



Broward Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes- DRAFT

Thursday, February 27, 2025

5:00 PM

Conference Room at State Farmer's Market, 1255 West Atlantic Boulevard, Pompano Beach, FL 33069

1. Call to Order

Supervisors Jessie Bastos, Bonny Hajducko, Fred Segal, and District Administrator Sara Rahmankhah are physically present. Absent: Supervisors Celeste Elich and Robert Sutton. Meeting called to order by Chair Segal at 5:11 pm.

2. Approval of Minutes.

Motion to approve January 23, 2025 minutes by Vice Chair Hajducko, seconded by Supervisor Bastos. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Treasurer's Report.

Supervisor Segal updated the committee on financials and will be scheduling a meeting with the bank to update signers along with copies of the approved January minutes.

4. Old Business

4.1 2025 Published Meeting Dates

Supervisor Bastos successfully published all meeting dates to the January 27, 2025 issue of the Florida Administrative Register (FAR), thus satisfying required compliance policy. Link to the issue: https://flrules.org/BigDoc/View_Section.asp?Issue=4316&Section=6

4.2 BSWCD Performance Measures

Supervisor Bastos provided a list of performance measures to consider for adoption. Discussion ensued. Supervisor Bastos will fine tune a draft of performance measures for the next meeting.

4.3 2025 Outreach Events (Recap of Prior Events & Future Event Discussion)

Davie's 88th Annual Orange Blossom Festival on February 22-23 was a success and was attended by Chair Segal, Vice Chair Hajducko, Supervisor Bastos, and District Administrator Rahmankhah. Supervisor Bastos created a children's activity called Race To Reduce Waste highlighting composting among solutions to Broward's current landfill capacity challenges, which was well-received by festival participants. The wreath created by Supervisor Bastos and District Administrator Rahmankhah on behalf of the BSWCD adorned the antique carriage carrying Mayor Judy Paul and was very well received.

Water Matters Day will take place on March 8, 2025 and will be attended by Chair Segal, Vice Chair Hajducko, Supervisor Bastos, and District Administrator Rahmankhah. Supervisor Bastos will work with District Administrator Rahmankhah on developing additional booth materials, and Chair Segal and Vice Chair Hajducko will confirm event logistics.



5. New Business

5.1 Social Media

Discussion ensued on content that should be shared to social media based upon BSWCD goals and objectives, and that a tagline should be included stating that viewpoints of individual supervisors do not reflect the overall opinion of the district. **Chair Segal motioned that sharing of activities by other organizations should be limited to topics that are non-partisan and meet the goals and objectives of the BSWCD, and that all activities performed and public statements issued on behalf of the BSWCD should be pre-approved during district meetings.** Supervisor Bastos seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Chair Segal motioned to grant authority of posting to social media to the Secretary and District Administrator. Supervisor Bastos seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

5.2 Prescription Drugs in Waterways

Supervisor Bastos motioned to table 5.2 to our next meeting, seconded by Vice Chair Hajducko. Motion passed unanimously.

5.3 Liquid Trees

Supervisor Bastos motioned to table 5.3 to our next meeting, seconded by Vice Chair Hajducko. Motion passed unanimously.

5.4 Artificial Intelligence as a Resource to the District

Supervisor Bastos motioned to table 5.4 to our next meeting, seconded by Vice Chair Hajducko. Motion passed unanimously.

5.5 Fundraising

Discussion of fundraising opportunities ensued, along with how raising funds aligns with district goals and performance measures.

6.6 BSWCD Partnerships

Supervisor Bastos motioned that any organizational partnerships where supervisors plan to represent and/or reference the Broward Soil and Water Conservation District, either in person, virtually, or in print/media publication need to be pre-approved by the district in order to ensure alignment with district goals. Chair Segal seconded the motion with all in favor.

6.7 NACD Membership

Chair Segal motioned to approve becoming a member of the NACD. Supervisor Bastos seconded. With all in favor motion carried.

6.8 Ethics Training Requirements

Pursuant to Section 112.3142 of the Florida Statutes, ethics trainings must be completed annually by Dec. 31st. More info as well as an online version is available at <https://ethics.state.fl.us/Training/Training.aspx>. Chair Segal offered to check with the City of Pompano Beach and Supervisor Bastos offered to check with the Town of Davie and with Broward County's MPO on additional offerings.



6. Member Comment

Chair Segal informed the district that a Farm to Table dinner benefitting the Sample McDougald House will be occurring on March 7, 2025. More info at <https://www.samplemcdougald.org/upcoming-events/march-7th-2025/>

Chair Segal reminded the district that the Florida Citrus Show will be held on Thursday March 13th, 2025 at the UF/IFAS Indian River Research and Education Center and the USDA Agricultural Research Service U.S. Horticultural Research Laboratory in Fort Pierce located at 2199 S Rock Rd in Ft. Pierce. More info at <https://citrusindustry.net/2025/01/08/registration-open-florida-citrus-show/>

Chair Segal informed the committee that Farm Bureau Day in Tallahassee will be occurring on March 18, 2025. More info at <https://floridafarmbureau.org/2025-farm-bureau-day/#:~:text=The%20Florida%20Farm%20Bureau%20Legislative,Tucker%20Civic%20Center.>

Vice Chair Hajducko recommended creating a new BSWCD banner for future events. Chair Segal offered to look into options.

Discussion took place on logistics of next month's meeting. **Supervisor Bastos motioned to cancel the upcoming March 27, 2025 meeting due to scheduling conflicts. Chair Segal seconded the motion with all in favor.** The next meeting will take place on April 24, 2025.

7. Public Comment- None.

8. Adjournment

Chair Segal adjourned the meeting at 6:30pm.