

Duval County Soil and Water Conservation District
PLAN OF WORK SUBCOMMITTEE
Wednesday, August 7, 2019 3:30 p.m.
Duval Agricultural Extension Office
1010 N. McDuff Ave, Jacksonville, FL 32254



Supervisors in Attendance: Hunter Anderson, Jennifer Casey
Affiliate Members: Antoinette Jones, Joshua Rosenberg, Tiffany Bess
Partners: None
General Public: Josie Fuentes (District Aid)

Meeting Called to Order: 3:30 pm

Note: Planned Supervisor Training today is postponed due to Ed Wright's illness and absence. Date TBD.

1. COJ EPB Grant – Hunter will prepare report due in September
2. Conservation Teacher of the Year – Kendal Schmidt was nominated for JEPB Individual Achievement Awards and Josie sent all required documentation for the application
3. Review Board Bylaws – Jennifer will send existing Bylaws to new affiliate members
4. Plan of Operations – Jennifer will send approved version to all board members
5. Envirothon – No update
6. Speech & Poster Contest
 - a. Date TBD
 - b. Theme is “Where Would We BEE Without Pollinators?”
 - c. We will promote at Honey Bee Festival on Aug 17
7. Land Judging
 - a. Josh Rosenberg is interested in working with Ed to put on this event for 2020
 - b. Josh will call Eden Gardens and see if they will host the event
 - c. Antoinette Jones will research the resources/materials available from NACD or AFCD
8. Photo Contest
 - a. Deadline is Oct 1, 2020
 - b. Hunter will work on blog post with application and photo release forms provided by Allen at last board meeting
9. Honey Bee Festival
 - a. We will be tabling in the BEE a Kid Zone, so Jennifer has prepared a pollinator garden craft for kids at our table
 - b. Josie will ask Allen to provide the table and the USDA/NRCS Pollinator booklets
 - c. Jennifer will bring the tablecloth, craft supplies (potential reimbursement of \$45.40), DSWCD brochures, sign to promote Speech & Poster Contest
10. Treat Our Teachers Meeting
 - a. We have 35 RSVPs and several on the waiting list

- b. Food/beverage have been confirmed at venue (coffee/tea, large cookie tray with 2 varieties and chicken quesadillas \$185), there is the possibility that we add an extra tray of cookies (\$20) if the turnout is as large as we expect
 - c. Hunter Anderson sent sponsorship invoice to Jacksonville Science Festival (\$100)
11. Start Farming Panel – Jennifer Casey
- a. Jennifer was working with SJC SWCD to discuss partnership, but they cancelled their last board meeting so she wasn't able to present
 - b. Tiffany Bess volunteers to present at their next meeting if her schedule permits
 - c. Tiffany will contact Alvarez Farm about their interest in being featured on the panel
 - d. Also consider including Angela TenBroeck of Foodery Farms in this or a future panel
12. Citizen Concerns –
- a. William Dunn sent copy of his email thread of communications with the city regarding city sewage overflows
 - b. Concerns are outside our purview, but Jennifer will forward concerns to appropriate agencies and prepare draft of letter to Mr. Dunn for approval at next Full Board meeting
13. JEPB Environmental Symposium
- a. Hunter handling registrations and tabling
 - b. Josh offers to attend if there are registrations available
 - c. If we need more registrations, we must approve them at next full board meeting
14. Urban Permaculture Grant
- a. Josh will contact Carrie Davis at Wealth Watchers to see if they are still interested in pursuing the grant
 - b. If they are still interested, Josh will work with them to make needed revisions
15. Potential New Project
- a. Jennifer has been working with Josh since early June to develop a permaculture demonstration project on public property in Durkeeville near the S-line bike trail
 - b. The project will include a pollinator habitat and food forest demonstration
 - c. Jennifer and Josh are looking for input on the project now and are proposing that DSWCD consider adopting a resolution of support for the project by Jan 2020
 - d. They are writing a proposal to include rationale for the project, conservation and community goals, and identification of potential partners and possible funding sources
 - e. St. Johns Riverkeeper Lisa Rinaman has offered to write us a letter of support
 - f. A possible major partner would be Groundwork Jacksonville who is working on developing a biodiversity corridor in the same area as part of their Emerald Trail project
 - g. Hunter suggests that we invite Kay Ehas to be a guest speaker at upcoming meeting in order to update the board on the Emerald Trail project
 - h. Josh will attend COJ Tree Commission meetings in order to represent DSWCD and learn more about possible partnerships
16. Other
- a. We need to consider business cards for affiliates
 - b. Joshua Rosenberg – UNF does free classes with their Environmental Science Department
 - c. Tiffany Bess – MOSH offers Science on Tap free speaker series events

Meeting Adjourned: 5:00 p.m.