

Duval County Soil and Water Conservation District
FULL BOARD
February 19, 2020 3:30 p.m.
Duval Agricultural Extension Office
1010 N. McDuff Ave, Jacksonville, FL 32254



Supervisors in Attendance: Hunter Anderson, Allen Moore, Jennifer Casey,
Supervisors Absent: Ed Wright

Affiliate Members: Antoinette Jones, Tiffany Bess, Joshua Rosenberg

Affiliate Members Absent: John Barnes

Partners: Stephanie Toelle (UF/IFAS), Geoff Sample (SJRWMD), Jimmy Tomazinis (FL DEP)

General Public: Ashantae Green (USGBC), Carter Jones (Candidate), Greg Tison (Duval County Farm Bureau), Barry L. Moore, Blake C. Shatzer

Meeting Called to Order: 3:38 p.m.

1. Silent Prayer/Pledge of Allegiance
 2. Opening Comments from the Chair – Hunter Anderson presents Allen Moore with a Recognition of Service award as our Past Chairman
 3. Partner Comments
 - a. Geoff Sample (SJRWMD)
 - a. Despite the deficit in rain, the aquifer remains high
 - b. Resiliency Committee meets monthly and suggests we attend
 - b. Stephanie Toelle (UF/IFAS) - Went over programs offered by the extension office, 4-H Club, and Butterfly Gardening
 - c. Jimmy Tomazinis (FL DEP) – Needs one of our board members on his plan
- Secretary's Report – Jennifer Casey
- d. Minutes from previous meetings

James Cook arrives: 3:44pm

MOTION by Jennifer Casey to approve the Full Board minutes from 1/15/20

SECOND by A. Moore

IN FAVOR Unanimous

MOTION by Jennifer Casey to approve the Plan of Work Subcommittee minutes from 2/5/20

SECOND by A. Moore

IN FAVOR Unanimous

MOTION by Jennifer Casey to approve the Special Meeting minutes from 2/11/20

SECOND by A. Moore

IN FAVOR Unanimous

MOTION by Jennifer Casey to approve the Envirothon Subcommittee minutes from 2/13/20

SECOND by A. Moore

IN FAVOR Unanimous

4. Treasurer's Report – Allen Moore
 - a. A. Moore clarified the text that is bolded means positive amounts

- b. J. Casey reminds that \$42.00 needs to be sent to Tree Hill for Butterfly Festival
- c. A. Moore will send payment within the next day or so for the Envirothon website

MOTION by J. Casey to approve Treasury Report

SECOND by J. Cook

IN FAVOR Unanimous

- 5. Urban Agriculture Conservation Grant- J. Rosenberg
 - a. Grant was denied
 - b. Reached out to the representative but was told she will get back with us in a couple of weeks
- 6. NACD Grant- J. Casey - Grant denied, will try again in the future

MOTION by J. Casey to approve 2020 Budget

SECOND by A. Moore

IN FAVOR Unanimous

- 7. Al Oliver Proclamation- A. Moore
 - a. Allen will write up a letter of appreciation for his service
 - b. Al has been with NRCS- for 42 years
- 8. 2020 Soil & Water Stewardship Week Resolution- J. Casey
 - a. Jennifer will write the resolution using language provided by NACD
 - b. A. Moore will reach out to Councilwoman Pittman due to her involvement in agriculture
 - c. Councilwoman Randy DeFoor will be at next Board Meeting on March 18 to talk about water rights and potential sale of JEA
- 9. Jacksonville Science Festival- J. Rosenberg
 - a. Will be tabling the event at Jax Beach on Feb 29
 - b. Also, Jacksonville Science Festival has another event on March 5 and 6 from 9am-2pm at FSCJ South Campus
- 10. Annual Report-T. Bess
 - a. Sent email copies of the draft
 - b. Still awaiting headshots from J. Rosenberg, A. Moore, J. Fuentes, and J. Barnes
 - c. A. Moore submitted signature as Chairman for the report
 - d. Quotes on printing – \$200 estimate for 100 pages, will revisit to confirm
- 11. Speech/Poster Contest-A. Moore
 - a. 49 Posters received which is a DSWCD record!
 - b. 4-5 student speech competitors, still need 3 judges and timekeeper
 - c. Readjust cash prizes for posters K-12, \$40-1st place, \$20-2nd place, \$10- 3rd place

MOTION to approve the last-minute adjustment to cash prizes for Speech/ Poster Contest by J. Casey

SECOND by A. Moore

IN FAVOR Unanimous

MOTION to reimburse Tiffany Bess \$75 for food provided at Speech and Poster Contest by A. Moore

SECOND by J. Casey

IN FAVOR Unanimous

13. Other Reports - T. Bess requests reimbursement of \$75.00 for the food provided for the Speech/Poster Contest

14. Envirothon- A. Moore

- a. The cost of the trophies was \$119, which is still under budget
- b. Tally of schools signed up need clarifications
 - a. Joyce Miller accounts for at least 6 schools and 16 teams participating
 - b. Schedule to meet at 7:30 AM at the Arboretum Gardens and competition will begin at 9:10 PM and needs volunteers to pack lunch
- c. Arboretum sent notice that since they are under new management they will now charge \$250 to host Envirothon. J. Casey suggested we use our grant funds to move forward because it is still under budget.

MOTION to approve \$250 payment to Jacksonville Arboretum for hosting Envirothon by J. Casey

SECOND by A. Moore

IN FAVOR Unanimous

- d. Portable toilets-J. Rosenberg
 - a. Received quote of \$230 for 2 units and handwashing station can deliver on the Feb 14 and Pick up on Feb 15
 - b. Still waiting on the invoice, but they can get check upon delivery
- e. Joyce suggests we revisit location choice and go back to Mark at Tree Hill as a host since he has restrooms and there will be no charge to use the location

MOTION to change location of Envirothon to Tree Hill pending availability by J. Casey

SECOND by A. Moore

IN FAVOR Unanimous

- f. Medals and Trophy-A. Moore
 - a. Looked into the medals, received quote for standardize no logo medal of 538.60 for 60 medals
 - b. Seek out local merchants will get lower quotes later with in a week up to 400.00 max for 60 medals

MOTION to purchase Envirothon awards as quoted at \$538.60 but allow A. Moore shop around for a better price and choose another vendor if needed by J. Casey

SECOND by A. Moore

IN FAVOR Unanimous

- g. Envirothon Lunches
 - a. A. Green- Received no response from Publix, will call around to other restaurants, Joyce suggested Subway
 - b. H. Anderson- Suggested \$650 budget for lunches
 - c. A. Green will request quotes for for 120 lunches with 5% vegetarian (110 for teachers and students with additional 10 for DSWCD volunteers)

MOTION to pay Greg Tison \$100 for the fruit provided for Envirothon by A. Moore

SECOND by J. Casey

IN FAVOR Unanimous

15. Land Judging- A. Moore
 - a. Have not received response from schools he reached out to
 - b. Area competition will be in Gainesville, FL and State is asking for \$50 minimum donation
 - c. H. Anderson- \$500 under budget from JEPB grant so funds are available
 - d. J. Rosenberg will communicate with E. Wright on whether we plan local event this year
16. District Aide Updates
 - a. In concluding her term of service, J. Fuentes communicated that due to her work it is not feasible to continue to attend all meetings, but she would like to remain involved to table community events
 - b. J. Casey will draft a Letter of Appreciation
 - c. Jennifer will create FB post seeking new District Aide
17. USDA/NRCS Update- A. Moore – Someone from Madison County is acting District Conservationist with NRCS but there will be a permanent person to replace Al Oliver
18. Annual Plan of Operations to be revised, will need approval
19. MOU with Wealth Watchers – still needs to be written regarding partnership on Food Forest project
20. District Resources Expenses- H. Anderson
 - a. Could not find PA Speaker system
 - b. A. Moore will bring in his personal PA System for Envirothon
21. Volunteer Honorariums- H. Anderson
 - a. Joyce, Larry will stay for the Speech/ Poster contest
 - b. Allen mentions possibility of honorarium for Larry Figart (UF/IFAS)

MOTION to give Larry Figart a \$50 honorarium for assistance with DSWCD education events by A. Moore
SECOND by J. Casey
IN FAVOR Unanimous

22. Other New Business
 - a. A. Moore- Wetland Conservation
 - a. Has their team with NRCS, Josie sent information, and will followup
 - b. J. Casey-Duval Supervisor of Election has received DSWCD Handbook
 - c. A. Jones- Presented a new and updated sign in sheet for the Board
 - d. J. Rosenberg-Earth Day Food Forest April 18th
 - a. A. Jones will follow up with Carrie with Wealth Watchers

NO PUBLIC COMMENT

MOTION to adjourn the meeting by J. Casey
SECOND by J. Cook
IN FAVOR Unanimous

MEETING ADJOURNED 4:41 pm

Minutes taken by Antoinette Jones

