

VOLUSIA SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

MEETING MINUTES

HELD 5:00 p.m. Wednesday February 9, 2022

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

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)
- Andy Kelly (Treasurer) Absent
- Tom Burbank (Supervisor)

Also in attendance:

- George Johnson, USDA/NRCS Conservationist retired
- Yesmaric Chaparro-Feneque, District Conservationist (East Palatka)
- Conrad Wysocki, Soil Conservationist

III. Approval of Minutes

- Minutes for last month's meeting (Dec 8) were presented for approval.
 - **Motion** made by: John, to approve these minutes
 - **Seconded** by: William
 - **Motion Passes:** Unanimous

IV. Announcements, Website Calendar Updates:

- No calendar updates
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V. Reports

- President's Report (Wendy)
 - Attended March 3rd, LID meeting
 - Met with Lynn and county forester
- Discussion of HB 783 and SB 1
 - The Southridge Golf Course/Beresford Reserve was back in review by the DeLand City Commission on Jan 31st. 3-2 to rezone the property.
 - VCARD is planning a sit down to discuss LID permitting, at Aquatic Center, March 3 or 4.
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- Treasurer's Report (Andy)

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- USDA/NRCS Conservationist's Report (Yesmaric)
 - Report submitted & received:

VI. Correspondence:

- N/A

VII. Presentation:

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VIII. Old Business:

- Update of Tree Planting Plans
 - Lynn out of country
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- William's Resolution: 2021-1: Biodiversity Enhancement Resolution
 - **Motion**, by Wm to approve this revised resolution
 - **Seconded** by John
 - Discussion
 - John will send William his draft revisions
 - **Vote**: Unanimous with conditions
- Resolution 2022-2: concerning the legislation to abolish Districts.
 - **Motion** by Wm to Table, seconded by Tom
 - **Vote**: Unanimous.
- Resolution 2022-3: Three Islands North project in Deltona (Tom)
 - **Motion** to approve made by Tom, seconded by William
 - **Vote**: Unanimous

IX. New Business:

- Discussion on Envirothon
 - **Motion** to financially sponsor made by William, seconded by Tom
 - **Vote**: Unanimous
- Discussion of Tom's withdrawal from the Board
 - Wendy will draft a letter of resignation
- Discussion of MOU, written by William
 - Idea is to ask the County to sponsor us with \$2,000 / year in exchange for our work of educating the public. Suggestion is that Wendy present this MOU to the appropriate county staff so they may use their discretionary funds.
 - **Motion** to approve MOU and approach county staff, made by William,
 - **Second** by Tom
 - **Vote**: Unanimous
- Presentation of Lifetime Achievement Award to George Johnson
 - This is the first lifetime achievement award given out by the District.
 - **Motion** made by William to award this honor upon George Johnson,
 - **Second** by John
 - **Vote**: Unanimous

X. Supervisor and Guest Comments

- None

XI. Adjournment:

- Motion to adjourn and hold the next meeting on April **13th, 2022 at 5:00 pm**,
 - **Motion:** made by Tom, seconded by Wm
 - **Vote:** Unanimously

These Minutes prepared by Secretary, Wm Bliss,