OSCEOLA SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Date: January 10, 2017

PRESENT: Chuck O'Rourk, Amy Canar, J.J. White, Larry Schneck, Deborah Livingston, Millie Ramirez, Connie Simon

ABSENT: Jackie Henry, Brenda Jean Harnage-Burchett (Newly elected OSWCD-Seat 2)

GUESTS: Alex Barrio, District Director of District 9-Polk, Orange & Semoran

 Counties Representing Congressman Darren Soto

 Cheryl Grieb, Osceola County Commissioner, Paul Simon, Armando

 Ramirez

1. Call to Order: Meeting was convened by Chairperson Connie

 Simon at 5:02 PM.

2. Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Chuck O'Rourk; Invocation was

 lead by The Honorable Armando Ramirez

3. Minutes for November 15, 2016 (regular meeting) and December

 9, 2016 (special meeting) were approved unanimously.

4. Treasurer's Report was presented by Deborah Livingston

 (Secretary-Treasurer). Report was approved unanimously.

5. District Conservationist Report: Chuck O'Rourk reported that

 contracts were being reviewed.

6. Other Business:

 A. Swearing in: The Honorable Cheryl Grieb (Commissioner)

 conducted the swearing in of Mildred Ramirez (Seat 4) for a 4-year term and

 Larry Schneck (Seat 3) for a 2-year term. Mr. Schneck was elected chairman.

 B. Anti-Fracking Resolution Update: Dr. Livingston expressed

 appreciation to Commissioner Grieb for her support in getting

 the OSWCB Anti-Fracking Resolution approved by the Osceola

 Board of Commissioners. Grieb expressed her mutual

 appreciation for the development and submission of the Anti-

 Fracking Resolution.

 Commissioner Cheryl Grieb provided an update on water

 quality. She stated that the Board of Commissioners are

 considering a fee to be collected to build ponds that will dump

 into Lake Toho. This would improve water quality throughout the

 area.

 C. Envirothon Update: The Envirothon is scheduled for Thursday,

 February 2nd. Osceola and Orange counties have several

 teams registered for the Envirothon. Volunteers are needed.

 Tests are being developed by schools.

 D. Land Judging Competition: Preparation for land judging is

 under way for FFA (Future Farmers of America) and 4-

 competitions.

7. Public Comment: Alex Barrio, Director of District 9 (Polk-Clay-

 Orange-Osceola-Semoran), representing newly elected U.S.

 Representative Darren Soto (replaced Alan Grayson) announced

 an Open House for Soto scheduled for January 26 from

 4:00 - 7:00 PM) @ 804 Bryant Street in Kissimme. Rep. Soto can

 be contacted at 888-205-5429 or 202-225-9889.

8. Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned at 5:22 PM.

NEXT MEETING: MARCH 14, 2017 @ 5:00pm.