

Minutes
Marion Soil and Water Conservation District (MSWCD)
Regular Board Meeting
2710 East Silver Springs Boulevard
Ocala, FL 34470
November 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 MUTE ALL PHONES.** Thank you.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Justin Albright at 9:38 AM.

Roll Call

- Justin Albright, Chairman
- Richard McGinley, Vice-Chairman
- Vivi Serena, Secretary (Called-in)
- Tom Cartwright, Treasurer

Absent

- Brent London, Supervisor

Others in Attendance

- Nick Godano, MSWCD Staff
- Lida Iravani, MSWCD Staff: left at 10:34 AM
- Ann Bishop, MSWCD Staff
- Doug Shearer, Citizen

Proof of Publication

- Star-Banner – Sent via email, November 2nd, 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 – Sent via email, November 2nd, 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
3. MSWCD approved the proposed 2020-2021 budget and the actual budget for 2019-2020.
4. The supervisors should have the option to attend a meeting by calling in, and their votes cast over the phone should be valid.
5. MSWCD cancelled the October and November workshops.

6. The Pria Insurance should not be modified, and MSWCD pay the annual, insurance premium in the amount of \$8,291.⁰⁰.
7. MSWCD pay \$350.⁰⁰ towards AFCD annual membership dues and include an additional \$100 towards the Ellis Putnal Fund for AFCD State Contests.
8. MSWCD pay \$100.⁰⁰ towards NACD annual membership dues.
9. MSWCD update the vehicle door logos with the new phone number and replace the new truck's logo on the driver's door.
10. MSWCD purchase stickers to cover the old number on the FED signs with the cost not exceeding \$500.

PROPOSED MOTION: Richard McGinley 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. 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. The Board to reach out to Farm Bureau to speak at a workshop about partnering locally
6. The Board to look into other book options for the local schools
7. The Board to speak with our local Senators and Representatives regarding what the Board offers
8. Ann Bishop to reach out to other districts regarding the ADA Compliance templates
9. Ann Bishop to update the website
10. Lida Iravani and Ann Bishop to further develop their idea on compost buckets
11. The Board to revisit the rain barrel contest in 2021

AGENDA

1) Financials

◆ Finances (Update)

Tom Cartwright gave an overview of the finances and spoke about ACH. Ann Bishop mentioned to Tom that he may want to discuss ACH payroll with Stacey Simmons. Vivi Serena has not taken the ACH class as of yet, and she asked Ann to get her the contact information to complete this. Tom mentioned that he signed an Ameris form, regarding the Board's public funds, which states what the Board has in the bank as of October 1st. The Board also discussed Tom leaving and the transition.

◆ CD

PROPOSED MOTION: Tom Cartwright moved the MSWCD automatically renew their CD. Vivi Serena seconded. All were in favor.

2) Bylaws

PROPOSED MOTION: Tom Cartwright moved the MSWCD accept the modifications that were done to the Seminole Soil and Water Conservation District Bylaws as discussed during this meeting. Vivi Serena seconded. It was discussed that the Board should review these bylaws once a year in January. All were in favor of this motion.

Ann Bishop gave an overview and presented the NRCS' report.

4) FDACS Report

◆ Cubicle Space

The Board discussed the cubicle space which was requested by Stacey Simmons of FDACS. Justin Albright **TABLED** this until the Board's next meeting.

◆ Cost Share (Update)

Nick Godano and Lida Iravani gave an update on the cost share. The Board discussed the agreement with Shawn Riordan.

◆ Cost Share Agreements:

- Antara Farm at Four Arrows Ranch – Clare/Mark Kansley (\$14,295.43)
- Bella Vista Farms LLC – Michael Paglia (\$15,346.73)
- Melody Tincher (Cancelled: \$22,687.50)
- Majestic Oaks Ocala, LLC – Marisa/Ronald DiMauro (\$9,835.94)
- Annmarie Annunziata (\$5,156.14)
- Donna Saatman (\$7,411.37)
- Lone Palm Stables – Dana Noga (\$5,208.52)
- Theresa Schueller (\$13,470.43)
- Shawn Riordan (\$48,435.70)
- H. Jon Turner (\$2,352.77)
- Gary Hartogh (\$16,322.81)
- Ivery Luckey (\$21,562.50)
- Any additional agreements

PROPOSED MOTION: Richard McGinley moved that these cost share agreements be approved by the MSWCD Board. Tom Cartwright seconded; all were in favor.

◆ Technician Activity Logs

Reviewed.

5) Staff Report & Recap

◆ District (Update)

• Meetings

▪ FDACS Partnership Meeting

Ann gave a recap.

▪ AFCD/AREA

Ann gave a recap of what transpired at the AFCD Conference. The 2021 Area Meeting will be held in St. Johns County the first week of April. NACD is hosting their meeting in February 2021, virtually. Ann mentioned that the supervisor for Orange SWCD, Daisy Morales, was elected to the Florida House of Representatives; the Area supervisors talked about giving her educational

information on the districts to discuss with other members of the House. We had several poster winners and our speaker came in fourth.

- **FCDEA/SECDEA**

Ann gave a recap regarding both meetings. Ann mentioned that Betty Jo of FCDEA suggested that the districts, send letters to newly elected officials welcoming them. The Board thought that this is a good idea, and we should send one to the new County Commissioner, Craig Curry. The FCDEA's Midyear will be held on March 9-10 in Tallahassee. Ann mentioned that the SECDEA is selling tickets for a Ring package: 1 ticket for \$5 or 5 tickets for \$20, which will be raffled at next year's meeting, and the FCDEA decided that it is going to raffle a gun. The SECDEA will hold their annual meeting the second week of November in 2021. The district surveys were completed and will be sent to the districts as a talking point for supervisors to educate individuals on what the districts do statewide.
- **Envirothon**

Ann gave an overview of the Envirothon meeting, where they discussed holding an online event this school year. Ann also mentioned that Belleview High School would still like to compete in this year's event.
- **Compost**

Lida attended a composting workshop.
- **Central Ag BMP Quarterly**

Ann gave a recap of the Central Ag BMP Quarterly Meeting.
- **WaterSmart**

Ann mentioned that since Lida and herself attended more than four days of the WaterSmart Conference, the Board was entered into a drawing for attending next year's conference, which will be held later in the week.
- **FED Signage**

Ann received the FED stickers; the total cost was \$271. She showed the Board what they looked like. Ann mentioned that we will need to deliver these stickers since they are too long to send in the mail without compromising the integrity of the sticker.
- **Evaluation**

Ann followed up regarding her evaluation. The supervisors who still needed to complete the evaluation will need to submit it to Justin. Tom asked for a copy of the paperwork. Justin will follow up to see if he received Vivi's and Brent's.
- **Reporting**

Ann gave an update on the District's reporting.

- **Contests**

Ann gave an update on the contests and the approaching contest deadlines. Tom stated that he is still interested in judging the essays and speeches.

- **Miscellaneous**

The Board discussed the Orlando Sentinel article. Ann mentioned that she has worked a little on the website and is still in the process of uploading information. Ann also received a new laptop that she can take with her to telework. Ann reminded the Board that Sam Martsolf's Retirement is on the 20th from 3-7 PM, at the Livestock Pavilion Auditorium. Ann mentioned that Belleview High School's FFA requested 50 district items to give to elementary school, class winners. Ann is giving them conservation, temporary tattoos and district pencils. Ann reminded the Board that at the next meeting we will have to discuss the time and date of the 2021 meetings, so they can be noticed.

6) Upcoming Events

- ◆ Veteran's Day – November 11
Office Closed – November 11
- ◆ Poster/Found Art Registration Due – November 12
- ◆ CLT Registration Due – November 13
- ◆ FDACS Reporting Due – November 15
- ◆ Sam Martsolf's Retirement – November 20
- ◆ MSWCD Workshop – November 24 CANCELLED
- ◆ Thanksgiving – November 26
Office Closed – November 26-27
- ◆ MSWCD Meeting – December 8
- ◆ FDACS Reporting Due – December 15
- ◆ NO December MSWCD Workshop

7) General Public Comments

Douglas Shearer provided a letter of intent to the Board. Colleen Stenstream sent Ann an email, asking if she too needed to submit one. The Board stated yes. Ann will email her back, letting her know this.

8) Supervisor Comments

PROPOSED MOTION: Richard McGinley moved to appoint Douglas Shearer to his (Richard's) Marion Soil and Water Conservation District, Seat Four (4) in January, when Richard resigns. Tom Cartwright seconded. All were in favor.

9) Meeting Adjournment

With no other business needing to be addressed, Justin Albright adjourned the meeting at 10:53 AM, until our next meeting.

The next board meeting is scheduled for December 8, 2020 at 9:30 AM at Growth Services, unless the Board cannot meet at this location 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 in Growth Services, located at 2710 E. Silver Springs, Ocala, FL 34470. For more information, call (352) 438-2475.