

Duval County Soil and Water Conservation District
FULL BOARD
Wednesday, August 21, 2019 3:30 p.m.
Duval Agricultural Extension Office
1010 N. McDuff Ave, Jacksonville, FL 32254



Supervisors in Attendance: Allen Moore, Ed Wright, Hunter Anderson, Jennifer Casey
Affiliate Members: Antoinette Jones, Tiffany Bess
Partners: Al Oliver (NRCS), Geoff Sample (SJRWMD), Stacey Simmons (FDACS-OAWP)
General Public: Josie Fuentes (District Aid), Don Loyd, Dan Evans

Meeting Called to Order: 3:30 pm

1. Silent Prayer/Pledge of Allegiance
2. Opening Comments from the Chair – It's been a prosperous season with hosting our 66th Anniversary event, tabling Honey Bee Festival (attended by over 15k), 4H Awards and other meetings
3. Introduction of Guest – Don Loyd (Foodery Farms)
 - a. Specializes in creating self-sustaining farms within 18 months using greenhouses (often on brown fields/contaminated sites and in food deserts)
 - b. Remediates soil with 2 feet of good earth and never plants into the soil, only raised beds, aquaponics, deep water culture
 - c. Energy conservation measures include gravity from rainwater collection
 - d. Focus on education of the community and children
4. Partner Comments
 - a. Al Oliver (USDA NRCS)
 - a. One application for Conservation Stewardship Program, 2019 EQUP Applications eligible: seasonal high tunnel – 1 (not yet funded and looking increasingly unlikely), Active contract: Starratt Timber and Wildlife, NRCS seeking applicants for available cost share programs
 - b. Geoff Sample (SJRWMD)
 - a. Duval County received 4-10 inches of rainfall in July with great variation around the county
 - b. Blue School Grant application deadline is September 6, 2019, award is up to \$2,000 per school, public and charter schools are eligible
 - c. Water use for bottling amounts to .002% of total water supply, water use for outdoor use (including landscaping) amounts to 50%
 - c. Stacey Simmons (FDACS)– by email
 - a. Offers a best management practice program and a cost-share program
 - b. Is working on a pilot project of an equine as agriculture workshop with Jane Cant (UF/IFAS)
5. Secretary's Report – Jennifer Casey
 - a. Minutes from last meeting

MOTION by Jennifer Casey to approve Full Board minutes from 7/17/19 and Planning Meeting minutes from 8/7/19

SECOND by Ed Wright

DISCUSSION Revision needed about AFCD meeting report in 7/17/19 minutes

MOTION AMENDED by Jennifer Casey to approve Full Board minutes as revised from 7/17/19 and Planning Meeting minutes from 8/7/19

IN FAVOR Unanimous

6. Treasurer's Report – Hunter Anderson

- a. July Expenses: \$1167.87 Tabel cloth, withdrawal fee, Envirothon brochures, anniversary costs, CTOY Award. July Income: \$0.00 sponsorship checks Balance: \$5,740.03
Anticipated Income: \$200 for Anniversary sponsors. Anticipated Expenses: \$200.75
Brochures, Business cards for affiliate members.
- b. Checks received: \$100 Jacksonville Science Festival sponsorship, \$130 Refund from AFCD for unused registration

MOTION by Jennifer Casey to approve Treasury Reports from July 2019

SECOND by Ed Wright

IN FAVOR Unanimous

7. COJ EPB Grant

- a. Hunter has prepared the report and will submit the report by Sep 30 deadline
- b. Jennifer requests a brief narrative summary of our accomplishments so far be added to the report

8. Farm-City Week Program Support

- a. Ag Council meeting and luncheon is on November 21, 2019 (setup is Nov 20 from 12-2pm and volunteers are needed)
- b. We will need 300 brochures for the event bags

MOTION by Hunter Anderson to sponsor the Farm-City luncheon at \$250

SECOND by Ed Wright

IN FAVOR Unanimous

9. Requests for Service Form

- a. Hunter has added the request form to our website as a link for download and mailing
- b. Jennifer will check into website capability for a web form with ability to upload documents/images

10. District Funding – Allen requests we look at options for SWCD funding

11. Emergency Watershed Protection Program

- a. Dan Evans – Shared that he had the opportunity to give a copy of our information letter to Emergency Management officials in person

12. Supervisor Training – Ed Wright

- a. Rescheduled to September 4, 2019 3:30-5:00pm
- b. Will focus on budgets, partners, and how to be a successful SWCD
- c. Ed will send a video link for all to watch prior to the training

13. Urban Permaculture Grant – Josh Rosenberg will meet with Carrie Davis in September
14. Envirothon Report- Allen Moore
 - a. Brochures received and shared at Honey Bee Festival
 - b. Allen working on logistics plan
 - c. Consider what can be purchased ahead of time such as tools
15. JEPB Environmental Symposium
 - a. EPB Awards – Josie sent our completed nomination for Kendal Schmidt, have yet to hear
 - b. Hunter, Allen and Jennifer will attend and work the table
 - c. Will add a registration at the planning meeting on Sep 4 if James confirms availability
16. Treat Our Teachers Meeting – Jennifer Casey
 - a. We have nearly 40 RSVPs and several on the waiting list
 - b. We need to build on momentum in order to share our programs with more educators
 - c. Tiffany Bess recommends 13 Gypsies and that she has a contact there that will help

MOTION by Jennifer Casey to schedule another Treat Our Teachers at 13 Gypsies on Sunday, October 20 with a budget of \$200

SECOND by Ed Wright

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17. Start Farming Panel – Jennifer Casey
 - a. Nathan Ballentine (the “Man in Overalls”) and Jane Cant (UF/IFAS Small Farms Agent) have confirmed participation
 - b. Tiffany Bess to attend upcoming SJC SWCD meeting to secure their participation
 - c. Jennifer provides informational packets for SJC SWCD Supervisors
18. Local Working Group - Ed Wright
 - a. Date set for Nov 6 from 3:30-5:00pm
 - b. Jennifer needs formal report or meeting minutes from 2018 meeting for the record
19. 2019 Photo Contest
 - a. Discussion about advertising the new contest centered around our October 1 deadline
 - b. Deadline moved to October 20, 2019, still in time to award winner at Start Farming
 - c. Tiffany Bess offers to recommend some potential judges
20. 2020 Speech and Poster Contest
 - a. Need to schedule so that we can have details to give out at Treat Our Teachers event
 - b. Allen recommends date for the event

MOTION by Hunter Anderson to schedule the 2020 Speech and Poster Contest on February 19, 2020 from 6:00-8:00pm at the County Extension

SECOND by Ed Wright

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21. 2020 Land Judging Competition – tentatively scheduled for Saturday, March 14, 2020
22. Other
 - a. Envirofest – Coming up in Oct, plan to table

- b. Shirts – Hunter ordered a sample shirt and will look at pricing and sizes available
- c. Josh is out studying permaculture in Australia

23. Public Comment - None

MOTION by Jennifer Casey to adjourn meeting

SECOND by Ed Wright

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Meeting Adjourned: 4:48 p.m.