

**Seminole Soil and Water Conservation District**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**November 14, 2017**  
**Longwood City Hall – Longwood, Florida**

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6 The meeting was called to order at 6:01pm.

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8 The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by Supervisors present.

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10 Supervisors Mahnken, York and Young were in attendance. Supervisor Menzel was absent.  
11 Supervisor Benson arrived at 6:03pm.

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13 The proposed Agenda was presented. Young moved to approve the Agenda. York seconded. The  
14 Motion passed unanimously.

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16 Supervisor York discussed Meeting Minutes. The September 2017 meeting was cancelled due to  
17 Hurricane Irma so there were no Minutes. The October 2017 meeting took place but Supervisor  
18 York was absent and the backup recording did not record the meeting. Supervisor York had a  
19 second recording from Supervisor Mahnken of the October 2017 meeting, which he would review  
20 to prepare October Minutes as well as speak to each Supervisor to obtain their recollections of the  
21 Meeting. York moved to table the issue of Meeting Minutes accordingly. Young seconded. The  
22 Motion passed unanimously.

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24 Regarding quarterly presentations, SSWCD is looking for ideas for the first quarter of 2018.  
25 Menzel received info from County Attorney Bryant Applegate. Applegate is doing a Sunshine  
26 presentation on December 5, 2017 at 8am in the BOCC meeting room and welcomed us to attend.

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28 **Chair Report**

29 No report.

30 **Vice Chair Report**

31 Mahnken led a discussion regarding a SSWCD T-shirt design. A discussion ensued among the  
32 Board. The Board reviewed the proposed design—a historic map depiction of Seminole County—  
33 along with advertising the name of SSWCD.

34 Mahnken is also continuing to make progress on a wetland ordinance presentation for the county.

35 **Treasurer Report**

36 Conserve All Ways: \$841.44

37 SSWCD: \$107.95

38 Young was continuing to work with the IRS to update our non-profit status. He had run into  
39 difficulty reconciling the IRS with SSWCD's current address. He obtained documentation for the  
40 IRS to resolve this issue. He said the IRS' primary issue was that SSWCD's records with the IRS  
41 were outdated. The application process with the IRS was ongoing.

42 **Secretary Report**

43 The Board discussed Minutes at the outset of the meeting. York would discuss the Five Year Plan  
44 under Old Business.

45 York discussed a “Climate Resilience Forum for the Sunshine State” being hosted by the Green  
46 Chamber of Commerce at Tolar Irish Pub on November 16, 2017 at 6pm. York said it was a public  
47 opportunity to discuss and local and county efforts to combat and prepare for climate change. It is  
48 an open forum for the public and candidates alike. Mahnken and Young expressed interest in the  
49 event.

50 **Public Relations Report**

51 Benson is working to wrap up the 2017 AFCD poster concert. She received all the awards for the  
52 winners and she was making arrangements to present them to the students. A Board discussion  
53 ensued regarding providing frames for the awards. Benson prompted the Board to discuss whether  
54 SSWCD wanted to expand the poster contest to include a speech contest. After an extensive Board  
55 discussion regarding the history of SSWCD’s involvement in the poster contest and funding for  
56 the poster and speech contest materials, the Board was inclined to support including a speech  
57 contest. The Board discussed memorializing this support in a Motion, including funding for  
58 materials. Young moved to proceed with the speech and poster contest. York suggested an  
59 amendment to the Motion to include approval to use CAW funds. The amendment was agreed to.  
60 York seconded the Motion. Benson suggested an amendment: applying the same monetary awards  
61 to the poster contest as SSWCD previously did. The amendment was agreed to. York restated the  
62 Motion as amended: the Board would participate in the 2017-18 poster contest and speech contest  
63 including authorization to use CAW funds and award prizes equal to previously awarded monetary  
64 amounts. The Motion as amended was approved unanimously. The Board thanked Benson for  
65 spearheading this project.

66 **Public Participation**

67 York moved to amend the Agenda to move Item #16 to Old Business. Young seconded. The  
68 Motion was approved unanimously. Stacy Simmons with the FDACS Office of Agriculture Water  
69 Police (OAWP) who worked out of the Palatka office of the SJWMD attended the meeting. She  
70 wanted to introduce herself. Her office is working to enroll parties in the office’s best management  
71 practices program.

72 Lauren Dorval with FDACS also spoke. She is also with the OAWP. She replaced Reince Ellis.  
73 She is based out of the Maitland office. Mahnken asked for a quick background on Mr. Ellis’  
74 ongoing projects and how it was affected by the storms. Ms. Simmons recapped some of the  
75 ongoing projects. The storms had not thrown any projects off track. There are many high priority  
76 lands around Lake Jesup to introduce best management practices. Lake Jesup is the focus. A Board  
77 discussion ensued regarding how SSWCD can enhance communications with OAWP and develop  
78 a partnership.

79 Chuck O’Rourke provided an NRCS update for the Board. He wanted to update the Board  
80 regarding his work in Seminole County on an emergency watershed program particularly in

81 Altamonte Springs and Casselberry. He had spent time with engineers to stabilize water placement  
82 in the area since the storms. He is also looking at debris removal near numerous streams in the  
83 county. He also mentioned an “envirothon” on February 8, 2018 in partnership with Seminole and  
84 Orange County public schools. He commended the Board for participation in the speech and poster  
85 contests.

86 Mahnken inquired into what the theme was of the poster contest. Benson suggested it might be  
87 soils. Young also raised ideas for advertising the contest.

## 88 **Old Business**

89 Mahnken raised the issue of the Five Year Plan. York suggested tabling consideration until  
90 Supervisor Menzel could be present. Mahnken suggested “coding” each activity and each  
91 Supervisor could proceed on an activity and make it easy to see what activities are getting attention  
92 and those that are not. Young moved to table consideration of the Plan (item #14b). York seconded.  
93 The Motion passed unanimously.

94 The SSWCD bylaws as amended was raised and a Board discussion ensued. The bylaws as  
95 amended has been on the SSWCD website and social media for a sufficient time to vote to approve.  
96 Young moved to approve bylaws as amended. York seconded. The Motion was approved  
97 unanimously.

98 The request for funds from the Seminole BOCC was raised. Young discussed his explanation to  
99 Seminole BOCC that SSWCD has numerous unfunded mandates, including to comply with the  
100 Sunshine Law. The BOCC seemed receptive to funding SSWCD to meet these mandates. Young  
101 also described a prior 2005 services agreement between SSWCD and the BOCC for \$25,000 in  
102 services. Young also discussed generally the components of SSWCD’s funding request to BOCC  
103 including for participation in the UCF RICHES program. A lengthy Board discussion ensued  
104 regarding SSWCD’s funding request to the BOCC generally.

## 105 **New Business**

106 Young discussed with Michelle Longo, Longwood City Clerk, regarding dates for the SSWCD  
107 meeting dates for 2018. Young moved for authority to liaise with Ms. Longo to obtain meeting  
108 dates for 2018 for SSWCD. York seconded. A brief Board discussion ensued regarding setting the  
109 dates. The Motion passed unanimously.

110 Benson mentioned that Stacy Simmons will be coming early next year to provide a presentation.

111 York asked Young regarding the status of the neighborhood solar initiative. Young said he would  
112 check with the League of Women Voters’ as to the status of the same.

113 York said he was continuing to reach out to the Green Chamber of Commerce to present to the  
114 Board.

115 York moved to adjourn. Young seconded. The Motion passed unanimously.

116 The meeting adjourned at 7:16pm.