

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 **March 17, 2011** at 8:30 a.m.

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

Absent: Supervisor Jim Lang

- I. **Pledge of Allegiance**
 - II. **Introduction of Guests**
 - III. **Approval of Agenda** – Mr. Cravens motioned, Mr. Lang 2nd, all ayes, Agenda approved
 - IV. **Approval of Meeting Minutes - February, 2011** – Mr. Vasey motioned, Mr. Cravens 2nd. All ayes, Minutes approved
 - V. **Finance Reports**
Trial Balance – February, 2011 Mr. Vasey motioned, Mr. Weiner 2nd. Finance reports accepted for audit
 - VI. **Reports:**
 1. District Consultant's Report – Mr. Ramsey has completed and filed the 2010 Fall ROMA Report. The first and follow-up treatments of the ROMA area are finished. He is still considering when to do the controlled burn of the area as the ongoing weather conditions are not appropriate for burning. Mr. Ramsey is also working with the Army Corps of Engineers to have CSWCD approved as a mitigation bank. He will keep the Board updated on any progress made.
 2. Lower West Coast/Big Cypress Basin MIL – See Item X2, under New Business below.
 3. Leadership Collier Reporting – Ms. Lisa Koehler electronically delivered her report for supervisor review and comment.
 - VII. **Old Business**
 1. 2010 Audit Status – Ms. Bucceri has prepared an amended Form 941 for the end of 2009 and submitted it to Mr. Stout for his review and comments. We await his response. Mr. Reichert agreed to draft the MD&A portion of the audit for FY2010.
 2. North Belle Meade Flowway Restoration Update – Mr. Vasey suggested this be set aside for now, as the FDEP, a potential partner in this project, continues to respond unenthusiastically in discussions to the proposed agreement.
 3. VPU Brochure – Mr. Vasey asked for comments/suggestions regarding the brochure for the vegetative purchase units (or VPU's) from the Board members. All gave their approval of the design. Mr. Vasey explained he would give the brochures to Collier County Code Enforcement for their use and public distribution.
 - VIII. **New Business**
 1. Annual Work Plan, 2011 – Mr. Vasey reviewed the plan for the members and opened discussions and additions for 2011 projects.
 2. Proposed MIL Reorganization – Mr. Vasey presented the idea of changes between the MIL labs. William Gaddis will become the AG lab technician and work more closely with Mark Siverling. James Nikolich will move to the Urban lab and respond to requests for irrigation evaluations from local area residents. The board agreed. It was further agreed that this reorganization would take effect Monday, April 4, 2011.
 3. Draft Separation Procedure – Ms. Bucceri drafted a separation procedure, as previously, there has not been any formal guidance/policy for separation in the employee handbook. A revised version will be added to the handbook, and an Exit Interview Questionnaire will be added to files for future needs.
- Note:** Toward the end of the meeting, general discussion turned to the application process for the District Conservationist's replacement. It was suggested that Mr. Robert Beck would be the logical choice for that position, given his vast experience in this office, particularly when Collier County has been "between" DC's. He personally knows all of the programs' applicants in our area and has been managing these accounts since at least January 1 of this year, in some cases even longer. Mr. Weiner agreed to send a message to Mr. Jeff Schmidt, of the USDA, on behalf of the Board of Supervisors showing support of Mr. Beck's assignment here.
- IX. **Announcements/Public Comment**
 - X. **Next Board Meeting:** April 21, 2011 or call of the Chairman
 - XI. **Adjourn:** 9:10 a.m.