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**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**MINUTES**

**DATE:** August 19, 2020

**PRESENT:** Supervisors – Anthony “Tony” Busby, Matthew Boggs, Dr. Deborah Livingston, Larry Allen Schneck. Guest – Ariel Hartney.

**ABSENT:** Jackie Henry

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call:** Meeting was called to order by Chairman Tony Busby at 5:03 p.m. via Zoom video conference meeting.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation:** Pledge of Allegiance led by Chairman Busby. Invocation led by Secretary Schneck.
3. **Minutes:** July 15, 2020 minutes approved by voice vote 4-0.
4. **Treasurer’s Report:** Dr. Livingston reported balances of $369.90 Operating Account and $68.82 Envirothon Account.
5. **Conservationist’s Report:** None.
6. **New Business**
	1. **Holopaw Landfill:** Osceola County representative failed to show up for meeting. The person who was to provide a briefing to the board members cancelled by calling Supervisor Boggs earlier in the day.
	2. **Coal Ash Press Release:** Supervisor Boggs said the discussion concerning the proposed press release should be moved to the September meeting. Supervisor Boggs said the press release should be rewritten. Ariel Hartney said the language of the press release should be modified to delete testing methods at the Holopaw landfill because it’s no longer a debatable issue. Supervisor Boggs said he wanted to work with Ms. Hartney and other subject matter experts to rewrite the press release and present it at next month’s meeting. He also said he would publicize the proposed release to receive public comments. Secretary Schneck motioned to move the press release debate to next month. Motion passed 4-0. Secretary Schneck motioned to authorize Supervisor Boggs to work with Ms. Valerie Anderson, Friends of Split Oak organizer, and Ms. Ariel Hartney on updating the draft release. Motion passed 4-0.
7. **Old Business:**
	1. **Outreach to Ranchers and Garden Initiative:** Chairman Busby discussed outreach initiatives to ranchers and land owners. He said it’s important to work with the community to develop urban gardens and residents’ skills in growing their own food. The Chair would like to broaden the initiative to include the municipal governments in Osceola County. Secretary Schneck will contact The School District of Osceola County, Florida, to develop an avenue to teach school children and expose them to gardening skills. Dr. Livingston described how residents of Osceola County need new skills for a new society normal. These skills include having an individual family garden or an urban garden. Chairman Busby motioned to rename this initiative the Victory Gardens Project. Motion passed 4-0.
	2. **OSWCD Facebook Page and Gmail Account:** Secretary Schneck showed copies of the new Facebook pages. Supervisor Boggs cautioned this site may not satisfy the requirements of the law. Dr. Livingston said the board has no income and may be doing all it can to communicate with residents. Supervisors said a donate button, minutes, the agendas, and photos should be posted on the Facebook pages. Secretary Schneck motioned to use Facebook to publicize board activities. Motion passed 4-0.
	3. **Future Press Releases:** Dr. Livingston stated we should begin looking at topics of concern and importance to the community and start discussion of new press releases.
8. **Public Comment:** None.
9. **Adjournment:** 5:35 p.m.

# Next Meeting:

Wednesday, September 16, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. via Zoom Teleconference