

Duval County Soil and Water Conservation District
FULL BOARD
Wednesday, January 15, 2019 4:00 p.m.
Baldwin Service Center
260 US-301 N, Jacksonville, FL 32234



Supervisors in Attendance: Allen Moore, Hunter Anderson, Jennifer Casey, James Cook
Supervisors Absent: Ed Wright (in hospital)
Affiliate Members: Tiffany Bess, Antoinette Jones
Partners: Jon Johnson (FFS), Lida Iravani (FDACS)
General Public: None

(The Chair took attendees on a tour of the USDA/NRCS Service Center)

Meeting Called to Order: 4:01 p.m.

1. Silent Prayer/Pledge of Allegiance
2. Opening Comments from the Chair – Our District Conservationist Al Oliver has retired, and the Madison County conservationist is filling in. Our State Conservationist has also recently retired.
3. Partner Comments
 - a. Lida Iravani (FDACS)
 - a. Works for FDACS as Conservation Technician in partnership with Marion SWCD
 - b. Role is to implement BMPs for producers in NEFL and has cost-shares available for cross-fencing, composting, no till drills, and more
 - c. 20 producers from Duval County are currently enrolled
 - d. Seeking new applicants by doing outreach events and would be happy to table again with DSWCD at future events like our Start Farming event
 - b. Jon Johnson (FFS)
 - a. Jim Tootle will attend the Envirothon workshop Saturday to represent FFS
 - b. Tree Planting event at Boone Park on Feb 8, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
 - c. COJ Arbor Day coming up in April (possibly at fairgrounds)
 - d. 3 Stewardship plans currently in place in Duval County
4. Secretary's Report – Jennifer Casey
 - a. Minutes from last meeting

MOTION by Jennifer Casey to approve the Full Board minutes from 12/18/19, Envirothon Subcommittee minutes from 12/5/19

SECOND by James Cook

IN FAVOR Unanimous

5. Treasurer's Report – Hunter Anderson
 - a. Will provide draft of 2020 budget at Feb planning meeting for approval at Feb Full Board meeting
 - b. November Income: None, Expenses: \$757.77, Balance: \$8,677.66 (See attached)

MOTION by Jennifer Casey to approve Treasury Report from November 2019

SECOND by James Cook

IN FAVOR Unanimous

6. Urban Agriculture Conservation Grant – Allen Moore
 - a. The grant was submitted and receipt by NACD was confirmed
 - b. Jennifer asks why the letter recommended in the RFP (which clarified that the consultant contractor indicated in the proposal is a member of our board, but in a non-voting capacity) wasn't included as discussed in the December Full Board meeting
 - c. The Chair indicates that he made a decision not to include it, believing it not to be necessary because the contractor is not an elected supervisor
 - d. Discussion around importance of including such a letter in future grant requests when appropriate or necessary
7. Friends of NACD District Grant Program – Jennifer Casey
 - a. The grant was submitted and receipt by NACD was confirmed
 - b. Potential meeting with project partners planned for late February, if funded
8. Annual Report – Tiffany Bess
 - a. Headshots are needed from all board members
 - b. Help is needed requesting testimonials to include in report
 - c. Draft to be sent out soon for review because we have to submit report in Feb
9. Bylaws Revisions- Jennifer Casey
 - a. Provides recommend revisions which are reviewed and discussed
 - b. Notes that John Barnes was consulted about recommendations since he was previously assigned to Bylaws Task Force

MOTION by Hunter Anderson to approve the bylaws as amended at the meeting

SECOND by James Cook

IN FAVOR Unanimous

10. 2019 Local Working Group
 - a. We need to submit resource concerns to State Technical Committee as requested
 - b. Discussion about the concerns that came out of the LWG meeting in November
 - c. James mentions that we need improvements in waste management because we have ongoing issues with trash around the city
 - d. Jennifer mentions the need for more permaculture on public land because it will decrease the amount of fertilizers/pesticides used and decrease irrigation needs
 - e. Jennifer mentions that Susan Carew of DCPS Green Champions has noted the need for us to review the recent state legislation on school safety because the new landscaping requirements will result in the destruction and removal of many school gardens
 - f. Jon Johnson (FFS) mentions that we need more applications for EQIP and the Longleaf Pine Initiative

MOTION by Jennifer Casey to have the Chair refine the resource concerns stated and submit them to the State Technical Committee

SECOND by James Cook

IN FAVOR Unanimous

11. 2020 Speech and Poster Contest
 - a. Posters need to be dropped off to County Extension addressed to "DSWCD" no later than Feb 19 at 5:00 p.m.
 - b. Event will start at 6:00 p.m. in main auditorium
 - c. Hunter will handle awards and ribbons
 - d. Food will be discussed at the February planning meeting

MOTION by Jennifer Casey to have the same awards for the 2020 Speech & Poster Contest as last year
SECOND by James Cook
IN FAVOR Unanimous

12. 2020 Envirothon

- a. Training workshop at Frank H. Peterson is this Saturday (James, Allen plan to attend)
- b. Hunter will coordinate with Joyce on ordering awards
- c. Envirothon Subcommittee will be next on Feb 6 at 3:30 at the Arboretum

MOTION by Hunter Anderson to order the Envirothon trophy at maximum cost of \$140
SECOND by James Cook
IN FAVOR Unanimous

13. 2020 Land Judging Competition – Allen or Ed will provide report at February Full board meeting

14. 67th Anniversary Event

- a. Tiffany attended the recent climate change and resiliency event at The Garden Club of Jacksonville and was able to see the room and how we might use it
- b. Denise at GCJ is willing to work with us on this event

New Business

15. Officer Elections

MOTION by Jennifer Casey to have Hunter Anderson serve as Chairman in 2020
SECOND by James Cook
IN FAVOR Unanimous

MOTION by Allen Moore to have Jennifer Casey serve as Vice Chair in 2020
SECOND by James Cook
IN FAVOR Unanimous

MOTION by Hunter Anderson to have James Cook serve as Secretary in 2020
SECOND by Jennifer Casey
IN FAVOR Unanimous

MOTION by Jennifer Casey to have Allen Moore serve as Treasurer in 2020
SECOND by Hunter Anderson
IN FAVOR Unanimous

16. Other Positions

MOTION by Jennifer Casey to amend the previously approved Bylaws to reflect a change in the name of the Public Relations Representative position to “Community Liaison”
SECOND by James Cook
IN FAVOR Unanimous

MOTION by Jennifer Casey to have Tiffany Bess Serve as Community Liaison in 2020
SECOND by
IN FAVOR Unanimous

17. Reminder to Supervisors to send in your required financial disclosure form by the Jan 30 deadline
18. Board Members and Affiliates Final Comments
 - a. Jennifer thanks the Allen Moore for his leadership, his example, and his willingness to allow board members to be creative and try new things for the benefit of the District (all in attendance concur)
 - b. Allen shares that it has been his pleasure to serve as Chairman for the last 2 years and to work on making the District more visible in the community. He looks forward to continuing to work together in coming years to ensure that the District gains influence as the only elected board of nonpaid, nonpartisan members in Duval County.
 - c. Hunter notes that our next Plan of Work Subcommittee meeting will be on Feb 5 at 3:30 and our next Full Board meeting will be on Feb 19 at 3:30. Both meetings will be at the Duval County Extension
19. Public Comment - None

Meeting Adjourned: 6:14 p.m.