

Regular Meeting Minutes
Collier Soil and Water Conservation District (CSWCD)
IFAS Extension Center
14700 Immokalee Rd., Naples, FL 34120

A regular monthly board meeting of the board of supervisors was called to order on May 16th, 2024 at 9:02 am.

Present: Rob Griffin, James Nikolich, Santos Colberg, Meghan Foos, and Heather Cleckler.
Unable to attend: Jess Morris and Jillian Sanchez

I. Pledge of Allegiance

II. Approval of Agenda Supervisor Heather Cleckler makes request to add scheduling a bank meeting to move banks under New Business. Supervisor Heather Cleckler makes a motion to approve agenda with added New Business, Supervisor Meghan Foos seconds.

III. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes Supervisor Meghan Foos makes a motion to approve regular meeting minutes from April 2024, Supervisor Heather Cleckler seconds

IV. Reports

- a.** District Conservationist's Report: Mr. Santos Colberg reports that he is currently working on 2024 CSP and EQIP preapproved applications. Deadline is 7/26/2024 and taking applications for 2025 funding. He reports the following: There are 28 total applications for CSP, 19 already preapproved (3 preapproved CSP applications in Collier County, 16 in Lee County). Mr. Colberg also reports a total of 102 applications for 2024 EQIP. The prediction for EQIP funding this year will total approximately \$1.5-\$1.8 million (More than double last year's funding). Mr. Colberg also informed the board about the top 5 RC selected at last month's LWG meeting with a total of 10 participants in attendance. He was also pleased to inform the board that Mr. Juan Hernandez, our state conservationist, will be able to attend next month's CSWCD meeting in Marco Island. He also shared that he may have a potential candidate to hire to help him in the NRCS office.
- b.** Financials: Supervisor Heather Cleckler makes a motion to approve the April 2024 Financial Report, Supervisor Meghan Foos seconds.
- c.** District Status Report: Mr. James Nikolich shared with the board that the CPA is working with the OPPAGA team. He then informed that board that the March invoice has been deposited for \$9,419.12 and the April Invoice has been approved for \$7,377.07 Mr. Nikolich reports that he completed 14 evaluations in April for the FDACS contracts. He has completed 5 evaluations so far for the month of May and has 5 more scheduled before the end of the month. Mr. Nikolich has hope that the OPPAGA review is almost complete. He also shared that FDACS contract manager James Fort has started the 5% increase at the end of April and has retro paid back to December 1, 2023 (not July 2023) and the increase was received.
- d.** Chairman's Report: Chairman Rob Griffin informs the board that the information on elections is still up in the air and decisions on District Soil and Water Boards from Tallahassee have not been made yet.

- e. Secretary's Report: Supervisor Heather Cleckler refers to regular meeting minutes for her report
- f. Treasurer's Report: Supervisor Meghan Foos informs the board that the trailer has been approved for use on June 3rd for a Collier Leadership event. She is happy to report a lot of interest and request for the trailer in future events. Supervisor Foos has also requested an inquiry to see if Soil and Water Districts would be interested in sponsorship for future events that the trailer would be utilized.
- g. Supervisors' Reports: Supervisor Jess Morris and Supervisor Jillian Sanchez were unable to attend today's meeting so there is no report.

V. Old Business

- a. Chairman Rob Griffin shared information on elections in his chairman report above. All board members will visit the elections office this month to complete all forms needed for the election season.
- b. Supervisor Heather Cleckler and Supervisor Jess Morris have completed an Ethics Course online. The other board members, Chairman Rob Griffin, Supervisor Meghan Foos, and Supervisor Jillian Sanchez will complete their course requirements at the upcoming area meeting on March 23rd. Chairman Rob Griffin made a motion to reimburse Supervisor Heather Cleckler and Supervisor Jess Morris the \$75.00/each for the cost for the online course they completed. Supervisor Meghan Foos seconds.

VI. New Business

- a. The June CSWCD meeting will be held at this year's Florida Cattlemens' Association Convention in Marco Island on June 20, 2024 at 10:00am.
- b. Supervisor Meghan Foos and Supervisor Heather Cleckler scheduled a meeting at First 1 Bank Immokalee to begin the process of moving banks on Friday, May 17th at 11:00am.

VII. Next regular Board of Supervisors Meeting will be June 20, 2024 at 10:00am

VIII. Meeting adjourned at 10:07am