

Nassau Soil & Water Conservation District

September 8, 2025 – 5:00pm

Regular Meeting

INVOCATION: The meeting was convened at 5:05 with Chairman Woehrle providing the invocation. Supervisors Woehrle, Bellar, Caswell, Green, and Wentz were in attendance. Yesmarie Chapparro-Feneque from NRCS was also in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the previous meeting were approved by Supervisor Caswell, seconded by Supervisor Green. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT: The financial report was approved by Supervisor Wentz, seconded by Supervisor Green. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Lake Hampton & Thomas Creek** - District Coordinator, Cari Cahill, reported that she had not heard anything new regarding Lake Hampton or Thomas Creek. She said she is keeping them on the agenda for now, so they do not fall to the wayside.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Budget** - DC Cahill presented the tentative budget to the board. The annual financial report from our accountant, Hartke and Najimy, indicated that we were slightly over budget from the previous year. This is not due to discrepancies or malfeasance; it's simply a product of the current economy as well as increased requirements for special districts. DC Cahill reminded the board to account for the AFCD no longer sponsoring the website. Websites for special districts are now required by the state of Florida. She said there is a checklist of items the state requires the website to have as well. After much discussion, the board agreed to increase the annual budget to \$27,845, which more accurately reflects actual expenditures as well as the projected increases in costs across the board. A motion was made by Supervisor Green to approve the budget, seconded by Supervisor Caswell. Motion carried.
- **AFCD** – DC Cahill said she'd received an email regarding AFCD. Apparently, a small group of people previously associated with the AFCD were trying to elect a new board. DC Cahill reminded the board that the AFCD had inexplicably disbanded earlier in the year. Chairman Woehrle asked if we knew any of the people who were trying to bring the board back. DC Cahill said she was not familiar with any of the names. Supervisor Wentz asked if there was anything the AFCD could do that we could not do ourselves. DC Cahill said AFCD generally sends out monthly emails reminding everyone of the things required to keep the board square with the state. She said they also provided the funding for our website due to a grant they'd received. However, that was coming to an end soon. She said in her opinion, there is nothing the AFCD provides for soil & water boards that DC Cahill doesn't already do for Nassau S&W. Chairman Woehrle said it was his opinion that we should give the new AFCD board a year to see what they

do. If they are beneficial, we will consider joining. The board informally agreed and a motion was not required.

NRCS - Yesmarie Chapparro-Feneque from NRCS reported that the new budget will go into effect on October 1. She said she is hopeful we will receive more funding than last fiscal year. She said that while they are currently active, they're still under a hiring freeze.

Individual Supervisor's Reports:

Bellar - None

Caswell – None

Green – None

Wentz – None

Woehrle - None

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:41.