

**MINUTES FOR MONTHLY MEETING**

**VOLUSIA SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

5:00 p.m. Wednesday, September 13, 2023

University of Florida IFAS Extension Auditorium

3100 E. New York Avenue, DeLand, FL 32724

I. Call to Order 5:07p

II. Supervisor Roll Call: Austin Spivey, James Brinton, Wendy Anderson, Kristine Cunningham

III. Approval of Minutes from September 13, 2023 meeting: Austin move to approve, James seconded, all in favor. Move to table July minutes: Wendy move to approve, Austin seconded, all in favor.

IV. Announcements

 1. AFCD Annual Meeting Sept. 26-27, Gainesville, FL-Wendy and Kris to attend

V. Treasurer Report- Wendy $5,921.50 in account.

VI. Reports:

1. NRCS Report—Brian Zielinski

1-End of fiscal year

2-Need another employee

 VII. New Business

1. Discuss a letter of support for Evans Farm to support a federal bill-allowing exceptions for sturgeon fish farming to sell caviar. Listed as endangered since 2009.

Draft a letter of support for Evans Farm for exceptions for domestic commercial production for Sturgeon Farming. Send letters of support to Sen Scott, US Representative Michael Waltz, National Aquaculture Association (?)

 2. Summary of funds raised from tree sale fundraiser and review process for next fundraising event. Unsold trees from sale going to master gardeners. Discussed scholarships and awards for science fairs

 3. Discuss process for VCSWCD Supervisor replacement. Austin to reach out to Mike Simpson for his letter of resignation.

VIII. Supervisor Final Remarks and Public Comments

1. Wendy attending Marine LID Conference
2. Shrubs with Nature March 2024
3. Supervisor seats 2 and 4 will run again in 2024

 IX. Adjournment 635p