

Duval County Soil and Water Conservation District
FULL BOARD
Wednesday, March 20, 2019 3:30 p.m.
Duval Agricultural Extension Office
1010 N. McDuff Ave, Jacksonville, FL 32254



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

Affiliate Members: None

Partners: Geoff Sample (SJRWMD), Jon Johnson (FFS), Al Oliver (NRCS), Jane Cant (UF/IFAS)

General Public: Josephine Fuentes (District Aid), Dorothy Gillette, Visit Giel, Charles McNichols

Meeting Called to Order: 3:34 pm

1. Pledge of Allegiance/Silent Prayer
2. Opening Comments – Chairman Moore
 - a. Welcome visitors
 - b. Special acknowledgement of the resource professionals that assisted with Envirothon
3. Minutes from last meeting

MOTION by Jennifer Casey to approve Full Board minutes from 2/20/19

SECOND by Hunter Anderson

IN FAVOR Unanimous

MOTION by Jennifer Casey to approve Plan of Work Subcommittee minutes from 3/6/19

SECOND by James Cook

IN FAVOR Unanimous

4. Treasurer's Report
 - a. February expenses: \$100.00 (NACD dues). Balance: \$1,983.31. Anticipated income: Envirothon grant, Envirothon registration checks, Eventbrite registration. Anticipated expenses: recognition for outgoing supervisors, Envirothon expenses, Speech and Poster Contest expenses, Area II travel stipend, tablecloth

MOTION by Hunter Anderson to accept Treasurer's Report from February 2019

SECOND by James Cook

IN FAVOR Unanimous

MOTION by Hunter Anderson to reimburse Jennifer Casey for Firehouse Subs gratuities paid - \$20

SECOND by James Cook

IN FAVOR Unanimous

5. Partner Comments
 - a. Jane Cant (UF/IFAS) –Represents small farms and agriculture in Duval County and wishes to connect where she can to meet citizens' needs

- b. 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
 - c. Jon Johnson (FFS) – Jon is our new county forester and wishes to connect with NRCS. Jon extends an invitation to attend the second annual “Arbor Day Festival and Greenscape Tree Giveaway” on April 6 at Jessie Ball DuPont Park under the Treaty Oak.
 - d. Geoff Sample (SJRWMD) – Geoff reports that February was a dry month with most of Duval County over 1” below average. Geoff’s son attended Envirothon and the feedback was that his son really enjoyed it and that it was well organized.
6. Visitor Comments
- a. Dorothy Gillette presents her concerns about PUD on behalf of the current homeowners living along Merritt Creek on Jacksonville’s Northside. Concerns include potential harm to Merritt Creek with the addition of app. 300 homes to the peninsula
 - b. Chairman response: Please provide written documentation including engineering and land use plans. DSWCD will review concerns at our April 3 planning meeting.
7. COJ EPB Grant Update – Check is in the mail
8. Water Conservation Proclamation – Partnering with SJRWMD for the 21st anniversary of Water Conservation Month

MOTION by Jennifer Casey to approve the proclamation of April 2019 as Water Conservation Month
SECOND by Hunter Anderson
IN FAVOR Unanimous

9. Affiliate Membership – Discussion postponed to April planning meeting
10. Proposal to partner with Sierra Club in Stewardship Outreach – Jennifer Casey
- a. Proposal to partner with the Sierra Club Northeast Florida Group to host an educational outreach on soil and water stewardship for families residing at the Hubbard House
 - b. The event will be a 2-hour outing with nature walk, learning centers and snack at the Jacksonville Arboretum in June for app. 40 people
 - c. Sierra Club to provide sand box, art supplies, microscope/magnifying glasses (app. \$50) as well as provide volunteers to lead stations
 - d. DSWCD to provide the snack and water (app. \$50), coloring books donated by partner (USDA NRCS), a teacher and a soil scientist
 - e. James Cooks offers donation to DSWCD to cover the anticipated \$50 expenses

MOTION by Jennifer Casey to partner with Sierra Club Northeast Florida Group for stewardship outreach event and associated expenses up to \$50
SECOND by Hunter Anderson
IN FAVOR Unanimous

11. Envirothon Report
- a. 135 students participated in the high school competition at Diamond D Ranch, along with many resource partners including St. Johns Riverkeeper, NRCS, FFS, IFAS, Leroy Crockett and Al Oliver, both of the USDA NRCS.

- b. Allen thanks Hunter and Jennifer for serving as scorekeepers, Ed for photographing the event, Diamond D Ranch for providing the space at no cost and Greg Tison of Jacksonville Farmers Market for providing fruit
- c. Press Release was sent out and results posted on FB
- d. The winning team (Team Dasher from Darnell Cookman Middle/High School) has already been registered by Joyce Miller for the FL Envirothon and the Nassau County winner will take care of their own registration

12. Speech and Poster Contest Report

- a. Successful event at County Extension was well attended by teachers and students
- b. The presenting sponsor for this year's event was Allen Skinner of Soil Life Organics
- c. 17 posters and 4 speeches were presented for this year's contest
- d. Poster Contest winners to compete at next level of competition:
 - 1st (Grades 2-3) - Colton Gokey, Seacoast Charter Academy
 - 1st (Grades 4-6) - Shonday Dominique, The Foundation Academy
 - 1st (Grades 7-9) - Mallory Smith, Father's H.a.r.b.o.r. Academy
- e. Speech Contest winners:
 - 1st - Anyse-Leanna Martin, The Foundation Academy (will compete at next level)
 - 2nd - Shye Tapley, The Foundation Academy
 - 3rd - Nichol Scott, The Foundation Academy
- f. Thank you Shelton Hull and Brett Waller for serving as judges
- g. Thank you to Josephine Fuentes for preparing press releases that resulted in articles/photos of our winners being published in The Beaches Leader.

13. COJ Ethics Presentation/New Supervisor Orientation – Reminder of proposed April Full Board meeting agenda, pending COJ availability

- a. 3:30-4:30 p.m. Regular board meeting, 4:30-5:00 p.m. Ethics Training (COJ), 5:00-6:00 p.m. New Supervisor Orientation (Ed Wright)
- b. Allen Moore to contact COJ (training) and Extension (use of building until 6 p.m.)

14. Guest Speaker – Anyse-Leanna Martin delivers her winning speech as a rehearsal for the Area II meeting where she will compete at the next level of competition

MOTION by Jennifer Casey to adjourn meeting

SECOND by James Cook

IN FAVOR Unanimous

Meeting Adjourned 4:59 pm

Agenda for April Plan of Work Subcommittee meeting

- Merritt Creek PUD concerns
- Local Working Group/2019 Scope of Work
- Review of Affiliate Members Terms/Questionnaire
- Bylaw Task Force recommendations
- Arbor Day

Agenda for April Full Board meeting

- Recognition of former supervisors
- COJ Ethics Presentation/New Supervisor Orientation