

# HIGHLANDS SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT MINUTES

## November 2, 2010

The regular meeting of the Supervisors of the Highlands Soil and Water Conservation District was called to order by Wayne Zahn at 3:09 p.m., Tuesday, November 2, 2010 at the Bert J. Harris, Jr. Agricultural Center, Conference Room 3, 4509 George Blvd., Sebring, FL.

**Supervisors present:** John Causey, Gregg Hartt, Ida Jackson, and Wayne Zahn

**Supervisors absent:** Jimmy Wohl

**Staff present:** Jackie Bailey, Office Manager  
Corine Burgess, Environmental Specialist  
Vicki Pontius, Director of Parks and Natural Resources

**Guests:** Pam Fentress, Bo Griffin (FDACS), Audrey Vickers, Deborah Worley (City of Lake Placid)

- I. Call to order 3:09 p.m., meeting notice, introductions (Zahn)
- II. Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve (Hartt/Causey) Vote: unanimous approval
- III. Minutes of October 4, 2010 Budget Workshop. Motion to approve with addition of “Proposed budget” and change adjournment from p.m. to a.m. (Causey/Jackson) Vote: unanimous approval. Minutes of October 5, 2010. Motion to approve with correction of dates in the announcements. (Causey/Jackson) Vote: unanimous approval.
- IV. New Business
- V. Action
  1. Storage and Treatment amendment  
Motion to approve Amendment 2 which increases the length of the contract by one year and increases funds by \$68,250.00.  
(Causey/Jackson) Vote: unanimous approval.
- VI. Financial Activity
  1. Overview of Financial Report (Causey/Hartt) Vote: unanimous approval  
Betty Simmons created a Balance Sheet, Balance Sheet Detail, Profit and Loss, Profit and Loss by Class, Profit and Loss Budget vs. Actual to be presented to the Board. Which of these reports would the Board like produced monthly? The consensus of the Board was to invite Betty to the next meeting to explain the benefits of each report and to decide at that time which reports they would like to see and when.  
  
Motion to request that a letter be written to any bank or financial institution that HSWCD does business with to authorize that Betty Simmons is furnished with account statements electronically. (Jackson/Causey) Vote: unanimous approval.
  2. Contract Activities Report (Causey/Hartt) Vote: unanimous approval  
Jackie informed the Supervisors that a payment made in Contract SSBMP 15766 had been changed to FRESP 16021 per FDACS requests. A check for admin fees

will also be written from FRESP16021 to SSBMP15766 to cover the check that was cashed.

VII. Old Business

1. MIL – Corine informed the Board that upper management has requested Diane Jacobson, Horticulturist for Highlands County Extension Service serve as Project Manager for the MIL. A letter was sent to SWFWMD informing them of the change.
2. Crop cover –Vicki will have Clell contact the Board with the site that has been chosen. This is a pilot project as an alternative to remove phosphorus from the Istokpoga Marsh Improvement District.
3. Northern Everglades/Estuaries Protection Act (NEEPA) – Bo Griffin informed the Board FDACS has been holding public meetings with cow/calf operations to educate producers on Environmental Services Programs.

VIII. Announcements

1. Conference Call with Jeff Eisenberg, November 3 at 10a.m.
2. CCC Festival, November 6, 2010
3. Lake Watch Picnic, November 7, 2010 1p.m.
4. Regional Envirothon, December 10, 2010
5. NACD National Conference, Jan 30-Feb 2, 2011, Nashville, Tn.

IX. Updates

1. Local Working Group meeting, No quorum. Will be rescheduled.
2. Ag Venture, October 26, 27, and 28, 2010. 750 third graders attended.
3. Arbuckle Creek Clean Up, October 30, 2010. 24 volunteers participated.

X. Citizens not on the agenda

1. Deborah Worley presented a picture of the Lake Clay Project. She announced the SWFWMD Governing Board will be in Lake Placid on November 10, 2010 at 11:00 until 11:45 to walk the project area. HSWCD Supervisors are invited to participate.

The next Board meeting was set for December 7, 2010.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:15p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Recording Secretary

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Chairman