

**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 December 19, 2024 at 9:06 am

Present: Rob Griffin, James Nikolich, Meghan Foos, Heather Cleckler, and Jillian Sanchez.

**I. Pledge of Allegiance**

**II. Approval of Agenda** Supervisor Meghan Foos made a motion to add “Christmas bonus for James Nikolich” under new business. Supervisor Heather Cleckler seconds. Supervisor Jillian Sanchez made a motion to approve the agenda with the added subject of new business. Supervisor Meghan Foos seconds.

**III. Approval of Regular Minutes** Supervisor Meghan Foos made a motion to approve the regular minutes. Supervisor Jillian Sanchez seconds.

**IV. Reports**

**a. District Conservationist’s Report:** Santos Colberg was not in attendance so there was no new update from the district.

**b. Financial’s Report:** Supervisor Meghan Foos made a motion to approve the November financial report. Supervisor Jillian Sanchez seconds.

**c. District Status Report:** Mr. James Nikolich informed the board that he has completed 11 evaluations so far for December 2024. He also shared the September and October invoices (\$8,673.01 and \$7881.13 respectively) have been deposited. The November invoice for \$10,420.74 is still waiting approval. Camilo made an office visit and everything went well. Mr. Nikolich informed the board that the 2018 Chevy truck was picked up for the MIL vehicle and will be plated and title transferred after this board meeting. He stated that the current vehicle’s tag and insurance is good until the new vehicle is tagged and registered. He made the suggestion to take the current vehicle to a rural auction, next one being on February 28, 2025, in Ft. Myers. Supervisor Meghan Foos made a motion to sell the CSWCD current vehicle at the next rural auction in February. Supervisor Jillian Sanche second. Meghan Foos will also get in touch with Mark Stout about the financial logistics for selling the truck.

**d. Chairman’s Report:** Chairman Rob Griffin informed the board that the AFCD website is down until notice. He will contact someone to check on the status.

**e. Secretary’s Report:** Supervisor Heather Cleckler refers to regular meeting minutes

**f. Treasurer’s Report:** Supervisor Meghan Foos reports that the Glades/Hendry County Agventure event was a huge success. She also suggests the CSWCD hosting a poster contest for the youth of Collier County. She made a motion to approve organizing a poster contest for 2025 (entries due February 28, 2025). Supervisor Heather Cleckler seconds. Supervisor Heather Cleckler will reach out

to Collier County private and charter schools to offer the contest to those students as well. Supervisor Meghan Foos also informed the board that she would be working on the CSWCD trailer over Christmas break and would welcome any help.

**g. Supervisor's Report:** Miss Jillian Sanchez shared with the board that she mailed in all the forms and payments for all board members' oath of office.

**V. Old Business** The board revisited the subject of donating to IFAS to hire a person for a part-time position to organize future AgVentures. Supervisor Meghan Foos contacted Mark Stout to see if such a donation would be acceptable. Mark Stout sent the information to Jim Davis and they both stated that it would be fine to make such a donation. Mrs. Foos provided a detailed summary of the donation request to each board member. She also made a suggestion that instead of a lump sum of \$27,000, to break the donation down into quarterly payments with the inclusion of a quarterly report from the new hired employee. Chairman Rob Griffin would like a more detailed job description and more structure on how this employee could possibly help the CSWCD as well. He requested more time to discuss the topic and asked if Lindsey Crum could attend our next regular board meeting to discuss it further.

**VI. New Business**

- a. There is no new information about the upcoming AFCD meeting
- b. Supervisor Meghan Foos made a motion to give Mr. James Nikolich a \$1500.00 Christmas bonus. Supervisor Jillian Sanchez seconds.

**Next regular board meeting will be held on January 16, 2025**

**VII. Meeting adjourned at 10:27am**