

VOLUSIA SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

MEETING MINUTES

HELD 5:00 p.m. Wednesday May 12, 2021

Online Unrecorded Zoom Meeting

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: Supervisors:

<input type="checkbox"/> Wendy Anderson (Chair)	Present
<input type="checkbox"/> John Nelson (Vice Chair)	Present
<input type="checkbox"/> William Bliss (Secretary)	Present
<input type="checkbox"/> Andy Kelly (Treasurer)	Absent
<input type="checkbox"/> Tom Burbank (Supervisor)	Present

Also in attendance:

- George Johnson, USDA/NRCS Conservationist;
- Connor Haugen, Student Intern
- Ria Gupta, Student Researcher
- Adrianna Bertolami, Student Researcher

III. Approval of Minutes

- 10-14-2020
- 2-27-2021
- 3-10-2021
- 4-14-2021
- Discussion & correction of some typos
- Motion to approve presuming typos are corrected
 - Motion by John
 - Seconded by William
 - Vote: Wendy, John, William: Yes; Tom: abstain

IV. Announcements, Website Calendar Updates:

- Scheduling of group photo with Judge Judith Campbell
 - Tuesday, May 25, at 1pm
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V. Reports

- USDA/NRCS Conservationist Report (George Johnson)
- Treasurer's Report (tabled)

VI. Correspondence:

- None

VII. Presentation:

- Ria Gupta, Student Researcher at Seabreeze High School:
 - Water Quality of Lakes of Central Park, Ormond Beach

VIII. Old Business:

1. Discussion of Webinars: What topics and how to plan them: (William)
 - a. Low impact development (Wendy)
 - i. Could we host the second LID presentation using our Webinar capabilities?
 - ii. What science is there to support the economic rationale of LID?
 1. Pierce Jones, UF/IFAS, would be good choice for our Webinar on this topic
 - b. Agricultural easements and land trusts: What are the options?
 - c. How fast might urban sprawl spread over Florida? (William)
 - i. Tom pointed out that many groups are working on this subject.
 - d. Aim for our first Webinar this summer (Wendy)
2. Discussion on how to get funding from the County
 - a. Adair suggested we use their webinar platform
 - b. Suggestion to speak with county manager for possible slush funds (Wendy)

IX. New Business:

1. Introduction of student (public management) Intern: Connor Haugen
 - a. Stetson student of Environmental Studies
 - b. Nomination of Connor Haugen as our first and only current Associate Supervisor
 - i. Nomination motion made by William
 - ii. Second by: Tom
 - iii. Vote: Unanimous in favor
2. Discussion on whether the District should get involved with individual developments using letters and resolutions (Tom)
 - a. Suggestion that Supervisors attend HOA meetings (Tom)
 - b. William estimated there are probably 500 HOAs in Volusia
3. Discussion on us being a neutral host of Design Charrettes
 - a. We would bring in professionals on what is best use for each property and allow all interested parties to learn the background material and voice their own opinions.
4. Discussion on draft resolution (tabled)

IX. Supervisor and Guest Comments

- None

XI. Adjournment:

- Motion to adjourn and hold the next meeting on June 9th **at 5:00 pm**,
Using an online Zoom based meeting at this link

These Minutes prepared by Secretary, Wm Bliss,