

VOLUSIA SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

MEETING MINUTES

HELD 5:00 p.m. Wednesday November 10, 2021

At the University of Florida IFAS Extension
Office Conference Room 3100 E. New York
Avenue, DeLand, FL 32724

I. Call to Order: Pledge of Allegiance & Moment of Silence: Meeting was called to order by Chair Dr. Wendy Anderson, who chaired the meeting.

II. Record of Attendance:

Supervisor Roll Call:

- Wendy Anderson (Chair)
- John Nelson (Vice Chair)
- William Bliss (Secretary)
- Andy Kelly (Treasurer) (Absent)
- Tom Burbank (Supervisor) (Absent)

Also in attendance:

- George Johnson, USDA/NRCS Conservationist;
- Connor Haugen (Associate Supervisor)

III. Approval of Minutes

- Minutes for last month's meeting (October 10) were presented for approval.
 - **Motion** made by: John, to approve these minutes
 - **Seconded** by: William
 - **Motion Passes:** Unanimous

IV. Announcements, Website Calendar Updates:

- **Nov 17** Working Group Meeting.
- **Nov 18** VCARD meet and greet
- **Nov 19** VCARD LID conference

V. Reports

- President's Report (Wendy)
 - Attended an excellent Low Impact Development (LID) conference
 - Attended an HOA meeting.
 - Presented a draft letter announcing SWCD educational services.
 - Discussion on promoting the project of educating HOA boards by sending out a flying listing our ability to give lectures.
- USDA/NRCS Conservationist's Report (George Johnson)
 - Report submitted & received:
 - George announced he will be retiring this December 31st.

VI. Correspondence:

- Bank statement: final: \$3,315.14, on Sept 30th

VII. Presentation:

- Lynn Peterson:
 - Background:
 - Masters in Forestry & Wildlife Management
 - Transitioned to Federal Fish & Wildlife as an acquisition biologist
 - Interest in planting trees and possibly running our tree sale business.
 - Educational opportunities
 - Have students plant one tree per year, and take photos each year.
 - Fundraising opportunities
 - Memorializing particular new plantings.
 - Organizing the landscaping for cities.

VIII. Old Business:

- Discussion to table John's resolution

IX. New Business:

- Discussion on promoting tree sales:
 - Tree sponsoring, and fund raising by organizing this.
 - Other tree related: Memorial trees: Planted in public places.
- **Motion:** By William on 2 year limit to Associate Supervisors
 - Each appointment will last up to 2 years, with their terms ending on the last meeting prior to the seating of new Supervisors, typically in January of each even year. Associate Supervisors will be reviewed on that date, and possibly renewed.
 - **Seconded** by John
 - **Motion Passes:** Unanimously
- Unanimously: by John, to table Tom's Resolution 2021-x until he requests it to be reintroduced.
 - **Seconded** by William
 - **Motion Passes:** Unanimously
- **Motion:** by William, to cease all regular zoom meetings unless the pandemic flairs.
 - **Seconded** by John
 - **Motion Passes:** Unanimously

X. Supervisor and Guest Comments

- (William) Discussion on writing a resolution to ask all government agencies to, whenever possible, to demand that all development be designed to specifically increase animal species numbers (diversity), individual numbers, and size of habitats.
 - In particular, we are opposed to the development of golf courses into higher density housing.

XI. Adjournment:

- Motion to adjourn and hold the next meeting on December 8th at 5:00 pm,
 - **Motion:** made by John, seconded by William
 - **Motion passed** unanimously

These Minutes prepared by Secretary, Wm Bliss,