

**Minutes**  
**Marion Soil and Water Conservation District (MSWCD)**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
**2710 East Silver Springs Boulevard**  
**Ocala, FL 34470**  
March 11, 2024  
9:30 AM

**PLEASE NOTE:** Individuals wishing to address the Board will need to sign in. A three-minute time limit will be administered to each of these individuals. PLEASE MUTE ALL PHONES. This agenda acts as a guidance for the structure of the meeting. Thank you.

Vice-Chairman Richard McGinley called the meeting to order at 9:36 AM.

▪ **Roll Call**

Richard McGinley, Vice-Chairman  
Justin Albright, Public Relations  
David Shults, Supervisor

**Absent**

Vivi Serena, Chairman/Treasurer  
Lee Black, Secretary

**Others in Attendance**

Sierra Ayers, NRCS  
Tammy Hinkle, FDACS  
Ann Bishop, MSWCD Staff  
Stefani Duarte, MSWCD Staff

▪ **Proof of Publication**

Star-Banner – On February 11, an email was sent regarding this meeting; a reminder was sent on March 4.  
Florida Administrative Weekly – It was posted in the FL Admin Weekly on December 29.  
NRCS – On January 8, an email was sent regarding this meeting; a reminder was sent on March 4.  
Marion County Board of County Commissioners – On December 18, an email was sent regarding this meeting; a reminder was sent on March 4.

**II. NRCS Report**

▪ **Local Working Group**

The Local Working Group Meeting was discussed, and an updated flyer will be available at the next meeting for distribution.

- **PROPOSED MOTION: David Shults moved that MSWCD hold the 2024 Local Working Group from 1 PM – 3 PM on May 18. Justin Albright seconded; all were in favor.**
- **PROPOSED MOTION: Justin Albright moved that MSWCD pay for refreshments or snacks up to \$300. David Shults seconded; all were in favor.**
- **PROPOSED MOTION: Justin Albright moved that MSWCD give away one plat book to three of the attendees at the Local Working Group. David Shults seconded; all were in favor.**

**III. FDACS Report**

Tammy Hinkle gave a recap on FDACS, the BMP manuals, and cost share. She mentioned about a special regional project that Marion will have. She mentioned that Vanessa Stephens and Clegg Hooks, both, are leaving FDACS.

Since we had multiple producer agreements with incorrect information: addresses, names, and emails, causing staff to spend hours fixing these errors: updating files, amending tax forms, etc. Ann suggested, which Vivi Serena agreed to, that producers should initial by their personal information on their agreements that their information is correct. Tammy Hinkle stated that they can, but not on the RFRs.

- **Cost Share Amendment**

- **PROPOSED MOTION: Justin Albright moved that MSWCD approve the amendment as presented. David Shults seconded; all were in favor.**

- **Cost Share Agreements**

- Billy Edward Milam II – Pasco – \$32033.25 – Precision Nitrogen Applicator
- Schrader Family Farms, LLC – Pasco – \$ 27,075.00 – No Till Drill

- **PROPOSED MOTION: Justin Albright moved that MSWCD approve the cost share agreements as presented. David Shults seconded; all were in favor.**

Tammy will have the photos of the portable corral by next week to send to the Board.

#### IV. Staff Report & Recap

- **Contests (Recap)**

- **Poster/Found Art**  
Stefani Duarte gave a recap.

- **Conservation Landscape Tray**  
Ann Bishop gave a recap.

- **Envirothon**  
Ann Bishop gave a recap.

- **SpringsFest (Recap)**

Ann Bishop gave a recap by email.

- **SWCS Event (Update)**

Ann Bishop gave an update by email. Vivi Serena approved for the District to cover the cost for t-shirts for volunteers/staff not to exceed \$500, and these shirts will have our logo on them.

- **UF/IFAS Educational Programs**

- **Ag BMP Minigrant Conference (Recap)**

Stefani Duarte briefly attended and stated that the information she heard was very educational, but she could not stay on the call due to a work conflict.

- **2024 FL SAF / UF Springs Symposium**

The 2024 FL SAF / UF Springs Symposium was discussed. If interested in attending, let Ann Bishop know.

- **Groundcover Restoration & Enhancement Workshop**

The Groundcover Restoration & Enhancement Workshop was discussed. If interested in attending, let Ann Bishop know.

- **Meetings**

- **FCDEA Midyear Meeting**

The FCDEA Midyear Meeting was discussed.

- **PROPOSED MOTION: Justin Albright moved that MSWCD approve for staff to attend the FCDEA meeting in Gainesville on April 24-25. David Shults seconded; all were in favor.**
- **AFCD Area II Meeting**  
The AFCD Area II Meeting was discussed.
- **PROPOSED MOTION: Justin Albright moved that MSWCD approve for supervisors and staff to attend the Area II Meeting in Gainesville on May 9. David Shults seconded; all were in favor.**
- **Outreach Events**
  - **Run for the Springs**  
The Board discussed the Run for the Springs. Justin Albright and Ann Bishop might run. Ann mentioned that Vivi Serena might want to do it again.
  - **PROPOSED MOTION: Justin Albright moved that MSWCD sponsor the Run for the Springs at the third magnitude level and sponsor any staff and supervisors who would like to run. David Shults seconded; all were in favor.**
  - **Farmland Preservation**  
The Board discussed the Farmland Preservation Festival. Justin Albright stated that he will need to check his calendar, but he might be able to attend.
  - **PROPOSED MOTION: Justin Albright moved that MSWCD approve him to assist Brent London at the Farmland Preservation Festival on April 13. David Shults seconded; all were in favor.**
  - **EarthFest**  
Ann Bishop mentioned the EarthFest.
  - **Marion County Day**  
Ann Bishop mentioned that this was not on the agenda because Chris Rison asked if we were participating in this event after the agenda was printed/posted. The Board discussed the Marion County Day event.
  - **PROPOSED MOTION: Justin Albright moved that MSWCD attend the Marion County Day. David Shults seconded; all were in favor.**
- **MCBCC Budget**  
Ann Bishop gave an update. The Budget is due May 1 to the County.
  - **Year in Review**  
Ann Bishop gave an update.
  - **Commissioner Meetings**
    - **PROPOSED MOTION: Justin Albright moved that MSWCD meet with the County Commissioners prior to our budget workshop, scheduled on July 10. David Shults seconded; all were in favor.**
- **Miscellaneous**  
Ann Bishop gave an overview of the following items:
  - Website Domain: Justin Albright will get Ann Bishop the information on the password.
  - Commissioner Letter

- **PROPOSED MOTION: Justin Albright moved that MSWCD send Matthew McClain a welcome letter. David Shults seconded; all were in favor.**

- Audit
- OPPAGA: Justin Albright will get Ann Bishop his resume/bio.
- 501c3 Status
- HB 7013
- County Training

**V. CONSENT AGENDA**

- MSWCD Board Minutes**
- MSWCD Board Financial Report**
- MSWCD to accept the presented changes to the bylaws as posted on February 12, effective March 12.**

- **PROPOSED MOTION: Justin Albright moved that MSWCD approve the consent agenda as presented. David Shults seconded; all were in favor.**

**VI. Upcoming Events**

- Envirothon – March 21
- Florida Agricultural Policy Outlook Conference – April 17
- State Land Judging – April 5
- MSWCD Monthly Meeting – April 8
- SWSC Silver Springs Event – April 13
- Farmland Preservation – April 13
- FCDEA Meeting – April 16
- EarthFest – April 20
- FCDEA Midyear – April 24-25
- Run for the Springs – April 27
- MCBCC Budget Due – May 1
- Preferred Education Day – May 1-2
- AFCD Area II Meeting – May 9
- MSWCD Monthly Meeting – May 13
- Local Working Group – May 18

**VII. General Public Comments**

**VIII. Supervisor Comments**

**IX. Meeting Adjournment**

- Our next meeting is April 8, 2024 at 9:30 AM in the Growth Services Building, unless determined otherwise during the meeting.

With no other business needing addressed, Vice-Chairman Richard McGinley adjourned the meeting at 11:06 AM, until our next meeting.

MSWCD's regular meetings are held at 9:30 AM on the 2nd Monday of each month, and their workshops are held the 4th Monday of each month at 9:30 AM, tentatively. Both meetings are located in Growth Services, located at 2710 E. Silver Springs, Ocala, FL 34470. For more information, call (352) 438-2475.