

*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 **January 17, 2013** at 8:45 a.m.

Present: Supervisor Dennis Vasey; Supervisor Stan Weiner; Supervisor Jim Lang

Absent: Supervisor Bruce Reichert, Treasurer

**NOTE:** As Supervisor Weiner was re-elected to Seat 2 in the 2012 general election, following the Pledge of Allegiance today, Chairman Vasey conducted Supervisor Weiner's swearing-in ceremony before proceeding with the meeting.

**I. Pledge of Allegiance**

**II. Introduction of Guests**

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

**IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes** - October, November, December, 2012 – Mr. Vasey motioned, Mr. Weiner 2<sup>nd</sup>, all ayes, Meeting Minutes approved for audit

**V. Finance Reports** - October, November, December, 2012 – Mr. Vasey motioned, Mr. Lang 2<sup>nd</sup>, all ayes, Finance Reports approved for audit

**VI. Reports**

1. District Conservationist's Report – Mr. Bob Beck, District Conservationist, reviewed his report with the members, noting the EQIP 2013 program will continue under the 2008 Farm Bill rules. No timeline has been established yet but planning for the current applications is starting. Several job openings around SW Florida, such as Soil Conservationist, Soil Conservationist Tech and Indian Liaison are taking applications for consideration.
2. District Consultant's Report – Mr. Michael Ramsey – Mr. Ramsey has been preparing to conduct a controlled burn within Picayune Strand State Forest ROMA area and is awaiting the availability of the necessary equipment and for weather conditions to be safe to do so. He is continuing his efforts and anticipates being able to perform the burn soon. He is also working to complete the ROMA Fall 2012 report and the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual 2010 ROMA Vegetation Monitoring report.
3. Lower West Coast/Big Cypress Basin MIL

**VII. Old Business**

1. Marco Island Update – Mr. James "Nik" Nikolich, BCB MIL Technician, will be in Marco Island this morning and will take pictures to show the progress of the District's plantings since it's completion.
2. Pollution Control Reporting Progress – This project has proved quite successful as Collier County officials will be adopting this program and it's protocols to study retention ponds within the county.

**VIII. New Business**

1. Resolution: Termination of Malibu Lakes/Land Trust Account – Mr. Vasey motioned, Mr. Weiner 2<sup>nd</sup>, all ayes, Resolution accepted.
2. Creation of Environmental Manager Position – It was further agreed that the position of Environmental Manager will be created and funded by the transfer of funds from the land trust account to the general operating fund. This position will be filled by Mr. Michael Ramsey beginning January 28, 2013.
3. Horticultural Waste Operation – Mr. Vasey learned of what appears to be an illegal waste disposal operation in the Golden Gate Estates area and reported the location to Mr. Nick Biondo, Chief, Fire Prevention Bureau East Naples Fire Control & Rescue District.

4. Appreciation of Service Acknowledgment – Ms. Bucceri has not received the requested appreciation letter for Mr. Cravens from the governor’s office. When it arrives she will forward it to him.
5. Management Review & Analysis Draft – The MD&A was distributed for supervisors’ review for inclusion in the 2011-2012 audit report.
6. Recap of Informal Meeting with Chairman, Big Cypress Basin
7. Recap of Pelican’s Nest Presentation

**IX. Announcements/Public Comment** – Mr. Vasey announced a proposed new project for 80 donated acres on property within the Twin Eagles community’s new development area. It will be very similar to the Benfield project. Mr. Ramsey will develop an estimated cost for the District to manage the property.

**X. Next Board Meeting** – February 21, 2013 or call of the Chairman.

**XI. Adjournment** – Adjournment was called at 9:05 a.m.