



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

5:00 p.m. Wednesday, September 8, 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. AFCD Annual meeting in Daytona Beach on Sept. 9-10, 2021 at the Plaza Resort and Spa
 - ii. NRCS/SWCD Local Working Group Meeting, November 17, 9:30-11:00am, IFAS Extension Auditorium, Zoom available
 - iii. Consider attending OUTSIDE 2021 Collaborative on Oct. 21-22:
<https://outsidecollab.com/>
 - 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
- VI. Correspondence:
 - a. mail, e-mail, phone
- VII. Old Business
 - a. Update on HOA outreach letter (attached)
 - b. Collaboration with SJRWMD, UF, County, and Stetson IWER on HOA outreach
 - c. Reports from Supervisors on initiatives
- VIII. New Business
 - a. Discussion of SWCD’s response to County Council’s ARPA Funds distribution decisions (Wastewater treatment plant upgrades and Composting, IRL and beach protection) and Budget cuts to water quality projects grant matching fund—write letters retroactively?
- IX. Supervisor and Guest Comments
- X. Adjournment



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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