

Subject to Board Approval

Minutes of
Monthly Business Meeting

Collier Soil and Water Conservation District
14700 Immokalee Road, Naples, Florida 34120

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors was called to order **July 15, 2010** at 8:30 a.m.

Present: Supervisor Dennis Vasey, Chairman; Supervisor Stan Weiner, Vice Chairman; Supervisor Bruce Reichert, Treasurer

Excused Absence: Supervisor Jim Lang and Mr. Ramsey, District Consultant

I. Pledge of Allegiance

II. Introduction of Guests

-Mr. Jeffrey Caraballo, USDA/NRCS Puerto Rico, concluded a seven week internship, supervised by NRCS District Conservationist Ramon Ortiz. During his stay with us Mr. Caraballo was exposed to Florida farming, cattle ranching and Collier County hydrology. Mr. Caraballo is returning to Puerto Rico in two days and was presented with a Naples "coffee table" book to recognize his visit.

-Ms. Deana Bess gave a video presentation on the topic of organic farming/gardening. Discussion followed.

III. Approval of Agenda – Mr. Vasey moved to accept the Agenda, 2nd by Mr. Reichert, all ayes, Agenda approved.

IV. Approval of Minutes – June 17, 2010 Meeting Minutes were not available.

V. Finance Reports

1. June 2010 Trial Balance - Approved for audit.
2. Review Proposed 2011 Budget Policies – Reviewed and signed for file. Budget amendments and salary recommendations scheduled for August meeting.

VII. Reports

1. District Conservationist Report – NRCS District Conservationist Ramon Ortiz provided an update of his recent activities. Also, see "Introduction of Guests" above.
2. District Consultant's Report – Report presented by Mr. Vasey included a slideshow on the progress of the City of Marco Island and Everglades City median demonstration projects and the City of Naples rain garden.
3. Lower West Coast/Big Cypress Basin MIL

VIII. Old Business

1. Benfield Management Area –Invoices have been prepared and mailed to donors.
2. Discussion – Writing Competition Revisions – Mr. Vasey presented some revisions and requested Supervisor comments. The competition itself will likely be delayed until the first part of 2011.
3. Not-For-Profit Discussion – Tabled until next meeting.
4. 2009 Audit Status – Progress is being made toward completion of the audit. Supervisors will receive a draft review copy when available.

IX. New Business

1. 2010-2011 Draft Budget – Ms. Bucceri prepared a draft FY '10-'11 budget within the Budget Policies and Guidelines for the Board's review. After discussion, Mr. Vasey motioned to adopt, Mr. Reichert 2nd all Ayes.

X. Announcements/Public Comment

XI. Next Board Meeting August 19, 2010 or call of the Chairman

XII. Adjournment 10:20 a.m.