



Duval County Soil and Water Conservation District

FULL BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, December 16, 2020 3:30 p.m.

Duval County Agriculture Extension Office 1010 North Mc Duff Avenue

Supervisors in Attendance: Allen Moore, Jennifer Casey, James Cook, Hunter Anderson

Partner Agencies: Jon Johnson (FFS), Stephanie Toelle (UF/IFAS)

General Public: Ashantae Green (Supervisor-Elect)

Meeting Called to Order: 3:30 PM

Public comment: none

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Remarks

Agency Reports

1. Jon Johnson (FFS)
 - Arbor day funding: \$250.00
 - Case by case funding
 - 2 land owners for stewardship plans
2. Stephanie Toelle (UF/IFAS)
 - Hiring for a Gardener assistant
 - Holiday bake off
 - Backyard seminars
 - Training programs/workshops continuing
 - Kevin Echelstein starts January 15th

Motion by Jennifer Casey to approve the minutes for 11/16/20 Special meeting (Urban Ag Grant) and 11/19/20 and 12/10/20 Envirothon Subcommittee meetings

Second by Allen Moore

In Favor- Unanimous

3. Treasurer's Report

- No deposits were made since November 16, 2020
- 2 checks for reimbursement

Motion by Allen Moore to adopt the Treasurer's report

Second by Jennifer Casey

In Favor- Unanimous

4. Zoom payment

- The payment to continue the Zoom app is \$14.99 for January

Motion by Jennifer Casey to keep Zoom for the month of January

Second by Allen Moore

In favor- Unanimous

Old Business

5. Swearing in ceremony

- A judge has been selected by Ashantae Green. Waiting for a person to be selected for John Barnes.
- Auditorium is selected for where the event will be held
- Soda and cookies as a selection for snacks
- The time that was selected to start the event is 5:15 PM
- Hunter Anderson is appointed to lead with the agenda of the program

6. NACD dues

- Dues are paid
- Members only page will be accessed
- Login/password will be sent by email

7. DEO Special District fees

- \$175.00 fee to be approved with letter

Motion by James Cook to pay \$175.00 DEO fee

Second by Allen Moore

In Favor- Unanimous

8. Annual Report- Updates

- Hunter will speak to Tiffany Bess about updating the report for 2020

9. Supervisor training

- Videos for training

- Research different training methods

Committee reports

10. NACD grant- feedback

- The meeting was attended by representatives from COJ Parks and Recreation, Groundwork Jacksonville and Jacksonville Youth Works
- Trails, plans and gardens was closely viewed
- Javon Williams with Jacksonville Youth Works offered 80 volunteers to help out with the project, Shanell Davis-Bryant provided recommendations to park design, Lauren Christiansen and Gayandrail Henderson with COJ will work with us regarding potential obstacles
- Next meeting: January 11 at 4pm via Zoom teleconference
- Groundwork Jacksonville requests a letter of support for their TD Greenspace grant proposal on a similar project (fruit tree guilds and workshop)

Motion by Jennifer Casey to provide a letter of support to Groundwork Jacksonville for their TD Greenspace grant proposal

Second by Allen Moore

In Favor- Unanimous

11. 2021 Envirothon

- Brochure was completed and sent to DCPS teachers via a science department head
- April 1st, 2021 is the approved date

Motion by Jennifer Casey to have free registration for the Envirothon event

Second by Allen Moore

In Favor- Unanimous

12. 2021 Speech and Poster Contest

- Need hard copy posters dropped off at Extension
- Speeches will be either dropped off at Extension on flash drives or students can submit a link to YouTube or other web service
- Ashantae Green will provide a Google form for Speech and Poster registration which can be put on our website
- Jennifer will update Facebook announcing this year's theme "Healthy Forests, Healthy Communities"

Motion by James Cook to have a virtual speech and poster contest online February 17, 2021 from 5:00 to 7:00 PM

Second by Allen Moore

In Favor- Unanimous

New Business

13. Friends of NACD grant
 - Submitted but no updates on awards yet
14. Local working group
 - Need to plan a Stakeholders meeting
 - Hunter will prepare draft of the LWG minutes
 - Allen notes that all DSWCD meeting minutes should be sent to FDACS and NRCS for their records
15. Frank H Peterson- Update
 - An email was sent out about the training program
 - Allen Moore was invited to the program event
16. By Laws
 - Recently updated
 - No further changes
17. New budget
 - Will be sent to the new supervisors

18. Volunteer of the month

Motion by James Cook to have Joshua Rosenberg for the month of January

Second by Jennifer Casey

In Favor- Unanimous

19. District Fundraisers
 - Sponsorship opportunities
20. Requests for Service
 - Phone call received regarding new PUD plan for Merritt Creek peninsula/Broward Rd.
 - In the past, we sent a letter of support for the current homeowners. They may request an updated letter.

Public comment: None

Adjourn: 5:00 PM

Next meeting: January 6, 2021 at the Duval County Agriculture Extension