

Minutes
Marion Soil and Water Conservation District (MSWCD)
Regular & Workshop Board Meeting
UDSA Service Center – Conference Room
2441 NE 3rd St., Ste. 204-2, Ocala, FL 34470
February 25, 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 SILENCE ALL CELL PHONES. Thank you.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Justin Albright at 9:32 AM.

Roll Call

- Justin Albright, Chairman
- Richard McGinley, Vice-Chairman; arrived at 9:36 AM
- Vivi Serena, Secretary
- Tom Cartwright, Treasurer
- Brent London, Supervisor

Others in Attendance

- Ann Bishop, MSWCD Staff
- Nick Godano, MSWCD Staff
- Lida Irvani, MSWCD Staff

Proof of Publication

- Sent via email, February 10th and February 17th; the yearly schedule was sent on December 9th
- Florida Administrative Weekly – It will be posted by AFCD in FL Admin Weekly, they were sent the info on December 20th.
- Ocala Service Center's Front Window – Posted, January 2nd
- Marion County Board of County Commissioners – Posted, January 2nd

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
3. Motion to send a letter to the State regarding the audit
4. Motion to order one book from the SC Farm Bureau
5. Motion to renew the annual memberships for Sam's Club and IAAP
6. Motion not to have an award's ceremony and hand out the awards after every contest

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

Action Items

1. Tom Cartwright to research grants for septic tanks and to speak with Clegg Hooks
2. Tom Cartwright and Vivi Serena to take a one-hour course for Ameris ACH
3. Richard McGinley and/or Justin Albright to speak with Growth Services
4. Richard McGinley and Brent London to speak to school official(s) and the School Board, regarding the SC Farm Bureau Book Club
5. Justin Albright to speak with Junior Achievement regarding Farm Inc
6. Brent London and Ann Bishop to attend the Cool Season Forage Field Day
7. All supervisors and staff to assist with Envirothon on March 26th
8. Supervisors and staff to assist with Conservation Landscape Trays in February
9. Supervisors and staff to attend the Area II Meeting on April 9th
10. Lida Iravani to speak with Jody Lee about attending the FCDEA meeting, judging for the FFA, and assisting with our contests
11. Brent London, Richard McGinley, Tom Cartwright and staff to assist with the FFA Horticulture Judging
12. Brent London, Lida Iravani, and Ann Bishop to assist with Land Judging on January 31st
13. The Board to reach out to Farm Bureau to speak at a workshop about partnering locally
14. The Board to evaluate the contests next year to see which ones should be eliminated
15. Ann Bishop to attend the FCDEA Mid-year meeting
16. Ann Bishop to contact Carl Corbin regarding his food services for the Envirothon
17. Ann Bishop to contact the County to be added to the MCBCC agenda during the first meeting in June
18. Ann Bishop to compose a letter for the State regarding the audit claims
19. Ann Bishop to reach out to other districts regarding the ADA Compliance templates
20. Ann Bishop to update the website
21. Ann Bishop to purchase MSWCD jackets and shirts

AGENDA

1) Financials

Discussed. The Board is wanting to know the cost of bond and licensing insurance for the District.

2) MCBCC Budget

- **Computer Access**

Discussed; Ann will find out how this will affect our budget.

- **2020-2021 Budget**

The Budget is due May 1st at 5 PM to the Clerk's office. The Board will review this at the workshop.

3) Anthony Sabatini, District 32

Discussed. The Board talked about coordinating to develop a pamphlet or brochure with pictures of what the District offers and speaking with McClain, Stone and Baxley.

4) Run for the Springs

- **PROPOSED MOTION: Vivi Serena moved that the Board contribute \$100 towards the 3rd Magnitude Sponsorship for the Run for Springs and four runner registrations at \$25/runner. Richard McGinley seconded. Discussed. All were in favor.**
- **PROPOSED MOTION: Tom Cartwright moved that the Board also pay \$200 for a water station. Brent London seconded. All were in favor.**

Tom Cartwright asked if the Board does the water stop, will they get a logo on the shirt, and will the Board have to provide the water. Lida Iravani will speak with Michon Fabio. The Board discussed possibly a joint venture with the county in the future or raising funds for this event.

- **PROPOSED MOTION: Vivi Serena moved that the Board purchase a 8 foot table cloth with the District's logo on it. Tom Cartwright seconded; all were in favor.**

5) IAAP Conference

- **PROPOSED MOTION: Vivi Serena moved that Ann Bishop be able to attend the IAAP Florida/South Atlantic Region Conference in Cocoa Beach on the weekend of April 24th thru the 26th. Richard McGinley seconded. Discussed. All were in favor.**

6) Meetings

- **FCDEA Midyear Meeting**
The FCDEA Midyear Meeting is March 1st and 2nd in Tampa. A discussion will take place on what the districts offer its constituents. We are still awaiting on an official agenda.
- **AFCD Area II Meeting**
The AFCD Area II Meeting is at the St. Augustine's Extension Office, 3125 Agricultural Center Dr., starting at 9 AM on Thursday, April 9th. The agenda was reviewed. Ann Bishop needs to know who will be attending.
- **SENACD Annual Regional Meeting**
The SENACD annual regional meeting is at the Lodge, Gulf State Park in Gulf Shores Alabama August 7th thru the 11th. Ann Bishop stated to let her know if anyone was interested.
- **AFCD Annual Meeting**
The AFCD annual meeting is located at the Hilton Garden Inn in Fort Waldon Beach, September 9th thru the 11th; registration begins in May (The cost is \$100 for pre-registration and \$149/night for the hotel.) Ann Bishop will need to know who is attending.
 - **PROPOSED MOTION: Vivi Serena moved that the Board pay for Supervisors and Staff to attend this meeting. Richard McGinley seconded. All were in favor.**
 - **PROPOSED MOTION: Vivi Serena moved that the Board purchase an auction item(s) for the AFCD Annual Meeting not to exceed \$100. Richard McGinley seconded. Discussed. All were in favor.**
- **SECDEA Annual Regional Meeting**

The SECDEA Annual Regional meeting is November 2nd thru the 5th in Pigeon Forge.

7) Contests

- **FFA Horticulture Judging**

Ann reminded that the FFA Horticultural judging in Friday, March 13th at MTI, and that the Dunnellon FFA is still in need of a volunteer. Brent London, Lida Iravani, Oneisha Gary, Tom Cartwright and Richard McGinley are all scheduled to attend.

- **Land Judging Recap**

Ann Bishop gave an recap on the Land Judging.

- **Conservation Landscape Trays**

Ann Bishop gave an update on the Conservation Landscape Trays.

- **State Land Judging**

- **PROPOSED MOTION:** Richard McGinley moved that the Board support Alachua County and contribute \$50 towards the State Land Judging. Vivi Serena seconded, Brent London was also in favor, but Tom Cartwright was not. Discussed. **AMENDED MOTION:** Richard McGinley amended his motioned to the Board support Alachua County and contribute \$100 towards the State Land Judging. Vivi Serena seconded; all were in favor.

- **Speech Winner**

- **PROPOSED MOTION:** Vivi Serena moved that the Board pay \$50 towards the Speech Winner to compete at the Area II Meeting for traveling expenses. Brent London seconded. Discussed. **AMENDED MOTION:** Vivi Serena amended her motion to the Board pay \$100 towards the Speech Winner to compete at the Area II Meeting for traveling expenses. Brent London seconded; all were in favor.

- **Gift Card Issue**

Ann Bishop gave an update on the gift card that was hacked. The Board held a discussion on what they would like to do in the future regarding awards.

- **Envirothon**

Discussed. Ann Bishop mentioned that she would be late to the Envirothon due to the MC Health Fair. Oneisha Gary agreed to cover for Ann in her absence.

- **PROPOSED MOTION:** Brent London moved that the Board purchase 150, 20 oz clutch water bottles for the Envirothon. Vivi Serena seconded. Discussed. **AMENDED MOTION:** Brent London amended his previous motion to state that the Board purchase 250, 20 oz clutch green water bottles with white lettering. Vivi Serena seconded. All were in favor.
- **PROPOSED MOTION:** Vivi Serena moved that the Board purchase the winning prizes for the stations not to exceed \$10/student or \$70/station. Richard McGinley seconded; all were in favor.

8) NRCS Report

- **Program Update**
Ann Bishop gave an update on NRCS on behalf of Oneisha Gary.
- **MSWCD Monthly Activities Report**
Reviewed

9) **FDACS Report**

- **Raise (Bonus)**
Discussed.
- **Technician Performance Monitoring**
Reviewed.
- **Cost Share Update**
Nick and Lida gave an update; only have five or six contracts left with about twelve thousand in funding left.
- **Cost Share Agreements:**
 - **Ron Dimauro (\$2,411.25)**
 - **Fortner Farrier & Cattle Service, Inc (\$13,462.70) – exceeded original estimate by 16% (measurement error in the fencing)**
 - **Any additional agreements**
 - **PROPOSED MOTION: Brent London moved that these Cost Share Agreements be approved by the MSWCD Board. Tom Cartwright seconded; all were in favor.**

10) **Staff Report & Recap**

- **NACD Technical Assistance**
Reviewed.
- **SC Farm Bureau Book**
Ann proposed to the Board about purchasing the SC Farm Bureau books for the MC elementary and middle schools. The Board discussed this and would like to look into other book options for the schools.
- **MSWCD Jackets and Shirts**
Reviewed and discussed. The men all agreed on bottom down shirts.
- **Cool Season Forage Field Day**
Ann gave an overview.
- **Reporting**
Ann reviewed the different reports due and mentioned that AFCD wants to know if the Board would like Charlene or Kaylee to attend one of their meetings.

11) **Supervisor Comments**

12) General Public Comments

Meeting Adjournment

With no further business needing to be discussed, Chairman Justin Albright adjourned the meeting at 11:26 AM.

Our next board meeting is scheduled for March 10, 2020 at 9:30 AM at the USDA Ocala Service Center.

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