

Minutes
Marion Soil and Water Conservation District (MSWCD)
Regular Board Meeting

UDSA Service Center – Conference Room
2441 NE 3rd St., Ste. 204-2, Ocala, FL 34470
January 14, 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 9:37 AM.

Roll Call

- Justin Albright, Chairman
- Richard McGinley, Vice-Chairman
- Vivi Serena, Secretary

Absent

- Tom Cartwright, Treasurer

Others in Attendance

- Oneisha Gary, NRCS
- Ann Bishop, MSWCD Staff
- Nick Godano, MSWCD Staff
- Lida Iravani, MSWCD Staff
- Brent London, Citizen

Proof of Publication

- Star-Banner – Sent via email, January 6th and the yearly schedule 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

PROPOSED MOTION: Vivi Serena 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. Tom Cartwright to obtain new credit cards for staff
3. Richard McGinley and/or Justin Albright to speak with Growth Services
4. The Board to reach out to Farm Bureau to speak at a workshop about partnering locally
5. The Board to evaluate the contests next year to see which ones should be eliminated
6. Ann Bishop to reach out to other districts regarding the ADA Compliance templates
7. Ann Bishop to update the website
8. Ann Bishop to purchase MSWCD jackets and shirts

AGENDA

1) Supervisor Appointment

PROPOSED MOTION: Richard McGinley appointed Brent London to the Marion Soil and Water Conservation District Board as a supervisor for Seat 3. Vivi Serena seconded; all were in favor.

Ann stated that she will send out the appropriate letters, regarding this appointment.

2) Committee & District Officer Selection

PROPOSED MOTION: Vivi Serena nominated Justin Albright for the position of Marion SWCD Chairman. Richard McGinley seconded; all were in favor.

PROPOSED MOTION: Vivi Serena nominated Richard McGinley for the position of Marion SWCD Vice-Chairman. Justin Albright seconded; all were in favor.

PROPOSED MOTION: Justin Albright nominated Vivi Serena for the position of Marion SWCD Secretary. Richard McGinley seconded; all were in favor.

PROPOSED MOTION: Richard McGinley nominated Tom Cartwright for the position of Marion SWCD Treasurer. Brent London seconded; all were in favor.

PROPOSED MOTION: Justin Albright nominated Brent London for the position of Public Relations Representative. Richard McGinley seconded; all were in favor.

Justin Albright suggested that all the committee chairs be on a volunteer basis. All other board supervisors agreed.

3) 2020 Meeting Dates & Times

PROPOSED MOTION: Vivi Serena moved that MSWCD meet on the second and fourth Tuesdays, monthly at 9:30 AM during the 2020 calendar year. Richard McGinley seconded; all were in favor.

4) Financials

- **Credit Cards**

All the staff currently have Ameris credit cards; as well as, Tom was issued one, but it has not been activated.

- **ACH**

The ACH is currently not working. Tom is trying to work with the bank on getting this fixed. He also contacted Vivi to let her know that she will also need to activate her ACH fob.

5) NRCS Report

- **Program Update**

Oneisha gave an update on her programs and where she is regarding contracts and payments. She stated that during the workshop on January 28th, she will need to go over the civil rights with the Board. Oneisha mentioned on January 23rd, a Long Leaf Pine Initiative Workshop is being held in Silver Springs.

- **MSWCD Monthly Activities Report**

- **November**
Reviewed.
- **December**
Reviewed.

6) FDACS Report

- **Technician Performance Monitoring**

- **November**
Reviewed.
- **December**
Reviewed.

- **Cost Share Update**

Nick Godano and Lida Iravani gave a report on Cost Share and what they are working on. The Board discussed the Nick's raise and are still awaiting the response from the State. Nick also mentioned that the State will be amending the Tech Contract, changing the tech's deliverables.

Cost Share Agreements:

- **Linda Foster (\$22,402.50)**
- **Timothy Harfield (\$12,089.81)**
- **Bob Lee (\$7,929.98)**
- **Mark Elixson (\$27,671.50)**
- **Larry Johns (\$21,225.00)**

PROPOSED MOTION: Vivi Serena moved that these Cost Share Agreements be approved by the MSWCD Board. Richard McGinley seconded; all were in favor.

7) Staff Report & Recap

- **Tallahassee Trek Update**

Ann Bishop gave an overview of the Tallahassee Trek and suggested the Board take part in the next one.

- **Edible Aquifers Update**

Lida Iravani and Ann Bishop gave an overview of the program they presented to Dunnellon Middle. Ann mentioned that Meaghann Pridgeon wants to do this again next year and

incorporate it more into the curriculum; as well as, Karen Bird asked about the District speaking to her students on the national topic.

- **Plat Books Update**

The Board drew the names for the Mapping Solutions plat book drawings: Digital Map went to the Property Appraiser and the Wall Map went to Steve Rudnianyn. Ann mentioned how many books were sold and suggested possibly advertising them. Richard McGinley will take the wall map to Steve and speak to him about advertising to the realtors, regarding these books.

- **Contests Update**

- **Posters**

This contest is finished; we just need to tally the 32 entries and return projects.

- **Junk Art**

This contest is finished; we just need to tally the 28 entries and return projects.

- **Essay**

This contest is finished; we had two enter.

- **Speech**

We had four entries, and the contest is at Green Clover on January 18th at 4 PM. Vivi Serena reminded Ann to get snacks. Vivi Serena, Tom Cartwright and Brent London will be judging.

- **Land Judging**

We have two Marion County teams and one from Citrus County. The contest is Friday, January 31st in Gilchrist, located at Suwannee River Fair Pavilion, 17851 90th Avenue; Trenton, FL 32693 from 8:30 AM to 2:30 PM. Ann suggested carpooling for those who are attending.

- **Conservation Landscape Tray**

Ann mentioned that she needs three judges for the Conservation Landscape Tray on February 20th at the Recreation Hall, SE Livestock Pavilion. Brent London, Richard McGinley, Nick Godano, and Lida Irvani all volunteered to judge. Nick and Lida asked Ann to send them an email. Ann gave a timeline of our event during the fair and when everything takes place. She also asked about presenting at the Award Ceremony on Monday, the 24th. Richard McGinley and Justin Albright stated they could attend the ceremony.

- **Envirothon**

This contest is on Thursday, March 26th. Ann is trying to secure Horseshoe Lake Park. We need volunteers for this event.

- **Reporting**

Reviewed the supervisors' 2019 meeting hours. The monthly FDACS tech reimbursement was reported. MCBCB changed their budget codes, and Ann still needs to submit this past quarter. The District needs to report the supervisors' information and officer positions for the Financial

Disclosure by the 31st. The District's 1099s are completed, except two; we needed one more sheet, which Ann was able to obtain, and these will be sent out by the end of the month.

8) Supervisor Comments

Vivi Serena stated that she will not be at the next MSWCD workshop.

9) General Public Comments

Meeting Adjournment

With no other business needing to be addressed, Justin Albright adjourned the meeting at 10:28 AM, until our next meeting.

Our next board meeting is scheduled for January 28, 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.