

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 **August 19, 2010** at 8:36 a.m.

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

I. Pledge of Allegiance

II. Introduction of Guests

- ◆ Ms. Lisa Koehler, Big Cypress Basin
- ◆ Mr. Tom Craven, Candidate for Collier Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor, Seat 4

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

IV. Approval of Minutes – July 16, 2010 Minutes – Mr. Weiner moved to accept, 2nd by Mr. Lang, all ayes, Minutes accepted.

V. Finance Reports

1. July 2010 Trial Balance – Mr. Vasey motioned to accept, Mr. Lang 2nd, all ayes, Finance Report accepted.

VI. Reports

1. District Conservationist Report – NRCS District Conservationist Ramon Ortiz is out of town on assignment today but provided a brief description of his recent activities
2. District Consultant's Report – Mr. Michael Ramsey, District Consultant, described his work in completing three TDR's. The District now owns 17 Properties on Benfield Drive. One additional TDR is in process. Mr. Ramsey is also completing the ROMA Spring Report. The Picayune Strand State Forest follow up is done and scheduling of November monitoring for the Fall Report is in progress.
3. Lower West Coast/Big Cypress Basin MIL – Mark Siverling and "Nik" Nikolich are in Ft. Myers yesterday and today doing outreach/educational work, manning the CSWCD booth at the annual Citrus Expo. In addition, Mr. Vasey described the certificate presentation ceremony held yesterday at the Naples City Council meeting where attendees of the Irrigation Auditor class the MIL's created and lead were given Completion Award certificates.

VII. Old Business

1. Benfield Management Area –Refer to Item VI (2) above.
2. Discussion – Writing Competition Revisions – After finalizing discussion, the Board has agreed to establish a writing contest with a modest cash prize for the winner. The competition itself will likely be delayed until the first part of 2011.
3. Not-For-Profit Discussion – Mr. Weiner motioned to approve establishment of Nor-For-Profit status, in order to provide that property donations may be recognized as a tax deduction for donors. Mr. Lang 2nd, all ayes, motion passed.
4. 2009 Audit Status – Mr. Vasey stated that the auditor should be providing completion status soon. Supervisors will receive a draft review copy when available.
5. 2010-2011 Draft Budget – Refer to VIII (1) below.
6. Discussion - HSCA Phase II – Mr. Vasey spoke about his work with Collier County representatives regarding the statement of work for the North Belle Mead Hydrologic Restoration Project (formerly Horsepen Strand Conservation Area, Phase II).

VIII. New Business

1. 2010-2011 Payroll Budget Amendment - After discussion, the Board approved a salary increase for District employees, to be effective with the next pay period.
2. Addition of a Leave Donation Policy to the Employee Handbook – After review of the proposed policy, Mr. Weiner motioned to accept, Mr. Lang 2nd, all ayes, policy approved for inclusion in the Employee Handbook.
3. Discussion - \$500 Grant – Ms. Lisa Koehler requested the District's assistance in funding her attendance to Leadership Collier, a 9-month class presented by the Naples Chamber of Commerce. After discussion, it was agreed by all that the District would provide a \$500 stipend and Ms. Koehler would in turn present regular reports and updates of her experiences in the class. Mr. Vasey motioned to approve, Mr. Weiner 2nd, all ayes, request approved.

4. Dissolution of BCB Project Review Special Committee – As the audit of SFWMD financial records is now complete, the Members voted to dissolve the committee that had been chosen to perform this work. Mr. Weiner motioned, Mr. Lang 2nd, all ayes, motion passed.

IX. Announcements/Public Comment

X. Next Board Meeting September 16, 2010 or call of the Chairman

XI. Adjournment 10:10 a.m.