



Duval Soil & Water Conservation District

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Meeting Location: 1010 N McDuff Avenue, Jacksonville, FL 32254

Jennifer Casey, Chair

Planning Meeting Minutes – May 4, 2022 3:30 PM

Supervisors in Attendance: Ashantae Green (Vice Chair), Allen Moore (Historian), Jennifer Casey (Chair-via Zoom)

Others in Attendance: Alison O'Donoghue (Urban Ag Coordinator), Val Hermann (NativeJax)

Call to Order: 3:30 p.m.

Moment of Silence/Pledge:

Chairperson's Remarks: Ashantae Green chairs the meeting. Without an in-person quorum, there will only be general discussion and no official business.

Public Comment: None

General Discussion:

- Regeneration Park - NACD has allowed us to extend our reporting of the grant since they have not provided us with the final disbursement yet. In light of that, we should change Urban Ag Coordinator's work hours to 10 hrs/wk and extend employment date to 8/7. This will allow Alison to stay with the park project for a longer period of time and to continue grant applications (NEFL Urban Ag through Emerson Collective for sensory garden beds and composter, AARP for permeable pathway, Kubota for children's playground). Alison is working on a plan to spend the remaining NACD grant funds within guidelines provided by NACD. The next step is to approve final soil inoculation and soil testing for the end of grant at a cost of \$750 from our NACD grant funds. Also, be thinking about how we want to celebrate the end of the grant with an event onsite. Val Hermann introduces herself and we are excited to have her completing Regeneration Park maintenance with NativeJax for the last quarter of the grant funding.
- JEPB board member Charles Garrison has expressed support for the Duval SWCD and requests more info regarding SB1078 in order to prepare a letter/resolution for the JEPB to consider at their next meeting. Jennifer Casey provides a draft DSWCD resolution urging the Governor to veto SB1078 for approval at our next meeting.
- JEPB funding for our conservation education programs was approved by City Council. James Richardson has provided a MOA for us to sign to begin receiving the 3 years of conservation education funding. The signing of the MOA needs to be approved at the full board meeting.
- We will judge the Speech and Poster Contest at the full board meeting.
- Ashantae notes that Tiffany may need to delay the beginning of the Start Farming Mentorship program.
- Next important date is our Annual Financial Report Deadline of June 30 which John Barnes is handling.

Requests for Service: None

Board Member & Affiliate Comments:

Next Full Board Meeting: May 18, 2022, Duval Ag. Extension Office

Adjourn: 4:40 p.m.

Minutes taken by Jennifer Casey