

**Minutes**  
**Marion Soil and Water Conservation District (MSWCD)**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
**CALL IN NUMBER: (515) 604-9578**  
**ACCESS PIN: 633286**  
August 11, 2020  
9:30 AM

PLEASE NOTE: Individuals wishing to address the Board will need to sign in. A three-minute time limit will be administered to each of these individuals. PLEASE MUTE ALL PHONES. Thank you.

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Justin Albright at 9:33 AM.

**Roll Call**

- Justin Albright, Chairman
- Richard McGinley, Vice-Chairman
- Vivi Serena, Secretary
- Tom Cartwright, Treasurer
- Brent London, Supervisor

**Others in Attendance**

- William Walker, NRCS
- Nick Godano, MSWCD Staff
- Lida Iravani, MSWCD Staff
- Ann Bishop, MSWCD Staff

**Proof of Publication**

- Star-Banner – Sent via email, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, and the yearly schedule on December 9<sup>th</sup>
- Florida Administrative Weekly – It was posted by AFCD in FL Admin Weekly, they were sent the info on December 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Ocala Service Center's Front Window – Posted, January 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Marion County Board of County Commissioners – Posted, August 4<sup>th</sup> and posted, yearly schedule on January 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Chairman's Comments Regarding the Agenda**

**Public Comments on the Agenda Items Only**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

(A motion to approve the items on the consent agenda is to approve items if unanimous consent from last workshop meeting.)

1. MSWCD Board Minutes
2. MSWCD Board Financial Report

**PROPOSED MOTION:** Tom Cartwright moved that the MSWCD consent agenda be approved as presented. Richard McGinley seconded; all were in favor.

**Action Items**

1. Tom Cartwright to research grants for septic tanks and to speak with Clegg Hooks

2. Vivi Serena to take a one-hour course for Ameris ACH
3. Richard McGinley and Brent London to speak to school official(s) and the School Board, regarding the SC Farm Bureau Book Club
4. Justin Albright to speak with Junior Achievement regarding Farm Inc
5. Supervisors and staff to attend the Annual AFCD Meeting
6. The Board to reach out to Farm Bureau to speak at a workshop about partnering locally
7. The Board to look into other book options for the local schools
8. The Board to look into the cost of licensing and bonding
9. The Board to speak with our local Senators and Representatives regarding what the Board offers
10. Ann Bishop to reach out to other districts regarding the ADA Compliance templates
11. Ann Bishop to update the website
12. Ann Bishop to purchase auctions items for the annual AFCD meeting, not to exceed \$100
13. Lida Iravani to send the Board the Clean Waterways Act
14. Lida Iravani and Ann Bishop to further develop their idea on compost buckets
15. The Board to revisit the rain barrel contest next year
16. Ann Bishop to send out the contest information
17. The Board to complete their financial disclosures

## **AGENDA**

### **1) Financials**

#### **◆ Finances (Update)**

Tom Cartwright gave an overview of the accounts. ACH and the cost share were discussed. Ann Bishop mentioned Ameris' new fees for dormant accounts and safety deposits. Tom will contact the bank to update our information.

#### **◆ Licensing & Bonding (Update)**

An update on the insurance quotes was given. Ann is awaiting one other quote, which she will forward onto the Board once she receives it.

### **2) MCBCC Large Scale Amendments (Review)**

- **Amendment # 20-D01 – WEC-Golden Ocala Eq. Land, LLC, et.al.**
  - **Amendment # 20-L04, DEO #20-01ESR**
  - **Amendment # 20-L03, DEO #20-01ESR**
- Reviewed.

### **3) NRCS Report**

#### **◆ NRCS Program (Update)**

William Walker gave the NRCS report. Ann mentioned about SWP. Tom asked about dual cost share for producers enrolled in NRCS and FDACS.

#### **◆ MSWCD Monthly Activities Report**

Reviewed.

### **4) FDACS Report**

#### **◆ Cost Share (Update)**

Nick gave an update on cost share and stated that the techs are working on IVs and fertilizer documentation from producers.

◆ **Cost Share Amendment**

**PROPOSED MOTION:** Tom Cartwright moved that the MSWCD accept the cost share amendment as written. Richard McGinley seconded. The Board discussed the amended contract. All were in favor.

**PROPOSED MOTION:** Tom Cartwright moved that the MSWCD allow the Chairman to act on the Board's behalf to sign all FDACS contracts and amendments without the Board's consent. Vivi Serena seconded. The Board discussed this, and all were in favor.

◆ **Technician Performance Monitoring**

Reviewed.

◆ **Vehicle Repair**

Lida gave an update on her vehicle and what transpired. Justin Albright stated he also spoke with the insurance company.

◆ **Jody Lee Retirement**

The Board discussed Jody Lee's retirement. Ann Bishop purchased a card, and the Board are all going to sign it.

**PROPOSED MOTION:** Vivi Serena motioned that the Board purchase a \$100 gift card for Jody's retirement. Richard McGinley seconded. All were in favor.

5) **Staff Report & Recap**

◆ **District (Update)**

● **Neighborhood Storage**

**PROPOSED MOTION:** Tom Cartwright moved that the MSWCD pay the annual fee of \$1373.88 for the district's storage unit. Vivi Serena seconded. The Board discussed storage options. All were in favor.

● **Relocation (Update)**

Ann gave an overview of the relocation process. NRCS will be given the office keys back by the 17<sup>th</sup>.

● **Meetings (Update)**

▪ **AFCD**

**PROPOSED MOTION:** Brent London moved that the Board pay for staff and supervisors to attend the AFCD 2020 Annual Meeting in Fort Walton Beach, FL from November 4 thru November 7. Vivi Serena seconded. All were in favor.

Ann reminded the Board and staff to let her know if you plan to attend this meeting.

- **SECDEA**  
Cancelled.
- **Farm Bureau**  
Ann Bishop gave an overview of the Farm Bureau Conference.
- **Q3 Central District Ag BMP**  
The meeting was rescheduled for August 19<sup>th</sup> from 10 - 12. Ann Bishop stated she will not be able to attend due to a conflict; Lida agreed to attend on her behalf.
- **MSWCD**  
**PROPOSED MOTION: Vivi Serena moved that the MSWCD continue to hold teleconference calls until further notice. Brent London seconded. All were in favor.**

**PROPOSED MOTION: Tom Cartwright moved that the MSWCD cancel their August workshop on August 25<sup>th</sup> and combine this meeting with their regular board meeting on September 8<sup>th</sup>. Richard McGinley seconded. All were in favor.**

- **Contests**

- **Scholarship**  
Ann received notification from PEFMC about the District's scholarship and given three consents: Tom, Vivi and Brent, via email to proceed with this year's scholarship; the other two did not reply.

During this meeting the entire Board stated that the District will continue to support this scholarship annually, unless otherwise decided, by a quorum. The Board stated that this was the intent when it was original motioned.

- **Envirothon**  
**PROPOSED MOTION: Vivi Serena moved that the MSWCD not host an Envirothon this fiscal year, teachers can still elect to join another regional contest, if applicable. Richard McGinley seconded. The Envirothon was discussed. All were in favor.**
- **Contest Packet**  
The contest packet was discussed.
- **Workman's Comp Claim**  
The workman's comp claim was discussed.

## 6) General Public Comments

**7) Supervisor Comments**

Tom Cartwright asked about the teleconference calls and if we get notifications about donations. Ann stated no since FCDEA set up the account. He also asked about picking up his jacket and shirts. Ann Bishop advised him and Justin on this issue. Tom, then discussed with the Board, the email that Lida Iravani sent, regarding researching land management reviews.

Vivi Serena asked which supervisors were resigning from their positions. Both, Tom Cartwright and Richard McGinley, stated that they were at the end of the year. Vivi asked the Board to look for additional candidates to appoint to these two positions, if they are not filled during this year's election.

**8) Meeting Adjournment**

**With no other business needing to be addressed, Justin Albright adjourned the meeting at 10:41 AM, until our next meeting.**

Our next board meeting is scheduled for September 8, 2020 at 9:30 AM at the USDA Ocala Service Center, unless the Board cannot meet at the Service Center due to the pandemic; then, the meeting will be held via teleconference.

**MSWCD's regular meetings are held at 9:30 AM on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month and their workshops are held the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month at 9:30 AM. Both meetings are located at the USDA Ocala Service Center's Conference Room at 2441 NE 3<sup>rd</sup> St., Ste. 204-2, Ocala, FL 34471. For more information, call (352) 414-7808.**