

VOLUSIA SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

MEETING MINUTES

HELD 5:00 p.m. Wednesday August 11, 2021

At the University of Florida IFAS Extension
Office Conference Room 3100 E. New York
Avenue, DeLand, FL 32724

Also accessible via Zoom video conference

I. Call to Order: Pledge of Allegiance & Moment of Silence: Meeting was called to order by Chair Dr. Wendy Anderson, who chaired the meeting.

II. Record of Attendance:

Supervisor Roll Call:

- Wendy Anderson (Chair)
- John Nelson (Vice Chair)
- William Bliss (Secretary) via videoconference
- Andy Kelly (Treasurer) via videoconference
- Tom Burbank (Supervisor) Absent

Also in attendance:

- George Johnson, USDA/NRCS Conservationist;
- Maureen Ledda
- Patricia Cobb
- Connor Haugen (Associate Supervisor)
- Jim Durocher

III. Approval of Minutes

- Edits were made to the resolutions appended to last month's Minutes
- Minutes for last month's meeting (July 9) were presented for approval.
 - **Motion** made by: John, to approve these minutes
 - Seconded by: Tom
 - Vote: Unanimous Yes, Motion passed.

IV. Announcements, Website Calendar Updates:

- Sept 9-10, Plaza Resort, AFCD annual meeting
 - <https://afcd.us/afcd-annual-meeting/>
- Ongoing webinar series by Volusia County Environmental Management Division
- VCARD Meet & Greet, September 30, 2021, 6-9pm Plaza Resort and Spa

V. Reports

- USDA/NRCS Conservationist's Report (George Johnson)
 - Report submitted & received:
 - New conservationist coming

- Working group meetings will be held sooner in coming years
 - Expanding to include Flagler
- Treasurer's Report (Andy Kelly)
 - Annual financial forms were submitted
 - Oct 2019 to 2020
 - Bank final: \$3,315.09, on July 31

VI. Correspondence:

- Letter from M, K Ledda, About Mosquito Lagoons.

VII. Presentation: Jim Durocher, East Central Regional Direct for Florida Rights Network

Approved Petitions for FL5.org, Started with Orange County, passed by 89% of voters.

- **Florida Right to Clean Water**
- Motion: Made by Andy, to support the adoption of the Florida Right to Clean Water amendment to the Florida constitution.
 - Second by Wm
 - Vote:
 - Wendy, William, Andy, Tom: **Yes**
 - John: **No**
 - Motion carries

Additional Petitions currently under review

- **Florida Iconic Species Protection**
- **Florida Wetlands Protection Amendment**
- **Captive Wildlife Hunting Ban**
- **Toll Road Expansion Ban**

VIII. Old Business:

1. Avalon Development: Discussion
 - a. Planning to do more tours of good development
2. Stetson: Reopening the Smart Growth program
 - a. Action Items:
 - i. Map A, wildlife corridor
3. Webinars & Public Lecture Series
 - a. Goals:
 - i. Assist top scientists to educate the public on important matters.
 - ii. Do this by organizing a public lecture series.
 - iii. Back this up with online recordings and live telecasting.

IX. New Business:

1. Tom volunteered to write a letter to HOAs letting them know we are available to speak to their organizations.
2. New Website

- a. Connor will introduce me to Amy who is in charge of this new website.

X. Supervisor and Guest Comments

- Maureen Ledda: Concerned about water quality going south from Daytona Beach
- Patricia Cobb: Restoration Act
 - Asked about spending
 - Southeast mosquito lagoon

XI. Adjournment:

- Motion to adjourn and hold the next meeting on September 8th **at 5:00 pm**,
Using an online Zoom based meeting at this link
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8049850206?pwd=c2JuOGloOWpCdWk4eEQrZDgvcmg5dz09>
Meeting ID: 804 985 0206
Password: SWCD
 - Motion made by John, seconded by Tom
 - Vote: Motion passed unanimously

These Minutes prepared by Secretary, Wm Bliss,