

# VOLUSIA SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

## MEETING MINUTES

HELD 5:00 p.m. Wednesday July 13, 2022  
At the University of Florida IFAS Extension  
Office Conference Room 3100 E. New York  
Avenue, DeLand, FL 32724

I. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order by Chair Dr. Wendy Anderson,

### II. Record of Attendance:

#### Supervisor Roll Call:

- Wendy Anderson (Chair)
- John Nelson (Vice Chair)
- William Bliss (Secretary)
- Andy Kelly (Treasurer) Absent
- Vacant

#### Also in attendance:

- Brian Zielinski, (USDA/NRCS District Conservationist);
  - Certified Wildlife Biologist
- James Brinton (Supervisor Elect)

### III. Approval of Minutes

- No Minutes were presented for approval.

### IV. Announcements, Website Calendar Updates:

- None

### V. Reports

- USDA/NRCS Conservationist's Report (Brian Zielinski)
  - Report received:
  - Discussion on planning of Local Working Group Meeting for October meeting (2nd Wednesday)
- Treasurer's Report (Wendy)
  - Annual report due, Andy completed this
- President's Report (Wendy)
  - SB 1078
    - We need to find "farmers" willing to fill the Supervisor's seats
    - New Supervisor Elects:
      - 1) Austin Spivey
        - Arborist and Horticulturist
      - 2) James Francis Brinton
        - Organic farming

- 3) Mike Simpson
    - Commercial irrigation specialist
  - 4) Wendy Anderson
    - Educator,
    - Dir. Sustainable Food Systems Program
    - BOD of an international food distribution company
  - 5) Kristine Cunningham
    - Solar energy sales
- Attended AFCD area 3 meeting:
  - AS Lynn Peterson did not have enough time to run for a seat.
  - Making Echo advisory board presentation, tomorrow.
  - Asked by 2 Rotary Clubs, which have an environmental arm,
    - E.g. pollinator gardens
    - Duke Energy has a pollinator garden promotion fund.
  - Communication with VCARD: Catalog of LID examples around the county.
  - Seat 3 is still open. Should we fill it?
    - Discussion about promoting SWCD and the winning candidate's resume.
    - Chair will advertise this short term position.
  - Discussion on the process of passing resolutions.
  - Discussion on us offering soil and water health workshops.

#### VI. Correspondence:

- None

#### VII. Old Business:

1. None revisited

#### VIII. New Business:

1. Submission of SWCD grant proposal (Wendy)
  - a. For urban tree plantings (will be emailed), due on the 25th
  - b. **Motion** to approve grant for tree planting submission:
    - i. By John
    - ii. Second by William
    - iii. Vote: Unanimous

#### IX. Supervisor and Guest Comments

- None

#### X. Adjournment:

- **Motion** to adjourn till next meeting (working group) on August 10th **at 5:00 pm**,
  - Motion made by William, seconded by John
  - Vote: Motion passed unanimously

These Minutes prepared by Secretary, Wm Bliss,