

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
March 10, 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 Vice Chairman Richard McGinley at 9:35 AM.

Roll Call

- Richard McGinley, Vice-Chairman
- Vivi Serena, Secretary
- Brent London, Supervisor

Absent

- Justin Albright, Chairman
- Tom Cartwright, Treasurer

Others in Attendance

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

Proof of Publication

- Star-Banner – Sent via email, March 3rd, 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, 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. Brent London seconded; no discussion. 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/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. All supervisors and staff to assist with Envirothon on March 26th
7. Supervisors and staff to attend the Area II Meeting on April 9th
8. Supervisors and staff to attend the Annual AFCD Meeting, September 9th thru the 11th
9. Brent London, Richard McGinley, Tom Cartwright and staff to assist with the FFA Horticulture Judging
10. The Board to reach out to Farm Bureau to speak at a workshop about partnering locally
11. The Board to evaluate the contests next year to see which ones should be eliminated
12. The Board to complete and submit the MC 2020-21 Budget by 5 PM on May 1st.
13. The Board to develop a pamphlet or brochure with pictures of what we offer to the constituents
14. The Board to donate \$100 to the State Land Judging
15. The Board to sponsor the Run for the Springs and participate in the run
16. The Board to grant \$100 stipend to the Speech winner for travel to the Area II Meeting Competition
17. The Board to look into other book options for the local schools
18. The Board to look into the cost of licensing and bonding
19. The Board to speak with our local Senators and Representatives regarding what the Board offers
20. Ann Bishop to reach out to other districts regarding the ADA Compliance templates
21. Ann Bishop to update the website
22. Ann Bishop to purchase auction items for the annual AFCD meeting, not to exceed \$100
23. Ann Bishop to purchase MSWCD jackets, tablecloth, water bottles, and shirts
24. Ann Bishop to inquiry from the County how computer access will affect our MC 2020-21 Budget
25. Ann Bishop to finishing resolving the gift card issue
26. Ann Bishop to purchase Envirothon awards
27. Lida Iravani to speak with Michon Fabio regarding the Run for the Springs
28. Oneisha Gary to cover Ann at the Envirothon until Ann arrives

AGENDA

1) Financials

Discussed the finances. No information was obtained on licensing and bonding. Ann Bishop mentioned that we are awaiting funds from the State in order to reimburse a few producers. Vivi Serena has not pursued the ACH because she would like to get bonded first.

2) Run for the Springs

We could not get the water station. The Board sponsored the 3rd Magnitude Springs and four runners, and we can pursue the water station next year.

3) Envirothon

PROPOSED MOTION: Vivi Serena moved that the Board cover the cost of the one, Marion County Envirothon team and any volunteers to attend the Lake SWCD Envirothon. Brent London seconded; discussed. All were in favor.

Discussed possibly moving the Envirothon competition to the fall to accommodate the teachers, as well as discussed other contests. Richard McGinley stated that he had a few teachers, one from Horizon, asking him about the Conservation Landscape Trays. Ann Bishop stated that the Lake Weir FFA teacher, Pamela Shannon, stated that Master Gardeners reached out to her regarding displaying our trays. The Board also suggested may be reaching out to teachers and the school in June or July.

4) Area II Meeting

PROPOSED MOTION: Vivi Serena moved that the Board pay the \$10 registration/person for staff and supervisors to attend the 2020 Area II Meeting on April 9, 2020 in St. Augustine. Brent London seconded; all were in favor.

The agenda was reviewed, and registration is due April 2nd. The following individuals stated that they will be able to attend: Ann, Lida, and Brent. Vivi has a conflict, and Richard maybe out of town. Nick stated that he will not be attending this meeting.

5) NRCS Report

- **Program Update**
Reviewed and discussed deadlines.
- **Working Groups**
Reviewed and discussed when a working group should be held.
- **MSWCD Monthly Activities Report**
Reviewed.
- **MSWCD Staff Duties**
Oneisha discussed what assistance she needed from the District. The Board stated that staff can attend training and assist, depending on the time of year and priorities.
- **CAMP Program**
Reviewed.
- **Technical Committee Meeting**
Lida Iravani will represent the Board at this meeting and give a recap to the Board at the April Board Meeting.

6) FDACS Report

- **Technician Performance Monitoring**
Reviewed. Nick Godano stated that Jody Lee will waive Lida Iravani's goals if she does not meet them since she started midyear. Nick Godano mentioned that he was done with his yearly goals, and maybe lacking two meetings. Ann Bishop asked how this will affect the District. Lida Iravani stated that they are allowed to miss two meetings without a penalty.
- **Cost Share Update**

Lida Iravani, Ann Bishop and Nick Godano gave a recap.

- **Cost Share Agreement:**
 - **Sabrina Salt (\$2370.71)**
PROPOSED MOTION: Vivi Serena moved that this Cost Share Agreement be approved by the MSWCD Board. Brent London seconded; discussed. All were in favor.

7) Staff Report & Recap

- **Thank-you Letter**
Reviewed.
- **MSWCD Orders**
Ann gave a recap on the water bottles, tablecloth and apparel.
- **FFA Horticulture Judging**
Judging will be this Friday, March 13th at MTI.
- **Meeting Update**
Ann Bishop gave a recap of the Midyear meeting. Lida Iravani spoke about Google docs and the FCDEA survey.

8) Supervisor Comments

Richard McGinley asked for clarification on applying for FDACS Cost Share.

Richard McGinley will be in training the 29th through the 11th, but he will let us know if this changes.

9) General Public Comments

10) Meeting Adjournment

With no other business needing to be addressed, Richard McGinley adjourned the meeting at 11:01 AM, until our next meeting.

Our next board meeting is scheduled for March 24, 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.