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

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**MINUTES**

**DATE:** May 18, 2022

**PRESENT:**  Chairperson Valerie Anderson and Vice-chairperson Matthew Kirk-Boggs on Zoom, and Secretary Larry Allen Schneck, Sr. and Dr. Deborah Livingston in-person. No guests.

**ABSENT:** Supervisor Jackie Henry, Conservationist Mr. Chuck O’Rourke, and Subcommittee chairperson Mr. Andrew Jeng.

**Call to Order and Roll Call:**  Chair Anderson called the meeting to order at 4:43 p.m. EDT. She asked the Secretary to establish supervisors present with a voice roll call. Quorum verified.

* **Pledge of Allegiance:** Pledge of Allegiance led by Secretary Schneck.
* **Minutes:** April 20, 2022 Minutes approved by voice vote of 4-0. All official, approved 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 sent her report electronically to the Secretary for inclusion in the minutes. The following is her report:

**Osceola Soil & Water Conservation District Treasurer’s Report**

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                             **April 1, 2022 - April 30, 2022**

**OPERATING ACCOUNT**

**Beginning balance as of 4/1/2022            $ 1,015.09**

**Deposits                             $ 0.00**

**Disbursements                 $ 0.00**

**Ending Balance 4/31/2022                                   $ 1,015.09**

**Submitted by: Dr. Deborah Livingston, Treasurer**

**OSWCD-Seat 5**

  Motion to accept and seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

* **Conservationist’s Report:** None.

**Old Business**

* **Victory Gardens:** Dr. Livingston said Hope Landing facility hasn’t responded to any of her requests for contact. Supervisor Boggs suggested trying with a different organization. The growing season has passed for everything except flowers. Chair said Hopkins Park, <https://www.stcloudfl.gov/1502/Hopkins-Park>, might be an alternative to Hope. Supervisors discussed making a certificate to present to gardeners and youth involved in gardening for the first time to begin recognizing this initiative. The program would be called Osceola County Victory Garden stated Chair Anderson. It could be linked to fundraising. Boggs asked if the Victory Garden sub-committee is still active. He said he would research data concerning the victory garden name and concept.

**New Business**

* **Area 4 Annual Meeting:** Dr. Livingston and Chair Anderson will attend the meeting of the Association of Florida Conservation Districts in June. Supervisor Boggs said he’d attend virtually or in person if possible. The poster contest held annually by AFCD, <https://afcd.us/>, is of interest to the Board.
* **HB 53 Needs Analysis:** Secretary Schneck said he answered this request from the State of Florida.
* **Candidate Qualifying Week:** Candidates for re-election need to submit paperwork if running again between June 13 to 17, 2022 at the Osceola County Supervisor of Elections Office in Kissimmee, Florida, for their seats on the Board of Supervisors.
* **OSWCD Workshop Clean Soil Proclamation:** Dr. Livingston proposed a proclamation to be discussed and drafted at a special workshop session on Zoom.

**Public Comment:** None

**Adjournment:** 5:19 p.m. EDT

*Next Meeting:*

Wednesday, May 25, 2022, 4:00 p.m. EDT online Zoom workshop.