

52 **Treasurer Report**

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54 Young reported a balance for SSWCD of \$151.48 and a balance of \$1,081.85 for Conserve All Ways, Inc.

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56 Young reported being contacted by a Geneva resident regarding a local matter.

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58 Young discussed the upcoming the past BOCC meeting approving a County-wide fertilizer ordinance.

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60 Young planned to attend a future meeting of the St. Johns Water Management District.

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62 **Secretary Report**

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64 York referenced approval of the February 14, 2017 meeting minutes and the new format of the minutes.

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66 York also discussed the past BOCC meeting regarding the fertilizer ordinance and applauded the BOCC
67 for approving a measure the SSWCD has repeatedly called for.

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69 York intended to discuss revising the 5-Year Plan which Menzel recommended be moved to Old Business.

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71 **Public Relations Report**

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73 Benson discussed the Conserve All Ways poster contest. The theme was “Healthy Soils Are Full of Life.”
74 All participating students were from All Souls Catholic School in Sanford, Florida. Judges for the contest
75 were Supervisor Mahnken, Seminole County School Board member Abby Sanchez, County Judge Debra
76 Krause and Abby Greenberg. The awards were going to be handed out at the school at a future date.

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78 As a token of appreciate to Mary Edenfield, an art teacher at All Souls, who helped with submission of the
79 entries into the poster contest, Benson moved that \$25 be spent on a gift card for Ms. Edenfield. York
80 seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

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82 Benson discussed the most recent CALNO meeting. A board discussion ensued regarding SSWCD’s history
83 with CALNO.

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85 Benson discussed the post office box and her donation of \$32 for renewing SSWCD’s box.

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87 Benson discussed her attendance at a February 23, 2017 luncheon sponsored by the League of Women
88 Voters and Florida Solar United Neighborhoods.

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90 Benson deferred discussion of David Millard’s retirement to New Business.

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92 **Public Participation**

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94 None.

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96 **Old Business**

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98 Menzel explained that office space for SSWCD was being offered by the Seminole County Clerk of Court
99 Grant Maloy and potentially by Tax Collector Joel Greenberg. Menzel described his discussions with Maloy
100 and Greenberg’s office. He had cleared with Luanne Woodley that the Board will have office space in the
101 Clerk’s vault. Maloy’s attorney was in process of penning an agreement with SSWCD that allowed SSWCD

102 to use the vault space for free. The space is climate controlled and will protect SSWCD documents. A board
103 discussion ensued on the topic. Menzel expected to have the agreement by the next SSWCD meeting.
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105 York and Menzel discussed future funding potential for technology for SSWCD.
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107 York and Menzel also discussed the effect on having an office on receiving Board mail. A board discussion
108 ensued.
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110 Menzel said Greenberg said he wasn't sure what space would look like at the time. Menzel was continuing
111 to work with Greenberg on space. By next meeting, Menzel expected to have an answer.
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113 Menzel discussed AFCD dues and the upcoming AFCD meeting. AFCD is requesting membership dues.
114 Menzel is putting together a hardship letter regarding dues and updating the Board's information for AFCD.
115 Menzel requested the board discuss whether SSWCD was capable of paying AFCD dues. Such discussion
116 ensued.
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118 Benson requested at prior meeting for a \$50 donation NACD membership. Menzel believed that request
119 was in reference to AFCD. A discussion for clarification ensued. Young explained that NACD dues was
120 paid by Conserve All Ways.
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122 Benson moved to approve \$50 expenditure for AFCD dues from SSWCD funds. York seconded. A board
123 discussion ensued on the motion. Motion approved unanimously.
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125 Mahnken is committed to participating at the April 8, 2017 AFCD meeting. A board discussion ensued
126 regarding the poster contest.
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128 Menzel moved onto discussion of the website and the prior webhost CRA2 Productions. Benson discussed
129 negotiations she had with Charles Amburn II regarding the website and his allegations that there are
130 outstanding invoices from 2015 and 2016 for hosting and website services. Benson mentioned a fictitious
131 post Mr. Amburn put on the website regarding unpaid invoices. To resolve the invoice issue, Benson paid
132 CRA2 but she believes this is a Board debt. Benson would like to explore repayment at a future date. Benson
133 requested a working copy of the data on the existing website from Mr. Amburn. She had received a ZIP file
134 but she was unable to open it. She intended to pay CRA2 once the working copy has been received. A board
135 discussion ensued regarding www.conserveseminole.org. Multiple board members reported being locked
136 out of the website prior to the meeting.
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138 Menzel discussed the need for a working budget to set aside funds to meet prospective invoices and prevent
139 unexpected major expenditures. Menzel asked that the Board consider a Motion to approve \$60 to pay
140 CRA2 from January 2017 to February 2017. Benson reiterated her personal commitment to pay CRA2 was
141 solely for 2015 and 2016 hosting and website services and not for any 2017 hosting or website services.
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143 Mahnken discussed the website in its current form as of the subject meeting. As of the subject meeting, all
144 Supervisors were locked out of the website. York mentioned that he had attempted to post approved January
145 2017 meeting minutes but remained locked out of the website. York also discussed posting amended
146 proposed bylaws as well on the website. Menzel and Benson also discussed that information has not been
147 consistently updated by CRA2 throughout the period CRA2 was hosting the website.
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149 Menzel referenced an updated service quote from Jason LaTorre with BizyBit Corporation. Mr. LaTorre
150 spoke to the SSWCD Board and discussed the quote he had previously provided on April 12, 2016 and was
151 reoffering at the subject meeting. He estimated there would be 30 hours of development work at a rate of

152 \$10 per hour for a total of \$300 He also estimated hosting costs of \$365 and annual domain costs of \$12.50
153 for a total service quote of \$677.50.

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155 Menzel discussed Kaley Durrance with AFCD regarding AFCD's assistance to soil and water conservation
156 districts with free websites and that AFCD will donate the first year's costs of web hosting. Menzel
157 discussed district website requirements. AFCD was willing to assist SSWCD with a website and hosting.

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159 A board discussion ensued regarding a future AFCD-supported website, district website requirements and
160 AFCD prospective assistance. York stated that based on SSWCD/Conserve All Ways finances that the
161 Board should spend \$60 to pay CRA2 for January 2017 and February 2017 web hosting and move to the
162 AFCD-supported website. Benson clarified that her payments to CRA2 for 2015 and 2016 hosting and
163 website services was not a gift or donation to the Board. Benson agreed a conditional loan would be a better
164 description.

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166 York moved to approve \$60 to pay arrears to CRA2 for January to February 2017 for web hosting and
167 website services out of SSWCD funds. Mahnken seconded the Motion. A board discussion briefly ensued
168 to clarify Motion. Menzel discussed having a budget in the future and his support for this Motion. Young
169 stated that he did not believe the Board received adequate services from CRA2. The Motion was approved
170 unanimously.

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172 Benson and York agreed that no SSWCD funds should be paid without invoices which were not provided
173 to the Board for 2015 and 2016 services until 2017.

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175 Benson also stated that the domain of www.conserveseminole.org has been transferred from CRA2 to
176 SSWCD control as part of Benson's deal with CRA2.

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178 York moved that the Board give leave to Menzel to liaise with AFCD and provide a free website and hosting
179 to the Board to meet the SSWCD's immediate statutory requirements. The Motion was seconded by
180 Mahnken. The Motion carried unanimously.

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182 Young moved to delay paying CRA 2 the amount of \$60 for 2017 services until the Board receives an
183 invoice. The Motion was not seconded.

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185 Young moved that Menzel represent SSWCD to CRA2 to obtain invoices for 2017 services. York seconded
186 the Motion. The Motion approved unanimously.

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188 Menzel moved onto the Casselberry Earth Fest on April 29, 2017. Benson and the Board discussed the
189 Board's prior involvement and plans for this year's involvement. Mahnken, York and Young were
190 interested in participating. Menzel may be available.

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192 Young moved for Board approval to make copies of "From Eden to Sahara" be available at SSWCD's Earth
193 Fest booth for \$5 each. The Motion was not seconded.

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195 Board discussion ensued regarding whether Menzel had been given Motion-provided authority to liaise
196 with AFCD regarding the website earlier in the meeting. To insure Menzel had such authority, a Motion
197 was made by York to give Menzel authority to liaise with AFCD to establish a free website. Menzel
198 intended to work with Benson to obtain content for the website. The Motion was seconded by Benson. The
199 Motion was approved unanimously.

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201 Menzel moved onto our proposed bylaws. A board discussion ensued regarding the January 2017 workshop,
202 the proposed amended bylaws, and publicizing the proposed amended bylaws for a minimum of 30 days.

203 Menzel suggested posting the current form of the proposed amended bylaws on the SSWCD Facebook page
204 to meet the 30 day requirement instead of the current website which was currently non-functional.
205 Continued board discussion on the subject ensued.

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207 Since the last meeting, all Supervisors have been able to review the complete proposed amended bylaws
208 and hard copies of the bylaws were provided at the meeting for Supervisors and the public. A board
209 discussion ensued. In the draft, a change was made to correct the PO Box number. Menzel suggested that
210 the Chair be responsible for setting the Meeting Agenda and striking #27 of the Secretary's duty to
211 essentially read that the Secretary will publicize the most current form of the proposed Meeting Agenda no
212 later than 7 days prior to a regularly scheduled meeting, including posting the Agenda on social media if
213 possible. York made a Motion to that effect. The Motion was seconded by Benson. The Motion was
214 approved unanimously.

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216 Young moved to post the proposed amended bylaws on SSWCD's Facebook page for 30 days per state
217 statute. York seconded. The Motion was approved unanimously.

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219 York moved to table discussion of the 5-Year Plan to the next meeting because the current meeting was
220 exceeding 2 hours. Benson seconded. The Motion was approved unanimously.

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222 **New Business**

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224 Menzel discussed funding the Board. Menzel reached out to a past Supervisor and was pointed to
225 FundingFactory. A board discussion ensued regarding SSWCD's account. Approximately \$40 remained in
226 SSWCD's old account which was being released in the near future. Board discussion continued regarding
227 FundingFactory's program and fundraising methods. Benson mentioned doing a canoe race or other water
228 activity competition for a fundraiser. Young moved to authorize Menzel to reactivate FundingFactory
229 account prior to April 2017 meeting. Mahnken seconded. Young suggested Board members brainstorm
230 fundraising ideas for the next meeting. The Motion was approved unanimously.

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232 Menzel moved onto documents and storage. Menzel previously requested that any SSWCD records in
233 Supervisor possession be returned to the Board. Efforts were ongoing to collect documents in the possession
234 of former Supervisor H.A. Duncan.

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236 Benson had requested an extension of time to provide documents in her possession based on her long history
237 with the Board.

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239 Young mentioned wanting to hold onto "From Eden to Sahara" copies for future sales efforts. No objection
240 ensued from the Board.

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242 York mentioned records he had accumulated from prior meetings and inquired into whether those were
243 being requested. Menzel stated those types of records did not need to be provided because SSWCD still has
244 copies of those records.

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246 Benson inquired into why the documents needed to be collected when SSWCD still did not have additional
247 space yet. Menzel responded that he anticipated that space from the Clerk or the Tax Collector would be
248 available by the subject meeting. A Board discussion ensued regarding future document storage. York
249 moved to table the issue of future document storage until the next meeting. Young seconded. The Motion
250 was approved unanimously.

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252 Young discussed SSWCD forwarding a letter of support to State Senate Dana Young for her support of SB
253 442 regarding fracking. Young moved that the Board craft a letter of support for SB 442. York seconded.

254 A board discussion ensued. Mahnken wanted to specify that he opposed fracking and that the fracking ban
255 contemplated by SB 442 did not include non-harmful uses of acid to recharge water for future reuse. Benson
256 wanted to review copies of the proposed letter before a vote. The letters provided by Young were reviewed.
257 One draft was for unanimous approval and one draft for approval from individual supervisors. Mahnken
258 suggested Young read the letter into the record. The Motion was approved unanimously.
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260 Young read into the record proposed language for a letter of support. Board discussion ensued regarding
261 specific language. Young moved that the language read into the record comprise a letter of support for SB
262 442 by SSWCD. Mahnken seconded. The Motion was approved unanimously. Young pledged to finalize a
263 letter and obtain signatures from all Supervisors after the meeting.
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265 The next item of business was fees when SSWCD receives a public records request and needs to provide
266 hard copies. York moved to table this item but then withdrew Motion. Young discussed this item and his
267 efforts to ascertain what other public bodies charge. Young wants a Motion containing a fee schedule for
268 printing. Young suggested a minimum fee of \$2 and then 0.25 cents per page for black and white copies
269 and 0.75 cents per page for color copies all on 8 x 11 size paper. Any additional costs will be passed on to
270 the requester. Young made a Motion stating the aforementioned. York seconded. Board discussion ensued.
271 Benson questioned the need for the Motion because there is a lack of printing equipment owned by SSWCD
272 and who will collect the fee. York discussed that the Supervisor tasked with providing the records can keep
273 record of supplies used in a home office. Benson asked whether postage would be charged for mailing out
274 documents. York said he needed to consult with state statute to see if that was permissible. Menzel agreed
275 with Benson that the Motion was premature. York withdrew his second. Young withdrew his Motion.
276 Young moved to place this item on the next Meeting Agenda. York seconded the Motion. The Motion was
277 approved unanimously.
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279 The next item was redesigning the agenda. Young believed that the public should have the opportunity for
280 the public to have input contemporaneous with each agenda item. He used discussion of Earth Fest as an
281 example. A discussion between Young and Menzel ensued on the issue of the Agenda.
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283 Young moved to allow public participation time for each Agenda item as it is being addressed by the Board.
284 York seconded.
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286 Board discussion ensued. Mahnken discussed his review of Seminole and Orange BOCC meetings and
287 thoughts on public participation earlier in the meeting. Menzel and Mahnken discussed their experiences at
288 said BOCC meetings. Menzel was concerned with the subject Motion because it could lengthen meetings
289 if any citizen wanted to discuss every item on the agenda. Menzel mirrored the current Agenda on the
290 Seminole BOCC. Young said he believes it was citizen's right to speak on each individual Agenda item. A
291 Board discussion continued. York requested Young restate his Motion for clarity.
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293 Young restated that he moved that the Public Participation section (#13) be changed to insert language
294 notifying the public that they may speak on an Agenda item during the Public Participation period at the
295 beginning of the meeting or during the Public Participation portion of the meeting a member of the public
296 may specify which Agenda item(s) they wish to speak on and then speak as the identified Agenda item as
297 it is being considered by the Board.
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299 Menzel identified a point of order and directed the Board to vote of Young's prior Motion. York withdrew
300 his second to Young's prior Motion. No new second was forthcoming. Young declined to make a new
301 Motion on the item.
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303 Young then moved to table item 15(f) (Discussion of getting involved with the Memorial Day events in
304 Sanford) under New Business until the next meeting. York seconded. The Motion was approved
305 unanimously.

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307 Young also moved to table item 15(e) (Discussion of redesigning of the agenda) under New Business until
308 the next meeting. York seconded. The Motion was approved unanimously.

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310 Menzel moved onto the subject of Supervisor Young's conduct at a meeting of the City of Oviedo on March
311 6, 2017 regarding the City's purchase of the Twin Rivers Golf Club in Oviedo. Menzel identified video
312 footage from the March 6, 2017 meeting of the City and his belief that Young misrepresented himself at
313 the meeting as an authorized representative of the SSWCD Board to speak on the issue of the purchase.
314 Menzel said he watched the footage and stated that Young was recalled to the podium before the City
315 Council and Young reasserted after his initial presentation that he was an authorized representative of the
316 SSWCD. Menzel stated that he did not recall the Board ever giving Young authority to represent the Board.
317 Menzel asked if other Supervisors had seen the footage from the City Council meeting. Benson and
318 Mahnken had. York had not. Menzel felt duty bound to contact the Oviedo Mayor and apologize for the
319 situation. The Mayor requested the Board consider a letter of apology to the City denouncing Young's
320 behavior.

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322 Young asked who brought the video Menzel's attention. Menzel said it was Mahnken. Young stated that
323 the meeting he never stated he was there with the authority of the SSWCD Board. Young stated that he
324 never said he was there at the behest of the Board. Young said he had been requested to attend by Council
325 Member Megan Sladek. Sladek reached out to Young to give his opinion at the meeting. Young encouraged
326 Menzel and others to contact Sladek to confirm this.

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328 Mahnken brought the video to the attention of the Board because the Board had not had the opportunity to
329 discuss the golf course issue. If the Board is going to discuss an issue to another government body he
330 believes the Board should discuss it first. Sladek asked Mahnken to participate in a meeting on the issue
331 which he did. But, he was not asked to speak on the issue at the March 6, 2017 meeting of the City of
332 Oviedo. As vice chair, he wanted to bring the video to the attention of the chair to discuss the issue so the
333 Board can establish a protocol on discussing similar issues in the future. Mahnken commended Young for
334 speaking out on the issue itself. Mahnken said it was not his position to inject himself into the decisions of
335 other government bodies but he would be available to advise on issues if requested.

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337 Benson said she had seen the video. Benson said it was good for the Board Supervisors to be active and
338 outspoken. She said it was unfortunate there was an appearance by Supervisor Young that he was speaking
339 on behalf of the Board in a way that drew questions from the City Council. Benson said it is important that
340 if Supervisors speak in public that they be clear that they are speaking as individuals unless otherwise
341 authorized by the Board. Benson said she recalled Sladek telling the Mayor she had not invited Young to
342 speak at the meeting. Benson referenced Young's statement that a citizen had contacted him about the issue
343 on which he spoke. Benson agreed that golf courses are notorious for water contamination. Benson said
344 that Young did eventually clarify that he was there as an individual and not for the Board. Benson's
345 recollection of Young's statement was that he was a representative of the SSWCD and that SSWCD was
346 an advisory board to governments in the County. After Young's statement, the City Attorney requested
347 Young clarify his status because he recognized his importance. Benson said it was unfortunate what she
348 saw on the video.

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350 Mahnken said that in the duties the Board has that perception is important. Mahnken was unaware whether
351 the Board had a position on the issue and he was not sure whether the Board should be taking adversarial
352 positions on local government business like buying property.

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354 Young reiterated that he represented himself as a member of SSWCD and he had no intent to represent that
355 he was there for the Board. He reiterated that Sladek did ask him to attend and that others could reach out
356 and confirm that with her.

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358 Benson referenced the Board's discussion of the issue at the last SSWCD meeting particularly by Mahnken.
359 Benson's biggest concern for Young's statement about Board representation but that a soil test of phase II
360 on a golf course would only cost \$100. She said it is important for Supervisors to do their homework when
361 speaking for themselves or the Board in public.

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363 Young had no problem taking Benson's advisement. He said that in the video he was cut off and that he
364 was only referring to individual soil tests costing \$100.

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366 Menzel reiterated from his conversation with Mayor that Young intended to be misleading at the meeting.
367 The perception was that Young was representing the Board of SSWCD. The City Attorney clarified
368 Young's authority at the meeting and the other Council Members except Sladek were offended by Young's
369 conduct. Menzel put the conduct issue on the Agenda for the Board to consider penning a letter of apology.
370 A board discussion ensued. Benson said that misconceptions like this happen often and she was a little
371 offended the Mayor was requesting a written apology.

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373 York stated he had not seen the video but he had gleaned the content from his colleague's statements. To
374 resolve the impasse, York suggested that Young may agree there was miscommunication and Young would
375 pen a letter to the City to clarify the intent of his statements and if he would like to Young could apologize
376 to the City. Menzel said it was a good idea. Mahnken responded that again he thought Young's intent was
377 good but that if his statement came out wrong then the Board needed to discuss it. Mahnken said it was
378 possible that Young's statements came out adversarial but it is important for the future to make clear how
379 we all need to represent ourselves. Mahnken agreed with Benson that it was excessive to require the Board
380 to write a letter of apology for Young's statements. He agreed that the Board needed to resolve the matter
381 with the City. A board discussion ensued. Menzel emphasized that the perception wrongfully was that the
382 Board had met and had an adversarial position to the City's action.

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384 Young then suggested that following Menzel's statements that in turn Benson needed to pen a letter of
385 apology to the Seminole BOCC for representing herself before the Board as a member of the SSWCD when
386 the fertilizer ordinance was being considered. Young then encouraged people to watch the video and
387 examine the Mayor's aggressive tone to Young. Young and Menzel discussed whether penning a letter of
388 apology or condemnation was called for or necessary.

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390 Young felt that for the past two months that the Chair has been jumping down his throat. Menzel asked
391 whether the matter was pertinent. Young said his statement was made with no negative intent.

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393 Benson mentioned that both she and Young spoke at the BOCC meeting on the fertilizer ordinance. Benson
394 explained that she was clear when she spoke that she was an individual member of the Board. Benson said
395 Young should not drag her into this. A discussion ensued. Benson said it was unclear from the video footage
396 of who Young was representing and her initial impression was that Young was representing the Board.

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398 Mahnken communicated with the Mayor via Facebook after the March 6, 2017 meeting and let the Mayor
399 know that SSWCD was a tool in their toolbox to advise on pertinent issues. In his opinion, after he and
400 Menzel had reached out to the Mayor, he did not see the need for a letter.

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402 Menzel said he had formally apologized to the Mayor. During that conversation, the Mayor requested a
403 letter of apology. York mentioned that Young had not responded to his original suggestion to clarify his
404 intent and resolve the impasse and help SSWCD maintain a good relationship with the City of Oviedo.

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Items for Future Agenda – Board of Citizens

Menzel wanted to discuss future Agenda items. York mentioned the 5-Year Plan. Mahnken and Menzel discussed Mr. Applegate appearing at the next meeting.

Mahnken mentioned that a gentlemen working on behalf of a company called Bold and Go may want to speak. The company implements nutrient reduction systems. He wanted to introduce the Board to his system. Young mentioned a speaker on bat houses. Menzel requested prospective speakers contact him.

Benson withdrew her request to discuss a retirement party for Dave Millard.

Bobbi Bullington, a Longwood resident, requested information about Earth Fest to assist SSWCD. She also stated that Supervisors have worked to improve the SSWCD’s reputation. She said it was irresponsible for one Supervisor to represent himself as a Board member without Board approval. She said it was her impression Young had represented himself as a Board representative and that now the City of Oviedo was upset with SSWCD.

Jason LaTorre also spoke regarding SSWCD’s prospective free website with AFCD. He the Board inquire into who owns the website content and what the content of the ZIP file was. He mentioned there were existing programs to help decompress the latter and extract files. He suggested WiNZIP7. He also mentioned Azure, a free web hosting platform for non-profits, as something the Board should look into. A Board discussion ensued with Mr. LaTorre.

Benson moved to adjourn. Mahnken seconded. The Motion was approved unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:40pm.