



Broward Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes

Thurs, March 18, 2021

Zoom Online (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85135696568>)

5:30 PM

401 E. Las Olas Blvd., Ste. 1510, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

- I. Call to Order at 5:57 PM
- II. Board Members Present
 - a) Richard DeNapoli
 - b) Jelani Harvey – by Zoom
 - c) Alissa Schafer
 - d) Fred Segal
- III. Board Members absent
 - a) Emma Collum
- IV. Members of the Public
 - a) None
- V. Pledge of Allegiance
- VI. Approval of Minutes from prior meeting in October 2020 tabled.
- VII. Motion and a second to keep the same officers for another year. Supervisor Schafer motions, Supervisor Harvey seconds. Motion carries.
- VIII. Discussion of agenda. Supervisor Segal asks for motion that the corresponding secretary put the agenda out each month. Supervisor DeNapoli motions. Seconded by Supervisor Schafer. Motion carries.
- IX. Supervisor Segal brings up question of who the registered agent is. Currently it is Supervisor Harvey. The address is now 401 E. Las Olas. Supervisor DeNapoli offers to use his address and name him as registered agent. Supervisor Harvey seconds. Motion carries.
- X. Old Business
 - a. Supervisor Segal previously said at the October 2020 meeting that we should try and enter into a contractual agreement with the FL Dept of Agriculture to provide education and sign up for best management practices to agricultural business in Broward county.



- i. Update: Supervisor Segal says that a contract was given to Highlands County to cover Miami Dade, Broward, Palm Beach and Collier.
- b. Supervisor Harvey previously said at the October 2020 meeting that we need a calendar of items that we need to be up to date on. Website is one thing we need to update. There was also a general discussion at the October 2020 meeting about how we should apply for grants as they become available on a regular basis, as well as discussion about having emergency meetings when required to meet deadlines.
 - i. Update: Supervisor Harvey will spearhead this and come up with a draft at the next meeting.
- c. Supervisor DeNapoli asks about other ideas to look at including promotion of technology where the district actually has marketed and sold things like composters, digesters, biologicals used as fertilizers, since we can act as a broker on those items. It is mentioned that the Dade County Soil and Water used to sell composters and acted as a middleman to get commissions.
 - i. There is a discussion regarding Skeeter Pro under new business below.
- d. Supervisor Segal said at the October 2020 meeting that we have 14,000 horses in the county, producing manure that goes into landfills. We should develop a grant for the district to own and operate a digester or anerobic paralysis system to take in the manure, get a fee, and convert to electricity.
 - i. We could try to do this in cooperation with a municipality, though it's not really a BMP. Supervisor Segal will look into it. He was hoping the Farm Park in Davie would be moving along faster than it is, and that maybe could do something with them, but it's a couple of years from breaking ground.
- e. Pines Charter Outreach. Pembroke Pines Charter high school student contacted Supervisor Harvey about how they can participate with the district and the poster contest and Envirothon. Last month it was discussed that we could promote to science coordinators and chairs at schools to get more participation.
 - i. Nothing to update.
- f. Internship Opportunity Broward College. Internship Opportunities could be available for students with the Broward Soil & Water Conservation District. Supervisor Harvey was previously contacted by Professor Fletcher at Broward College about having an intern that would work with our District for course credit. All Supervisors agreed previously this would be beneficial. Supervisor Harvey did follow up and supplied a list of ways an intern could help, and updated us that if we had one intern, they could work on the grant, while the other could work on lunch and learn programs. The Envirothon for 2021 was discussed but is uncertain as to date and whether it would be a live event.
 - i. Nothing to update.



XI. New Business

- a. Supervisor Segal brings up a company, Gro Pro. The product is Skeeter Pro, with a website at skeeter.pro. They have made an offer to us that if we put them in touch with any entities that can use their services, such as Broward Mosquito control, then they will pay a 10% royalty back to the Broward Soil and Water District on all orders and future orders. Anyone with any contacts with the agencies that do mosquito control, then reach out to the regarding this product, which is natural biological product, then they can do business. Supervisor Segal says it is significantly less money and can be a savings to companies and revenue to the Broward Soil & Water Conservation District. Supervisor Harvey says he would like to review any documents or contract. Supervisor Schafer asks if they can present at our next meeting, perhaps with representatives from Gro Pro in a formal presentation.
- b. Supervisor Schafer mentions that there are some bills in the legislature and asked if anyone had any comments on those. The session will almost be over by our next regularly scheduled meeting. She says that we should at least speak out on what happens in the legislature as to how it impacts Broward soil and water resources. This could be a great lunch and learn, such as "this passed into law, and this is what it means." This will add value to the District.

XII. Public Comment – None

XIII. Motion to adjourn by Supervisor Schafer. Seconded by Supervisor DeNapoli. Adjournment at 6:45 PM.