



Duval County Soil and Water Conservation District
Wednesday, July 20, 9:00 a.m.
Duval Agricultural Extension Office
1010 N. McDuff Ave, Jacksonville, FL 32254

Attendance: Brian Allen, Shannon Blankinship, Dan Evans Jr., Patrick Bennett, Evelyn Coney

Affiliate Members: Allen Moore, Ed Wright

Not Present: Sebastian Alexander, Affiliate Member

Audience Attendance: Victoria Rosati, District Aid; Jody Lee, FDACS; Geoff Sample, SJRWD; James Richardson, COJ EPB; Ed Young, Seminole SWCD; Nelson Greene, Candidate, DSWCD 2016

1. Call to order- Chairperson, Shannon Blankinship **9:04 a.m.**
2. Update from last meeting- Shannon Blankinship.
 - a. Potential new workshop with Florida Forest Service in August. Awaiting details from Jack Hernandez.
 - b. DSWCD is going to co-host.
3. Speaker: James Richardson on the City of Jacksonville Environmental Protection Board.
 - a. The board regulates issues such as air, odor, water, land and noise.
 - b. The board creates city priorities for citizens for water quality, groundwater, and hazardous waste and materials, etc.
 - c. Friday, September 9th at UNF is an environmental symposium.
 - i. The topics will be water supply, security and solutions.
 - ii. Environmental consultants will be in attendance.
 - d. Saturday, September 10th at the MOSH is a Pollution Solution Festival.
 - e. Saturday, September 17th is the International Coastal Cleanup.
 - i. Nationally, there is a pollution prevention week, but the County of Duval is going to have a pollution week to educate citizens on pollution issues and how they affect our lives.

4. Review June 15, 2016 meeting minutes.

MOTION to approve minutes by Evelyn Coney.

SECOND by Dan Evans.

IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS

5. District Aid, Victoria Rosati, is leaving the DSWCD, but will try her best to find a replacement.
6. Treasurers Report: Brian Allen
 - a. Brian Allen was previously tasked with finding the DSWCD a new bank.
 - b. He found a bank that will only charge if the account goes below a certain amount.
 - c. Evelyn Coney wants a bank that does not ever charge fees.
 - d. Brian Allen explains there is no bank that never charges any fees.

- i. He is willing to front the DSWCD a loan, interest free, to keep the bank account above the amount the bank charges for.
 - ii. This was not discussed.
- 7. NCRS Report**
 - a. 18 Farm Bill conservation programs have been funded in northeast Florida, 12 in Duval County. 10 of these are seasonal high tunnel, one is a nutrient management plan for a dairy, and one is a pollinator project.
- 8. Florida Agricultural Lands Manager- Jody Lee**
 - a. Goal is to administer a cost-sharing program in Duval.
 - b. They are in the process of getting contracts together for June 2016-July 2017 fiscal year.
 - c. They give administrative funds.
- 9. North Florida Water Supply Plan- Geoff Sample**
 - a. The goal is to have the District Management Supply Plan completed by December.
 - b. There will be a review period and people can submit their comments.
 - c. Shannon Blankinship requests a digital copy of the power point Geoff shared in a previous meeting.
- 10. Items for Approval- Dan Evans**
 - a. The DSWCD board and Darnel Cookman high school need to meet and present the trophy from Envirothon.
 - b. The fundraising goal for Envirothon 2017 should be \$5,000.

MOTION for 2017 Envirothon fundraising goal to be \$5,000 by Brian Allen
 SECOND by Dan Evans
 IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS

 - c. Timeline of tasks to approve.

MOTION to approve timeline of tasks by Patrick Bennett
 SECOND by Dan Evans
 IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS
- 11. Plan of Work- Shannon Blankinship**
 - a. Shannon Blankinship suggests by next meeting all board members know what items on the Plan of Work they were assigned and to update the rest of the board on their plan to complete their task.
 - b. Shannon Blankinship will send out an updated copy of the Plan of Work with added notes from Paula Allen.
- 12. Open Discussion**
 - a. Dan Evans- He was asked to be the District Representative for the Yellow Bluff Fort Historic State Park Advisory Group.
 - i. They want to Dan Evans to be on their board because they would like the DSWCD's input on soil erosion.
 - ii. Dan would like assistance from the rest of the board.
 - 1. Ed and Allen will work with Dan because they have soil expertise.

- b. Shannon Blakinship - For the DSWCD officers, Shannon suggests there should be a limit of 2 consecutive 1 year terms, instead of 2 consecutive 2 year terms.
- c. Allen Moore- would like to get involved in the recycling division. Maybe the DSWCD could take a tour of a local recycling facility.
- d. Brian Allen- Suggests the DSWCD invite all qualifying members for upcoming board positions to future meetings.
 - i. Shannon Blankinship added them to the email list.
- e. Patrick Bennett- Patrick is resigning from his board position. He is moving to Nashville in late August.
- f. Shannon Blankinship, Allen Moore, and Ed Wright are planning the Area II meeting for next year. Will form a subcommittee and set the first meeting. Dan Evans is also interested in helping.
- g. Evelyn Coney and Ed Wright discussed involving local schools in District activities, possibly Envirothon.

Meeting adjourned at **11:03 a.m.**