

Nassau Soil & Water Conservation District

Regular Meeting

September 9, 2024

5:30pm

INVOCATION: The meeting was called to order at 5:36. Invocation lead by Chairman Woehrle.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Supervisor Wentz made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Seconded by Supervisor Caswell. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT: Supervisor Caswell made a motion to approve the financial report. Seconded by Supervisor Wentz. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

There being no recent activity on either Lake Hampton Dam or Thomas Creek, the items were tabled for now.

NEW BUSINESS:

Annual Budget – DC Cahill presented the tentative annual budget to the board, noting the changes recommended by our accountant and the auditing firm Mauldin and Jenkins. She also noted minor fluctuations in administrative items such as an increase in PO box pricing.

Motion to approve the annual budget was made by Supervisor Caswell, seconded by Supervisor Wentz. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor-elect Green mentioned finding alternative sources of funding for our board. DC Cahill said it's possible because there are grants available for many items but was not sure exactly what programs are available. She mentioned a website where the board can see the grants available and sent them each a link to the NRCS website as well as the FL Dept of Agriculture's local grant and BMP list.

DC Cahill mentioned that one of the items Mauldin and Jenkins recommended was creating an annual work plan. DC Cahill said she'd like to ask district conservationist, Yesmarie Chapparro-Fenique to be present when we work on the work plan as she may be able to lend more detailed assistance since she would be more familiar with the programs available. The board agreed.

DISTRICT COORDINATOR'S REPORT:

DC Cahill went over the new requirements that the legislature recently approved for special districts like ours. (see handout)

DC Cahill said she'd received a public records request regarding the number of employees we have. She said it is an annual request, and she had fulfilled it.

DC Cahill said she'd spoken to Maria Pearson with the Supervisor of Elections office in reference to when the board should instate Supervisor-elect Amy Green. It was the opinion of the SOE's office that,

since we voted to follow the board of county commissioner's elections cycles, we should wait until January to instate Supervisor-elect Green.

For reference, the elections cycle is as follows: Districts 1, 3, and 5 are up for reelection in presidential years. Districts 2 and 4 are up for reelection in gubernatorial years.

Individual Supervisor's Reports:

There being none, the meeting was adjourned at 6:15pm.