



**Duval County Soil and Water Conservation District
Wednesday, April 19th, 8:00 a.m.
Duval Agricultural Extension Office
1010 N. McDuff Ave, Jacksonville, FL 32254**

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

Affiliate Members in attendance: John Barnes

Audience Attendance: Al Oliver (NRCS), Geoffrey Sample (SJRWMD), Joyce Miller (Envirothon Lead Volunteer/Organizer)

1. Call to order, Chairperson Blankinship 8:10 am
2. Joyce Miller provided an overview of the 2017 Envirothon as well as ongoing planning for the 2018 Envirothon
 - a. Tentative date set, March 8th, 2018
 - b. The potential location for the 2018 Envirothon is Lake Fretwell Park
 - i. Permitting and potential event insurance is still being determined
 - c. The Jacksonville Arboretum was discussed as an alternative
 - d. The 2017 Envirothon winners will be recognized at the May 2017 Duval County School Board Meeting
3. Minutes from March 2017 introduced

MOTION to approve by Allen Moore

SECOND by Dan Evans

IN FAVOR UNANIMOUS

- a. Minutes passed
4. Treasurer's report introduced by Hunter Anderson
 - a. Potential expense of \$300.00 for Association of Florida Conservation dues
 - i. Due to budget constraints, the board typically files a letter of hardship to keep Duval County in good standing

MOTION to pay \$100 to the Association of Florida Conservation for annual dues

OPEN DISCUSSION

AMENDED MOTION to pay \$50 to the Association of Florida Conservation

SECOND by Nelson Greene

IN FAVOR UNANIMOUS

- b. Hunter Anderson discussed the possibility of switching financial depositories as to not incur monthly fees
5. Agency Reports
 - a. Al Oliver (NRCS)
 - i. Field office activity
 1. 25 applications for EQIP (Environmental Quality Incentives Program)
 - a. All applications derive from Duval County

- b. Geoff Sample (SJRWMD)
 - i. Provided an update on the water shortage warnings impacting parts of north east Florida
- 6. Ongoing Business
 - a. Chairperson Blankinship provided a recap of the Area 2 Meeting
 - b. Chairperson Blankinship presented the Water Conservation Proclamation to the group to be voted upon

MOTION to approve the Water Conservation Proclamation by Nelson Greene

SECOND by Allen Moore

IN FAVOR UNANIMOUS

- c. Hunter Anderson provided an update on the 2017 Arbor Day event
- d. Allen Moore to present the public service announcement for the National Association of Conservations Districts

Chairperson Blankinship called the meeting adjourned at 9:36 am

Meeting Minutes take by Nelson Greene