

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

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**MINUTES**

**DATE:** September 15, 2021

**PRESENT:** Acting Chairperson Matthew Kirk-Boggs, Secretary Larry Allen Schneck, Treasurer Dr. Deborah Livingston, Supervisor Valerie Anderson, and Supervisor Jackie Henry.

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

**Call to Order and Roll Call:** Acting Chairperson Boggs called the meeting to order after achieving quorum at 5:07 p.m. EDT on Zoom.

* **Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation:** Pledge of Allegiance led by Secretary Schneck and invocation by Dr. Livingston.
* **Minutes:** August 18, 2021 Minutes approved by vote of 5-0.
* **Treasurer’s Report:** Dr. Livingston stated the operating account balance is $369.90. Treasurer’s report approved by vote of 5-0.
* **Conservationist’s Report:** None

**Old Business**

* + **Resolution Letter to Governor’s Office:** Vice-chair Boggs asked supervisors if the appointment resolution to Tallahassee should include Valerie Anderson’s environmental activity since her background differs from the current State of Florida administration. Dr. Livingston said she thought we shouldn’t change the draft letter and recommended to keep it as it’s written. Dr. Livingston motioned to pass the draft. Supervisor Henry seconded the motion. Passed on vote of 5-0. Secretary Schneck will circulate the resolution for supervisors’ signatures, then send the meeting minutes, appointment letter, and previous supervisor’s resignation letter to the Office of the Governor for his action.

**New Business**

* **Appointment of Ms. Valerie Anderson:** Vice-chair Boggs asked if anyone had any objections to Supervisor Valerie Anderson voting and participating in the meeting. She was appointed to an open Seat 2 after Mr. Anthony “Tony” Busby resigned. There were no objections. Secretary Schneck said she was appointed by the Board who decides its membership with concurrence by the Governor. The appointment is valid until Seat 2 is filled in the 2023 election cycle.
* **Victory Gardens:** Dr. Livingston said we have missed the growing season and will have to wait until horticulturalist Eva Pabon recommends planting. The project is awaiting topsoil delivery. When that takes place through Ms. Sarah Lee, they will need volunteers to put the soil into the beds. Oak Leaf Landing Senior Living Center is limiting access to its grounds in order to protect the health of the residents.
* **Fresh Community:** Two sites are ready to go for the next event during a coming Saturday. Mr. Andrew Jeng is working on the permits in order to carry out the two projects..
* **Fundraising:** Vice-chairperson Boggs said he wants to make OSWCD an effective Board of Supervisors. He’s helping make this a reality through funding, especially grants. He’s looking at grants.gov. Dr. Livingston said the vice-chair should go to the Extension Services Office and get the templates for letters to local organizations and the County Commissioners to request financial grants and donations.
* **Election of Officers:** Secretary Schneck asked the Board to approve including officer elections of sitting supervisors at the next monthly meeting. It will be included as an agenda item.
* **Public Comment:** None

**Adjournment:** 5:26 p.m.

*Next Meeting:*

Wednesday, October 20, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. on Zoom