

Meeting Minutes

May 9, 2017

Longwood City Hall – Longwood, Florida

The meeting was called to order at 6:03pm.

A roll call was taken. Supervisors Donald Menzel, David Mahnken, Justin York and Edmund Young were present at roll call. Supervisor Benson was on her way at the time but she was delayed by traffic per a message she sent to Supervisor Menzel. Benson arrived at approximately 6:14pm

The Board considered and reviewed the May 9, 2017 Meeting Agenda. A discussion ensued to remove certain Agenda items. Young moved to approve the amended Agenda. York seconded. The Motion passed unanimously.

The Board considered and reviewed the April 11, 2017 Minutes. A brief discussion ensued between York and Mahnken regarding Mahnken's meeting attendance at AFCD. Young moved to approve the Minutes. York seconded. The Motion carried unanimously.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

NRCS Update.

David Millard provided his final update on behalf of NRCS. Mr. Millard is retiring from NRCS. Mr. Millard discussed activities that have taken place over prior months. Mr. Millard had been working in Tavares and consequently his own report for his area was short

A range conservationist based out of Kissimmee will be sharing time in both that office and the Cocoa office. Chuck O'Rourke will be the NRCS person attending the Board meetings. Pete Deal will be handling the fieldwork separately. Both men work out of the same office.

Mr. Millard will be making recommendations to Chuck O'Rourke regarding the Board. Mr. Millard stated he would be a great resource for the Board.

Mr. Millard commended the Board for the work that it has done over the past 10 years. He felt connected and welcomed at the Board. A brief discussion ensued between Mr. Millard and the Board regarding Mr. Deal. Mr. Millard singled out Benson for praise for her work keeping the Board together. Benson also praised Mr. Millard for his work with the Board.

Quarterly Presentation

Mr. Menzel discussed plans to have Seminole County Bryant Applegate come speak at our June meeting.

Chair Report

Menzel opened with discussion of the RICHES program. Menzel relayed his communications with Connie Lester regarding the same.

Menzel followed up with the Seminole BOCC regarding budgeting funds for SSWCD. Menzel relayed his communications with BOCC staff on the same. There will be no funding for SSWCD through the mid-year

period of 2017 from the BOCC. The BOCC is preparing the FY 2018 budget. Menzel was discussing with BOCC staff about future funding in that budget. Menzel also relayed his discussions with the Tax Collector's staff regarding providing space to SSWCD. A board discussion ensued regarding crafting SSWCD's proposed budget for discussion with the BOCC based on last year's funding suggestions. The \$1 check previously authorized to be paid to the Tax Collector was not cashed because it did not appear that the Tax Collector could provide space for SSWCD.

Menzel reported that AFCD is requesting raffle items from SSWCD. AFCD wants Supervisors to request raffle items from local businesses worth \$25 or more.

Mark Proctor (the new Area 3 VP) reached out to Menzel seeking input on whether AFCD should have quarterly meetings or not.

Menzel discussed the new website and login access. A board discussion ensued regarding who would have access to the website and what kind of access would it be. At the time of the meeting, the old website was still online and intact. Access to the old website was still not available. Menzel relayed some difficulty in going through intermediaries to make changes to the new website.

Vice Chair Report

Mahnken received a letter from Mark Proctor as well.

Mahnken went to the Casselberry Earth Fest, met various individuals, and discussed SSWCD participation at the event.

Mahnken is continuing to work on a report to the Board regarding Seminole County's wetland ordinance.

Benson asked Mahnken if there was any update regarding DRC. Mahnken said that he had not been to many meetings recently due to lack of activity. He was considering attending Seminole County Planning and Zoning Board meetings as well.

Treasurer Report

SSWCD's balance was \$88.25. There was an error in the written report due to an Amazon-related glitch from book sales.

Young relayed his attendance and participation at Casselberry Earth Fest.

Young was invited by the League of Women Voters to attend their solar co-op meeting in June at the Eastmonte Civic Center.

Young could not attend the St. John's Soil and Water Conservation District meeting because it was canceled due to a lack of quorum. He intended to attend additional SWCD meetings.

A discussion ensued regarding the Conserve All Ways, LLC's 1099 status. Since Young has been Treasurer, an updated 1099 had not been filed.

Secretary Report

York discussed SSWCD's participation at Casselberry Earth Fest and his observations.

On March 27, 2017, York received an email from Bill Hyde regarding a public records request for a copy of the Meeting Minutes from March 2017. York sent him the approved Minutes to Mr. Hyde.

York reached out to the Florida Green Chamber of Commerce regarding prospective collaboration with SSWCD and to speak at our next meeting.

York asked Benson whether she would need his assistance regarding updating CALNO bylaws. Benson said no.

York said that he also wanted to discuss updating the 5 Year Plan. That discussion was referred to Old Business.

Public Relations Report

Benson discussed SSWCD participation at Casselberry Earth Fest.

Benson provided an update regarding the poster contest. She was working to close out the project including securing the awards.

Benson had also been working with the League regarding solar coops.

Benson was unable to make CALNO's April meeting. However, based on her discussions with members, she believed that SSWCD was to be the sole subject of the April 2017 meeting to discuss SSWCD's voting rights. However, SSWCD was not on the CALNO agenda; a presentation was instead. Benson had a business emergency and could not make the meeting. Notwithstanding the CALNO agenda, SSWCD was discussed and denied voting rights.

Benson intended to address the 1099 issue in New Business.

Public Participation

None.

Old Business

Menzel said that the Seminole County Manager recommended reaching back out to the BOCC in a few weeks regarding office space. The Clerk was still willing to provide office space; Menzel reiterated his interest. A board discussion ensued regarding the current location of SSWCD's records. York moved to empower the Chair to seek and obtain space for SSWCD's records with the Clerk of Court. Benson seconded the Motion. A board discussed continued regarding the best way to obtain space for SSWCD records. The Motion was unanimously approved. Further discussion of document storage was tabled on Motion of York with Young seconding. The Motion passed unanimously.

Menzel discussed ongoing fundraising efforts. Funding Factory is a recycle program whereby the Board can raise funds through collecting and turning in used ink cartridges. A board discussion ensued regarding prior communications on the subject and mailing labels were distributed. Menzel also discussed using shirts for fundraising. Menzel relayed that former Supervisor Scott Sturgill could assist SSWCD by providing free printing for shirts advertising SSWCD through his company Durable Safety Products. Menzel suggested having a pre-sale. An extensive board discussion ensued on the subject, including obtaining the support of local officials to purchase and market shirts. York moved for the Board to proceed within the next month to engage Durable Safety Products to begin to produce shirts to raise funds for the Board. Mahnken seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

Menzel moved onto discussion of the website, including who would have access and authority to change it. A board discussion ensued on the subject. York moved to make the Public Relations officer the primary point of contact for the website except for uploading minutes and agendas. Mahnken seconded. The Motion was approved unanimously. York moved that all Supervisors have access to the website. Mahnken seconded. A brief board discussion ensued. The Motion passed unanimously.

Menzel brought up the grant application previously discussed in relation to the fertilizer ordinance. Benson said that the project was not pursued.

Young wanted to discuss our public records response process. Young discussed his investigation into AFCD's process. A board discussion ensued based on the board members' knowledge of other processes. Young moved to conduct a presentation at the next SSWCD meeting regarding printing fees in relation to public records requests. York seconded the Motion. Board discussion continued. The Motion was approved unanimously.

Young wanted to discuss SSWCD's participation in Seminole County's Memorial Day presentation in Sanford. Young moved that if SSWCD was given a position on the dais where the presentation occurs that SSWCD appoint Benson as SSWCD's representative on the dais. York seconded the Motion. Discussion ensued. York removed his second. Young restated his Motion moving that the Board select via email a potential representative if SSWCD is given a position on the dais. York seconded the Motion.

New Business

York briefly discussed proposed changes to the 5 Year Plan from 2016 in light of the new Supervisors on the Board. York wanted to include language encouraging SSWCD to collaborate with local businesses. York moved to add proposed items "e" and "f" to the Plan and amend the Plan's date to 2017. Benson seconded. A board discussion ensued. York withdrew his original Motion. York moved to amend the 5-Year Plan to just include proposed items "e" and "f." Benson seconded. The Motion passed unanimously. York moved to table further discussion of the 5-Year Plan as amended until the next meeting. Benson seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

Benson moved to table discussion of website reimbursement fees until the next meeting. York seconded. The Motion passed unanimously.

The issue of Supervisor communication came up. Young said he has been told that the Mayor of Oviedo claimed Young had been reprimanded. Young moved for the Chair to contact the Oviedo Mayor by email before the end of the week; carbon copy members of the Oviedo City Council, the Oviedo City Manager, and SSWCD Supervisors; that the email state that the Mayor had incorrectly stated on March 16, 2017 in a public record that Young had been reprimanded; and that Young had not been faced with disciplinary action as of the date of the email; and that a correction be read into the record at the next publicly scheduled meeting. Benson seconded the Motion for purposes of discussion. A board discussion ensued. Young voted Aye; Mahnken, York, Benson and Menzel voted Nay. The Motion failed.

Young said he was concerned that the Chair contacted the City of Longwood violating a Board rule regarding copies of communications. Young requested that the duties of the Chair be transferred to the Vice Chair because he believed he was not being allowed to speak on the issue of Supervisor communication. Menzel stated that this issue should be discussed under a separate business item. The issue was temporarily tabled.

Menzel discussed email correspondence from Mark Proctor with AFCD regarding the upcoming quarterly meeting. A board discussion ensued on the subject. The board was not opposed to face to face meetings and willing to rotate location meetings in Area 3 but wanted a conference call option available. 6pm or 7pm Wednesdays was the consensus choice for date and time.

On the issue of the budget, York moved to allow the Board to correspond via email to put together a working 5-year budget within the existing parameters previously approved and in turn empower the Chair to submit said budget to the BOCC for approval. Mahnken seconded. A brief board discussion ensued on the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

The Board revisited the 1099 issue. Benson discussed her recollection and experience with Conserve All Ways, LLC. Benson does not know when the 1099 was not renewed. A board discussion ensued regarding when the exemption may have expired. York moved to empanel the Chair and Treasurer to address Conserve All Ways, LLC's non-profit status.

The issue of Supervisor communication was brought up again. Young relayed his communications with Menzel regarding access Supervisors had to email communications to SSWCD from third parties. Young also described communication with Menzel in March 2017 regarding a personal dispute. Young said he is concerned that he is being cut off and voiced other concerns with the way the Board is being run. Young felt like he was being picked on by the Chair. Menzel responded. He relayed the course of his communications with the City of Longwood who receives email from the City with audio recordings of meetings. Menzel relayed the course of prior communications with Young as well as a prior Sunshine issue with communications. A discussion between Menzel and Young ensued regarding prior email communications. York raised a point of order stating that it was the Chair's duty to keep Board discussions germane and that since no Motion was being raised that the Chair proceed with moving on with the Board's business and entertain a Motion to adjourn. York moved to adjourn the meeting. Mahnken and Menzel voted Aye. Young left the meeting before the Motion to adjourn was made. Benson left the meeting early and before the Motion to adjourn was made as well. Young and Benson did not vote on the Motion to adjourn. The Motion was approved.

The Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm.