decades ago.
- 10. Public Comments
 - a. Pamela Miller present. Discussing longstanding ongoing air pollution issues impacting her health. Lives across the street from IFF, 2051 Lane Ave. Perfume and fragrance company. (904) 387-1730. Wants us to make government enforce the law.
 - b. FDEP – Air Quality Division, Geoff Sample and Shannon Blankinship said they would get updates and status of this company and violations to better understand the issue.

Meeting Adjourned