

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

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July 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 MUTE ALL 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
- Vivi Serena, Secretary
- Brent London, Supervisor

Absent

- Tom Cartwright, Treasurer

Others in Attendance

- Oneisha Gary, NRCS
- William Walker, NRCS
- Lida Iravani, MSWCD Staff
- Ann Bishop, MSWCD Staff

Proof of Publication

- Star-Banner – Sent via email, July 7th, and the yearly schedule on December 9th
- Florida Administrative Weekly – It was 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, July 7th and posted, yearly schedule on 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: Richard McGinley moved that the MSWCD consent agenda be approved as presented. Vivi Serena 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, September 9th thru the 11th
6. The Board to reach out to Farm Bureau to speak at a workshop about partnering locally
7. The Board to evaluate the contests next year to see which ones should be eliminated
8. The Board to grant \$100 stipend to the Speech winner for travel to the Area II Meeting Competition
9. The Board to look into other book options for the local schools
10. The Board to look into the cost of licensing and bonding
11. The Board to speak with our local Senators and Representatives regarding what the Board offers
12. Ann Bishop to reach out to other districts regarding the ADA Compliance templates
13. Ann Bishop to update the website
14. Ann Bishop to purchase auctions items for the annual AFCD meeting, not to exceed \$100

AGENDA

1) Financials

◆ **Finances (Update)**

Ann Bishop gave an update on the finances.

◆ **Financial Disclosure (Update)**

Ann reminded the Board to complete their financial disclosures if they have not been completed. The District's disclosure was submitted on July 1st.

◆ **Audit (Update)**

The audit was completed and sent to the appropriate individuals. A copy is in the financial report. Ann submitted the zero budget to the auditor and the actual budget for 2018-2019, which was also included in the financial report.

◆ **Licensing & Bonding (Update)**

Ann submitted the application to the Holder Insurance Agency. Once Ann receives this quote, she will forward the information to the Board, so they can determine who they would like to use. Richard is looking into another agency and will get Ann the information.

2) MCBCC

◆ **Commissioner One on Ones (Update)**

Richard McGinley gave an overview of what transpired during the one on ones with the County Commissioners.

◆ **Budget Workshop (Reminder)**

The Budget Workshop is Thursday, July 16 at 9 AM. Richard stated that he will be attending this meeting. Justin was not sure if he could make it, but Vivi stated she can attend with Richard.

◆ **Large Scale Amendments (Review)**

- **Amendment # 20-L05, Ronald Brown**

- **Amendment # 20-L05, Blitchton Plantation**
- **Amendment # 20-D01, WEC/Golden Ocala Eq. Land, LLC, et. al.**
- **Amendment # 20-D01, Marion County School Board**

The Board discussed these amendments and determined not to respond.

◆ **Office Relocation**

PROPOSED MOTION: Vivi Serena motioned to approve the MSWCD move to the Marion County, Growth Services Building. Richard McGinley seconded; all were in favor.

PROPOSED MOTION: Brent London moved that the Board allow Ann Bishop to make purchases from the non-reimbursable account, not to exceed \$1,500.⁰⁰, for the District's relocation. Vivi Serena seconded; all were in favor.

The Board discussed their relocation to Growth Services.

3) NRCS Report

The Board welcomed William Walker, the new NRCS, Soil Conservationist. Ann also mentioned that Juan Hernandez is the new State Conservationist.

◆ **NRCS Program (Update)**

Oneisha gave an update on her programs and applications.

◆ **State Technical Committee Meeting (Update)**

Lida Iravani and Ann gave an overview of this meeting.

◆ **MSWCD Monthly Activities Report**

The Board reviewed this.

4) FDACS Report

◆ **Cost Share (Update)**

Lida gave an update.

◆ **Technician Activity Logs**

The Board reviewed these. Ann mentioned that the Technician Performance Monitoring Reports were sent to the Board via an email, right before this meeting.

◆ **Clean Waterways Act**

Lida gave an overview of what the Clean Waterways Act entailed and how it affects the technicians. Lida is going to email the Board this Act for review. Brent inquired how the information is being disseminated and collected. Lida mentioned that the State is being flexible on producers for the first few years.

5) Staff Report & Recap

◆ **District Update**

Ann gave an overview of what she has done.

- **Meetings**

- **Area**

- AFCD is cancelling all the local, area meetings but will conduct all these (meetings) the day before their annual meeting in Fort Walton Beach.

- **AFCD**

- **Webinar Meeting**

- Ann gave an overview of the AFCD webinar meeting, which she sent a copy of this information to the Board. AFCD will meet on the 15th to discuss these results.

- **Annual Meeting**

- PROPOSED MOTION: Richard McGinley moved that the Board pay for staff and supervisors to attend the AFCD 2020 Annual Meeting in Fort Walton Beach, FL from September 8 thru September 12. Vivi Serena seconded; all were in favor.**

- MSWCD has a meeting on the 8th, which is the day after Labor Day, so the Board will need to decide if they wish to have this meeting, since Ann will be in Ft. Walton.

- **SE/NACD**

- The Board discussed, when these meetings will be held.

- **SECDEA**

- The Board would like to discuss this at the next meeting.

- **Contests**

- **Rain Barrels**

- The Board discussed rain barrels and decided to revisit this contest next year.

- **Composting Bucket**

- Lida and Ann presented their idea about compost buckets. The Board all loved it. Lida and Ann are going to develop their idea further and will get back to the Board regarding their plans.

- **Contest Schedule**

- The Board all decided to leave the contest, as is, for this school year. Ann is going to inquiry from teachers about the Envirothon and will get back to the Board, regarding when this event should take place.

- **2020-2021 Contest Budget**

PROPOSED MOTION: Vivi Serena moved that the Board except the 2020-2021 Contest Budget. Brent London seconded; all were in favor.

▪ **Contest Packet**

Ann is working on the contest packets. Once the contest budget and schedule are finalized, she can send these out; as well as, post them online.

6) Upcoming Events

- ◆ FDACS Reporting Due – July 15
- ◆ AFCD Meeting – July 15
- ◆ Budget Hearing – July 16
- ◆ FCDEA Meeting – July 21
- ◆ MSWCD Workshop – July 28 CANCELLED
- ◆ BMP Quarterly Meeting – August 5
- ◆ School Starts – August 10
- ◆ MSWCD Meeting – August 11
- ◆ FDACS Reporting Due – August 15
- ◆ MSWCD Workshop – August 25

7) General Public Comments

8) Supervisor Comments

9) Meeting Adjournment

With no other business needing to be addressed, Justin Albright adjourned the meeting at 10:51 AM, until our next meeting.

Our next board meeting is scheduled for August 11, 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 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.