

Duval County Soil and Water Conservation District
FULL BOARD
Wednesday, April 17, 2019 3:30 p.m.
Duval Agricultural Extension Office
1010 N. McDuff Ave, Jacksonville, FL 32254



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

Affiliate Members: None

Partners: Council Member Sam Newby (COJ), Al Oliver (NRCS), James Richardson (COJ EPB), Jane Cant (UF/IFAS)

General Public: Josephine Fuentes (District Aid), Joyce Miller (Envirothon Coordinator)

Meeting Called to Order: 3:31 pm

1. Silent Prayer/Pledge of Allegiance
2. Opening Comments from Allen Moore – The Chair thanks the members for their hard work over the last quarter and acknowledges Joyce Miller, Envirothon Coordinator
3. Stewardship Week Presentation - Jacksonville City Council Member Sam Newby
 - a. CM Newby presents DSWCD with a certificate honoring and commemorating our Soil and Water Stewardship Week Observance 4/28/19 – 5/4/2019
 - b. CM Newby has sponsored Jacksonville City Council Resolution 219-257-A, co-sponsored by Council Members Pittman, Crescimbeni, Hazouri, Morgan, Wilson, Ferraro, Gaffney and Becton to be adopted on 4/23/19

MOTION by Jennifer Casey to schedule a Soil and Water Stewardship Week film screening of *Living Soil* on Wednesday, May 1 at 3:30 p.m. at County Extension

SECOND by James Cook

IN FAVOR Unanimous

4. Partner Comments
 - a. Al Oliver (USDA NRCS) – 2019 EQUIP Applications eligible: seasonal high tunnel – 1, Active contract: Starratt Timber and Wildlife, NRCS actively seeking applicant for available cost share programs. Allen Moore mentions that we should consider a future meeting at our Baldwin office to learn more about taking advantage of USDA/NRCS partnership including tech resources and potential for future projects.
 - b. Jane Cant (UF/IFAS) –Represents small farms and agriculture in Duval County and is currently focused on site visits in Duval County
 - c. Geoff Sample (SJRWMD) – Geoff could not attend, but provided the March hydrologic summary by email: <https://www.sjrwmd.com/2019/04/march-drier-days/>
5. Secretary's Report
 - a. Minutes from last meeting

MOTION by Jennifer Casey to approve Full Board minutes from 3/20/19, Plan of Work Subcommittee minutes from 4/3/19 and Special Meeting minutes from 4/8/19

SECOND by James Cook

IN FAVOR Unanimous

- b. Reminder - We are missing minutes from November 2018 Local Working Group
 - c. Social media update
 - a. Past FB posts: public notice of all Full Board meetings, Water Conservation Month posts (acknowledging SJRWMD partnership, link to our blog and tips from UF/IFAS), the Arbor Day Festival at Treaty Oak (James Cook attended at the invitation of FFS)
 - b. Future FB posts: #NationalParkWeek, Stewardship Week, advertisement of *Living Soil* film screening, Area II meeting update, Earth Day
6. Treasurer's Report
- a. March Expenses: None. March Income: \$560. Balance: \$2,543.31. Anticipated income: COJ EPB grant, Allen Skinner sponsorship check, Bishop Kenny Envirothon check. Anticipated expenses: recognition for outgoing supervisors, Envirothon expenses, Speech and Poster Contest expenses, Area II travel stipend, tablecloth, business cards, new checks

MOTION by Jennifer Casey to accept Treasurer's Report from March 2019

SECOND by Ed Wright

IN FAVOR Unanimous

7. Update from COJ EPB – James Richardson
- a. Grant check has been provided and EPB is happy to partner with DSWCD to expand Envirothon and associated educational programs
 - b. EPB Envirothon grant has only a summary reporting requirement, \$15,000 grant paid over three years, grant funds can be rolled over to the following year
 - c. COJ is hosting an Earth Day cleanup at the Jacksonville Landing at 8 a.m. on April 20
 - d. EPB is hosting the 2019 Environmental Symposium on September 13 at UNF and DSWCD is invited to table at the event at a cost of app. \$75 including one registration (details available at www.coj.net/epb)
 - e. There are no changes to the criteria for this year's EPB awards and nominations are due by July 20
 - f. Mr. Richardson suggests DSWCD attend a future quarterly meeting of DCPS Green Champions as they have a comments section where DSWCD could share about educational programs like Envirothon
8. Area II Meeting Update – Allen Moore
- a. Ed Wright and Allen Moore attended with DSWCD being the only district (of the 22 districts in Area II) to give a formal report
 - b. Area II discussion focus: SWCDs need to be at the table for city development decisions
 - c. Anyse-Leanna Martin of TFA won 2nd place at the Area II Competition
 - d. Will consider a supervisor-led informal meeting at Area II meeting in 2020 hosted by St. Johns County
 - e. DSWCD to consider a resolution at May Full Board meeting to suggest topics for 2019 AFCD meeting
9. Envirothon Update
- a. Will present Team Dasher of Darnell Cookman with their award and trophy at the School Board meeting on May 7 at 5:30 p.m.

- b. St. John Riverkeeper is representing Duval County at the FL Envirothon on April 27 and supervisors are also invited to volunteer

MOTION by Ed Wright to schedule the 2020 Fred B. Miller Regional Envirothon on March 5, 2020 at the Jacksonville Arboretum and Gardens

SECOND by James Cook

IN FAVOR Unanimous

10. COJ Ethics Training

- a. Scheduled for June 5, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- b. Supervisors to confirm their plan to attend with Josie who will RSVP

11. Affiliate Membership and Reappointment

MOTION by James Cook to approve Affiliate Membership Application with added statement about preference being given to candidates who attend meetings during application window

SECOND by Ed Wright

IN FAVOR Unanimous

MOTION by James Cook to thank Kiana Harper for her time of service on board without reappointment

SECOND by Ed Wright

IN FAVOR Unanimous

- 12. PUD Response -Dorothy Gillette has received letter from DSWCD with supporting documentation and has noted that the rezoning has been deferred to May 7

(Hunter Anderson leaves)

13. Administrative Concerns

- a. Jennifer Casey will send proof of table cover for approval and then place the order
- b. Hunter Anderson will send proof of business cards for approval and then place the order
- c. Need to work on an updated brochure for the District, pick up brochures from other districts at AFCD
- d. Ed Wright plans to attend AFCD July 11-13, 2019, anticipated expense \$100

MOTION by Ed Wright to provide \$100 honorariums to J. Miller for coordinating Envirothon and to C. Higginbotham for producing Envirothon brochures

SECOND by James Cook

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14. Bylaws Task Force – will resume work after the COJ Ethics training in June

15. 66th Anniversary Celebration

- a. Scheduled for Tuesday, July 16 at 5:30 p.m.
- b. Josie Fuentes provides an option for a rooftop space at Intuition Ale Works for \$100/hr and consensus is that the space should meet our needs
- c. Board members are challenged to secure at least one sponsor for the event

16. Conservation Teacher of the Year – Jennifer Casey will make edits to last year’s criteria for discussion at May Full Board meeting
17. Start Farming Panel – Jennifer Casey
 - a. Tentative dates include Nov 5 and Nov 12. Trying to avoid Farm-City Week which is Nov. 13-20, 2019 and the Greater Jacksonville Agricultural Fair (dates TBD).
 - b. This year, we will be branching out to include Clay, Nassau, Baker, St. Johns in order to expand our pop-up farmers market and overall attendance
 - c. Jane Cant, Small Farms agent for UF/IFAS, has offered to help promote event and speak on the panel to share on the benefits of CSAs and how producers can set them up as long as date doesn’t conflict with the fair
 - d. We are considering inviting Atlantic Beach Urban Farm, Man in Overalls, Abundant Harvest Farms (Baker County), and a farm TBD (St. Johns County)
18. Recognition of Former Supervisors
 - a. Josie Fuentes will contact to confirm availability for May Full Board meeting
 - b. Jennifer Casey will provide light snacks
19. 2019 Plan of Operations - Incomplete

MOTION by Jennifer Casey to hold a Special Meeting on May 29 at 3:30 p.m. at County Extension to finalize 2019 Plan of Operations

SECOND by James Cook

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MOTION by Jennifer Casey to adjourn meeting

SECOND by James Cook

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Meeting Adjourned: 5:05 p.m.