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 **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

 **MINUTES**

**DATE:** October 19, 2022

**PRESENT:**  Chairperson Valerie Anderson, conservationist Chuck O’Rourke, incoming supervisor Joel Davis, and soil conservationist Marcos Loperena in person. Secretary Larry Allen Schneck, Sr., treasurer Dr. Deborah Livingston, The Association of Florida Conservation Districts representative Kaylee Pate, and vice chairperson Matthew Kirk-Boggs on Zoom. No guests.

**ABSENT:** Assistant state conservationist Walter Albarran, supervisor Jackie Henry, and subcommittee chairperson Mr. Andrew Jeng.

**Call to Order and Roll Call:**  Chairperson Anderson called the meeting to order at 4:27 p.m. EDT. Quorum verified by secretary Schneck.

* **Pledge of Allegiance:** The Pledge of Allegiance led by the secretary.
* **Minutes:** September 21, 2022 Minutes approved by voice vote of 4-0. Meeting minutes posted on OSWCD Facebook page at [https://www.facebook.com/OSWCD/](https://www.facebook.com/OSWCD/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank).
* **Treasurer’s Report:** Treasurer Dr. Livingston stated via e-mail the balance of the bank account is $1,015.09. Treasurer’s report approved by voice vote of 4-0.
* **Conservationist’s Report:** Mr. O’Rourke said the Natural Resources Conservation Service is providing emergency Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) funds in support of landowners who experienced damage caused by Hurricane Ian. There are 146 applications from eight counties.
* Vice chairperson, Matthew Kirk-Boggs, asked the conservationist if he could estimate the monetary amount of damage from Hurricane Ian. Mr. O’Rourke said he didn’t have that information. Dr. Livingston asked what residents could do to prepare for future storms. Incoming supervisor Joel Davis said construction has taken place in flood zones which is resulting in damage. He said water districts have cleared more areas for construction which, in turn, has stimulated building in areas where flooding occurs. The result is more damage from floods. He stated there’s no political will power of politicians in Osceola County to curb the stop growth, nor in the state.

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

* The secretary said he filed the 2022 Public Depositor Annual Report from the board. The report identifies the bank in the State of Florida where OSWCD monies are stored.
* The chairperson and treasurer are coordinating a day and time to meet at South State Bank to transfer account control. Dr. Livingston will be leaving the Board of Supervisors in January 2023. The secretary talked about transferring other duties, as well from the leaving supervisors to the incoming. Mr. O’Rourke said the person with signature authority must be a current member if the transfer takes place now before the newly elected members are seated and sworn in.
* The vice chairperson, Mr. Kirk-Boggs, asked how long outgoing supervisors may attend and until what date do they serve. The secretary said the terms end January 1, 2023. Dr. Livingston said anyone may continue to attend meetings as a resident of the county.
* Because of a change in candidate requirements, Mr. Schneck, Dr. Livingston, and Mr. Boggs are not eligible to serve after their terms expire. The chairperson suggested the incoming supervisors and she find qualified members to appoint as supervisors to fill vacancies.

**Public Comment:** None

**Adjournment:** 5:00 p.m. EDT

*Next Meeting:*

Wednesday, November 16, 2022, 4:00 p.m. EDT online Zoom, Meeting ID: 868 9004 9649 and Passcode: 764951.