

SSWCD Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 13, 2018

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Call to Order 6:02 pm

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Roll Call – Supervisors York, Young, Mahnken present.

Approval of Agenda – Supervisor York requested adding an additional item to the agenda regarding a Board vacancy. Young moved to add the additional agenda item, Mahnken seconded, Motion passed unanimously. Supervisor Young moved to approve the evenings agenda, seconded by Mahnken and approved unanimously.

Approval of January Minutes – Motion by Supervisor Young to approve minutes with the understanding that the bank balances will be added prior to recording, Seconded by Mahnken; Motion passed unanimously.

NRCS Report – Chuck O’Rourke – Mr. O’Rourke provided his monthly report describing activities in Seminole County. Mr. O’Rourke informed the Board that numerous municipalities have submitted paperwork for the Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) and now they are waiting for availability of funding for the various projects. Mr. O’Rourke is working with a landowner to prepare a conservation plan under the Environmental Quality Incentive Plan. Mr. O’Rourke discussed ongoing efforts working on ranking of other applications for EQIP assistance following Hurricane Irma. Mr. O’Rourke also provided materials (banners, etc.) for use at the Orlando Wetlands Festival.

Chairs Report – Supervisor York identified several items he would be discussing later in the agenda and recognized the Vice Chair.

Vice Chair Report – Supervisor Young discussed the status of the application for renewing Non-Profit status. The fee is \$275. Supervisor Young moved for the board to authorize him to continuing pursuing the application and pay the \$275 fee. Mahnken seconded for discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Supervisor Young discussed that the AFCD Area 3 meeting will be April 13th hosted by Sarasota Soil and Water. Supervisor Young also mentioned the State meeting will be August 23rd through 25th. Supervisor Young mentioned he planned on attending the Area 3 meeting.

Treasurer Report – Supervisor Benson is absent but reported by email to Supervisor York that there were no changes to the account balances from last month: SSWCD - \$103.05; Conserv All Ways, Inc.- \$841.44. Supervisor Benson also reported that the poster contest deadlines are this week and will conduct awards presentation during the March meeting.

Secretary Report – Supervisor Mahnken reported that he is continuing to prepare a report outlining the current status of wetland regulations in Seminole County. Supervisor Mahnken also mentioned his involvement at the recent Seminole County Science Fair as judge representing the SSWCD.

36 **Public Participation** – The Board heard from Mr. Tony Tizzio who expressed his interest in participating
37 on the Board, specifically in a capacity of public relations and media. The Board then heard from Mr.
38 Jason Kirby who expressed his interest in participating with the Board.

39 **Old Business** – Supervisor Young asked about the location of the poster contest judging and other
40 logistics surrounding the poster contest.

41 Supervisor Mahnken continues to work toward providing additional t-shirt logos and preparation of a
42 coding system for tracking activity under the 5-year plan.

43 The Board briefly discussed the logistics of selling the proposed T-shirts and how those funds could be
44 donated.

45 Supervisor York also mentioned the idea of a plaque expressing our appreciation to the T-shirt providers
46 donation.

47 Supervisor York reminded the Board about keeping an eye out for presenters that the Board may invite
48 to speak. Supervisor Young mentioned the “bat lady” as a possible speaker.

49 Supervisor York discussed the resolutions the Board recently passed opposing the HB521 and SB574
50 both preempting regulation of tree removal by local governments. Supervisor York discussed how the
51 house bill has been subject to considerable revision such that it now only prohibits counties and
52 municipalities from requiring permits in cases where the work is associated with debris removal from
53 public right of ways.

54 Supervisor Young discussed the logistics associated with the upcoming Orlando Wetlands Festival.

55 Supervisor Young discussed the logistics of getting the bank transition completed and the P.O. Box.

56 **New Business** – Supervisor Young discussed the status of the upgrades to the City chambers A/V and the
57 possibility of webcasting the meeting.

58 Supervisor York discussed the status of the vacant Board seat and the need to fill it. Supervisor
59 Mahnken stated that he encouraged anyone interested to work with the Board first as an associate to
60 get familiarize with the Board. Supervisor Young mentioned that previous Board appointments to
61 vacant seats typically involved individuals with prior involvement.

62 **Announcement and Open Comments** – Supervisor York recognized Mr. Tony Tizzio to comment again
63 on his interest in the Board. Mr. Tizzio explained his experience with MetroPlan and other community
64 efforts supporting the homeless and other outreach involvement. Supervisor York also recognized Mr.
65 Kirby who reiterated his experience as a lake management professional and his volunteer involvement
66 with LakeWatch.

67 Mr. O’Rourke mentioned the recent EnviroThon. However, only one school from Seminole County
68 attended (Trinity Prep).

69 **Next Meeting *March 13, 2018 at 6 pm***

70 Supervisor Young moved to adjourn seconded my Mahnken. Motion carried.

71 **Adjournment 7:02 pm**