

***Osceola Soil & Water Conservation District***

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**MINUTES**

**DATE:** December 15, 2021

**PRESENT:**  Chairperson Valerie Anderson, Vice-chair Matthew Kirk-Boggs via Zoom, Secretary Larry Allen Schneck, Sr., and Conservationist Mr. Chuck O’Rourke. Guest: Ms. Rachel O’Keefe via Zoom.

**ABSENT:** Supervisor Jackie Henry, Treasurer Dr. Deborah Livingston, and Subcommittee chairperson Mr. Andrew Jeng.

**Call to Order and Roll Call:**  Chair Anderson called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m. EST on Zoom. She asked the Secretary to establish who is present. The Secretary verified quorum with roll call.

* **Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation:** Pledge of Allegiance and invocation led by Secretary Schneck.
* **Minutes:** November 17, 2021 Minutes approved by voice vote of 3-0. Minutes posted on OSWCD Facebook page.
* **Treasurer’s Report:** Dr. Livingston submitted her report to the Secretary. Current operating account balance remains $369.90. Envirothon account is closed.
  1. Annual Financial Report input and closed on the State of Florida web site, Department of Financial Services. Treasurer’s report approved by voice vote of 3-0.
* **Conservationist’s Report:** Leu Gardens in Orlando, https://www.leugardens.org/, is once again the site of Envirothon. The next event is Thursday, February 3, 2022. Location confirmed. Vice-chair Kirk-Boggs and Secretary Schneck said they will work as volunteers. The study guides for students participating in Envirothon will be able to get copies through the courtesy of Charlene Meeks.
  1. Mr. O’Rourke presented the Memorandum of Agreement between the U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service and the Osceola Soil and Water Conservation District. The memorandum returned with proper staffing from NRCS in Washington, DC through the NRCS State of Florida Office. Chair Anderson signed the document.

**Old Business**

* **Victory Gardens:** Treasurer Dr. Livingston absent. No new information provided.
* **Fresh Community:**  Mr. Andrew Jeng absent. No new information provided.

**New Business**

* **None**
* **Public Comment:** Ms. Rachel O’Keefe introduced herself to the Board. She indicated she holds a degree in environmental science and would like to become involved in working with the Supervisors. Her e-mail address was added to future e-mail distribution.

**Adjournment:** 4:18 p.m.

*Next Meeting:*

Wednesday, January 19, 2022, 4:00 p.m. EST at the Extension Services Office, Osceola Heritage Park, and online through Zoom Meeting ID.