



**AGENDA FOR MONTHLY MEETING
VOLUSIA SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

5:00 p.m. Wednesday, October 13, 2021

University of Florida IFAS Extension Auditorium

3100 E. New York Avenue, DeLand, FL 32724

Also accessible via Zoom video conferencing at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8049850206?pwd=c2JuOGloOWpCdWk4eEQrZDgvcmg5dz09>

Meeting ID: 804 985 0206 Password: SWCD

- I. Call to Order
- II. Supervisor Roll Call & Introduction of Staff and Guests
- III. Approval of Minutes from August 11, 2021 meeting (and June 9 meeting?)
- IV. Announcements, Website Calendar of Events and other updates:
 - a. Reminder of events:
 - i. NRCS/SWCD Local Working Group Meeting, November 17, 9:30-11:00am, IFAS Extension Auditorium, Zoom available
 - ii. Consider attending OUTSIDE 2021 Collaborative on Oct. 21-22: <https://outsidecollab.com/>
 - iii. Consider attending Marine Resources Council LID Conference on Oct. 21-22: <https://savetheirl.org/whats-new/lidcon/>
 - iv. Participate in VCARD Local Government Icebreaker—rescheduled to November 18 2021, 6-9pm Plaza Resort and Spa
- V. Reports:
 1. George Johnson U.S.D.A. N.R.C.S. District Conservation Agent
 2. Andy Kelly—Treasurer’s report
 3. William Bliss—Website updates?
 4. Wendy Anderson—AFCD Annual Conference
 5. Wendy Anderson—East Central Florida Regional Planning Council x Volusia County Resilience Planning Meeting
 6. Reports from Supervisors on individual initiatives
- VI. Correspondence:
 - a. mail, e-mail, phone
- VII. Presentation and Discussion with Kerry Karl, Volusia County Association for Responsible Development (VCARD)
- VIII. Old Business
 - a. Update on HOA outreach letter (attached)
 - b. Collaboration with SJRWMD, UF, County, and Stetson IWER on HOA outreach
- IX. New Business
 - a. Resolution 2021-X from Tom Burbank: Dissolution of Volusia SWCD
- X. Supervisor Remarks and Public Comments
- XI. Adjournment



[Sample Letter to HOA Boards]

September 1, 2021

Addressee

Subject: Educational Opportunity

Dear XX,

My name is Dr. Wendy Anderson, and I am currently the Chair of the Volusia Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors (VSWCD).

The VSWCD was established in 1937 by Florida Statute. The VSWCD is comprised of scientists, lawyers, engineers and conservationists. The mission statement of the VSWCD reads, “To enhance and sustain the natural resources and quality of life in Volusia County by providing science-based conservation technical assistance.” We see our role to be primarily one of advisors and educators.

As I am sure you are aware our water resources are under ever increasing pressure from both overuse and nutrient pollution that causes harmful algal blooms. In partnership with the University of Florida and the St. Johns River Water Management District, the VSWCD is working to help developers of new neighborhoods and HOA Boards and Community Managers of existing neighborhoods to implement strategies to reduce water and nutrient use in landscapes through both technological and behavioral change. Education is the key!

Thus, we are reaching out to the Boards of Directors of some of the larger Homeowners Associations in Volusia County to explore your interest in having a member of our Board speak at one of your scheduled Board meetings or to offer educational programming for your residents either in person or through online webinars. Topics could include, but not be limited to, water conservation measures, Florida-friendly landscaping practices, writing new RFPs for landscape maintenance and pond maintenance contracts, and planning for any potential future growth in the neighborhood.

If you are interested in having us help your neighborhood do its part to address the region’s water quality and quantity problems and in helping your HOA or residents save money on irrigation water and fertilizers, please feel free to contact me to coordinate a time and topic.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this matter,

Wendy Anderson, Ph.D.

Chair, Volusia Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors

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RESOLUTION 2021-X
A RESOLUTION OF THE VOLUSIA COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT, FLORIDA CALLING FOR THE DISCONTINUANCE OF THE VOLUSIA COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT IN ACCORDANCE WITH FLORIDA STATUTE 582.30 - DISCONTINUANCE OF DISTRICTS; REFERENDUM; COMMISSIONER'S AUTHORITY.

WHEREAS, the Volusia County Soil and Water Conservation District was established by FS Chapter 582 (1937) wherein Section 582.20 of said Statute (Powers of Districts and Supervisors) were set forth as follows:

- (1) To conduct surveys, studies, and research relating to soil and water resources and to publish and disseminate the results of such surveys, studies, research, and related information;
- (2) To conduct agricultural best management practices demonstration projects and projects for the conservation, protection, and restoration of soil and water resources:
 - (a) Within the district's boundaries;
 - (b) Within another district's boundaries, subject to the other district's approval;
 - (c) In areas not contained within any district's boundaries on lands owned or controlled by this state or any of its agencies, with the cooperation of the agency administering and having jurisdiction thereof; or
 - (d) On any other lands within the district's boundaries, within another district's boundaries subject to the other district's approval, or not contained within any district's boundaries upon obtaining the consent of the owner or occupier of the lands or the necessary rights or interests in such lands;
- (3) To cooperate, or enter into agreements with, any special district, municipality, county, water management district, state or federal agency, governmental or otherwise, or owner or occupier of lands within the district's boundaries, within another district's boundaries subject to the other district's approval, or not contained within any district's boundaries in furtherance of the purposes and provisions of this chapter;
- (4) To obtain options upon and to acquire, by purchase, exchange, lease, gift, grant, bequest, devise or otherwise, any property, real or personal, or rights or interests therein; to maintain, administer, and improve any properties acquired, to receive income from such properties and to expend such income in carrying out the purposes and provisions of this chapter; and to sell, lease, or otherwise dispose of any of its property or interests therein in furtherance of the purposes and provisions of this chapter;
- (5) To make available, on such terms as it shall prescribe, to any owner or occupier of lands within the district's boundaries, within another district's boundaries subject to the other district's approval, or not contained within any district's boundaries agricultural and engineering machinery and equipment, and such other material or equipment, that will assist such landowners



and occupiers to carry on operations upon their lands for the conservation and protection of soil and water resources;

(6) To construct, improve, operate, and maintain such structures as may be necessary or convenient for the performance of any of the operations authorized in this chapter;

(7) To provide, or assist in providing, training and education programs that further the purposes and provisions of this chapter;

(8) To sue and be sued in the name of the district; to have a seal, which seal shall be judicially noticed; to have perpetual succession unless terminated as provided in this chapter; to make and execute contracts and other instruments necessary or convenient to the exercise of its powers; upon a majority vote of the supervisors of the district, to borrow money and to execute promissory notes and other evidences of indebtedness in connection therewith, and to pledge, mortgage, and assign the income of the district and its personal property as security therefor, the notes and other evidences of indebtedness to be general obligations only of the district and in no event to constitute an indebtedness for which the faith and credit of the state or any of its revenues are pledged;

(9) To use, in coordination with the applicable county or counties, the services of the county agricultural agents and the facilities of their offices, if practicable and feasible. The supervisors may also employ additional permanent and temporary staff, as needed, and determine their qualifications, duties, and compensation. The supervisors may delegate to the chair, to one or more supervisors, or to employees such powers and duties as they may deem proper, consistent with the provisions of this chapter. The supervisors shall furnish to the department, upon request, copies of rules, orders, contracts, forms, and other documents that the district has adopted or used, and any other information concerning the district's activities, that the department may require in the performance of its duties under this chapter;

(10) To adopt rules to implement the provisions of this chapter; and

(11) To request that the Governor remove a supervisor for neglect of duty or malfeasance in office by adoption of a resolution at a public meeting. If the district believes there is a need for a review of the request, the district may request that the council, by resolution, review its request to the Governor and provide the Governor with a recommendation.

WHEREAS, the Volusia County Soil and Water Conservation District was established by FS Chapter 582 (1937) wherein Section 582.29 of said Statute (State agencies to cooperate) the following provision was established:

582.29 State agencies to cooperate.—Agencies of this state that have jurisdiction over, or are charged with, the administration of any state-owned lands, and of any county, or other governmental subdivision of the state, that have jurisdiction over, or are charged with the administration of, any county-owned or other publicly owned lands, shall cooperate to the fullest extent with the supervisors of such districts in the implementation of programs and operations



undertaken by the supervisors under the provisions of this chapter. The supervisors of such districts shall be given free access to enter and perform work upon such publicly owned lands.

WHEREAS, The following are statements of fact:

1. The original Powers and Duties conferred upon the Volusia Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors have, since its inception, being carried out and enforced, as a matter of law, by Federal, State and Local agencies such as:
 - State of Florida Department of Environmental Protection,
 - Florida Fish and Wildlife Service
 - United States Corps of Engineers,
 - St. Johns River Water Management District
 - Municipal Future Land Use Plans and Land Use and development regulations,
 - Et, al.

2. The Volusia Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors is unfunded and lacking resources.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE VOLUSIA COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT, IN OPEN MEETING DULY ASSEMBLED ON THIS DAY, OCTOBER 13, 2021, THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HEREBY REQUEST THE FOLLOWING:

SECTION 1. That a referendum be called for and a ballot measure be placed on the ballot on the November, 2022 election by the Volusia County Department of Elections calling for the discontinuance of the Volusia Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors at a time to be established by that authority in accordance with FS 582.30 - Discontinuance of districts; referendum; commissioner's authority.

DONE AND ORDERED IN OPEN MEETING.

Wendy Anderson, Chair,
Volusia County Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors

Date

Attest, George Johnson, District Conservationist, Date USDA Natural Resources
Conservation Service



VOLUSIA SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES

HELD 5:00 p.m. Wednesday June 9, 2021
At the University of Florida IFAS Extension
Office Conference Room 3100 E. New York
Avenue, DeLand, FL 32724
Also accessible via Zoom video conference

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) Present
- John Nelson (Vice Chair) Present
- William Bliss (Secretary) via videoconference
- Andy Kelly (Treasurer) via videoconference
- Tom Burbank (Supervisor) Present

Also in attendance:

- George Johnson, USDA/NRCS Conservationist;
- Derrick Orberg (via videoconference)
- Suzanne Scheiber (via videoconference)
- Peter Kouracos (via videoconference)

III. Approval of Minutes

- Motion to approve Minutes for May 12, 2021
- Motion made by John, seconded by Tom
- Motion passes unanimously

IV. Announcements, Website Calendar Updates:

- July 1st, AFCD regional meeting
- Sept 10, Plaza Resort, AFCD annual meeting

V. Reports

- USDA/NRCS Conservationist's Report (George Johnson)
- Report received: 6/9/21
- Total EQIP obligations will be \$389,595
- Report on local working group submitted
- Treasurer's Report (Andy Kelly)
- Bank final: \$3315,

VI. Correspondence:

- Bank report

VII. Presentation:

- No speaker on the development process was found.
- Discussion:
- Tom said he would prepare an outline on the development approval process.



- William suggested we learn on our own how the process gets changed via legislation, because we may need to act as our own experts to create videos on this process for our webinar

VIII. Old Business:

1. Webinar planning

- a. William suggested a good initial webinar would be on the development process (as per guest presentation)

IX. New Business:

1. No June Workshop planning

X. Supervisor and Guest Comments

- No Motions Suggested

XI. Adjournment:

- Motion to adjourn and hold the next regular meeting on July 14th, at 5:00 pm,
- Motion made by John, seconded by Tom.
- Vote: Motion passed unanimously
- Location: University of Florida IFAS Extension Office Conference Room 3100 E. New York Avenue, DeLand, FL 32724
- Also accessible via Zoom video conferencing at:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8049850206?pwd=c2JuOGloOWpCdWk4eEQrZDgvcmg5dz09>

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These Minutes prepared by Secretary, Wm Bliss,



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