

***Subject to Board Approval***

Minutes

**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 **February 17, 2011** at 8:35 a.m.

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

**I. Pledge of Allegiance**

**II. Introduction of Guests** - Mr. Jeff Schmidt, Area Conservationist, Area 4, USDA/NRCS

- Mr. Bob Beck, Soil Conservationist, USDA NRCS, Labelle Service Center

Mr. Schmidt and Mr. Beck lead discussion of the replacement process for the District Conservationist for the Collier NRCS office. Mr. Schmidt will send a written job description via email to Ms. Bucceri who will forward it to the Board members for review. The position will be open for applications early next week and will remain open for the first thirty days following that. Mr. Beck presented a DC report, as he has been following up with the applicants in Collier County since Mr. Ortiz's departure. There are 12 applications for EQUIP. Due to stricter requirements for leases, there have been two major land owners hesitant to sign leases longer than one year. Mr. Beck and Mr. Ortiz met with the owners and all active EQUIP applicants now have acceptably longer leases so work can begin soon where it hasn't already started.

**III. Approval of Agenda** – Mr. Cravens motioned, Mr. Lang 2<sup>nd</sup>, all ayes, Agenda approved

**IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes** - January, 2011 – Mr. Weiner motioned, Mr. Cravens 2<sup>nd</sup>. All ayes, Minutes approved

**V. Finance Reports**

Trial Balance – January, 2011 Mr. Vasey motioned, Mr. Weiner 2<sup>nd</sup>. Finance reports accepted for audit

**VI. Reports:**

1. District Consultant's Report – Mr. Ramsey was absent from this meeting.
2. Lower West Coast/Big Cypress Basin MIL – N/A
3. Leadership Collier Reporting – Ms. Lisa Koehler electronically delivered her report for supervisor review and comment.

**VII. Old Business**

1. 2010 Audit Status – Mark Stout presented Ms. Bucceri with a small list of selections for testing to continue moving forward with the 2010 audit. He will be coming by the district office in the next few days to review those items.
2. Draft VPU Brochure – Mr. Vasey reviewed the VPU brochure for Board members' comment. He is meeting with Ms. Diane Flagg of Collier County Code Department to discuss the use of a mitigation program like this with builders/owners who violate code department laws.
3. Planting Demonstration Update - Mr. Vasey reported on the current condition of the planting demonstrations done on Marco Island and in Everglades City. All is well, with the exception of only two trees that died due to heavy rains and flooding.
4. North Belle Meade Flowway Restoration Update – Mr. Vasey explained the restoration plan is currently being reviewed by the FDEP. It seems there have been a few delays but that's expected. This also gives the contractor more time to work with the proposal.

**VIII. New Business**

1. Lake Management Evaluation Program – Mr. Vasey led discussion of excavated ponds regulation.

**IX. Announcements/Public Comment**

**X. Next Board Meeting:** March 17, 2011 or call of the Chairman

**XI. Adjourn:** 9:50 a.m.