

*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 20, 2014** at 8:30 a.m.

Present: Supervisor Dennis Vasey, Chairman; Supervisor Stan Weiner, Vice-Chairman; Supervisor Jim Lang; Supervisor Bruce Reichert, Treasurer. Absent: Supervisor Clarence Tears

**I. Pledge of Allegiance**

**II. Introduction of Guests** – Mr. Jerry Jones, Libertarian, resident of Collier County

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

**IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes** – January, 2014 – Minutes not available yet. Upon completion, Ms. Bucceri will forward to all for review.

**V. Finance Reports** – January, 2014 Trial Balance – *Note: As approved at the October 24, 2013 Board meeting, a contribution in support of the 2014 Land Judging Contest was sent to the Highlands County Soil and Water Conservation District on February 10, 2014. Additionally, Ms. Bucceri has most recently received the BCB MIL Lab quarterly check payment and has sold one Benfield Report CD from the CSWCD website offering.* Mr. Lang motioned, Mr. Reichert 2<sup>nd</sup>, all ayes, Finance Reports accepted for audit.

**VI. Reports**

1. District Conservationist's Report – Mr. Bob Beck, District Conservationist – Mr. Beck discussed the passing of the 2014 Farm Bill. It is not clear yet what effect this will have on program applications. Collier Enterprises/Barron Collier Companies now issue three year-long leases to farmers and ranchers, so the NRCS can offer their programs to area applicants. Minimum lease term for NRCS is three years. Mr. Beck described how the incentive plans work.
2. Environmental Manager's Report – Mr. Michael Ramsey, Environmental Manager – Mr. Ramsey stated he's had no requests for work for the past three months.
3. Lower West Coast/Big Cypress Basin MIL

**VII. Old Business**

1. Update-ACOE ROMA Mitigation Acceptance Issue - Per Mr.'s Vasey and Ramsey, the current Permittee Responsible ROMA could be changed to an In-Lieu Fee type if ACOE would approve the program change.

**VIII. New Business**

1. White Paper: Crucial Habitat Assessment Tool (CHAT)-Reviewed and discussed by the members.
2. Guidance on Initiating Required Annual Civil Rights & Equal Opportunity-Mr. Jeff Schmidt, Area Conservationist, was unable to attend. Rather than reschedule for a third time, the Board reviewed and reaffirmed pages five and six of the 2013 CSWCD Employee Handbook ensuring compliance with the NRCS Civil Rights and Equal Opportunity guidance.
3. LincPass Requirements - Mr. Jeff Schmidt, Area Conservationist - After this meeting, it was subsequently deemed that the District Administrator shall not be required to obtain a LincPass ID, as she has no need for access to NRCS/USDA computers/electronic equipment.

**IX. Announcements/Public Comment**

**X. Next Board Meeting** – March 20, 2014 or call of the Chairman.

**XI. Adjournment** – Mr. Lang motioned, Mr. Reichert 2<sup>nd</sup>, all Ayes, adjournment called at 9:30 a.m.