



## **Broward Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes**

Thursday, September 26, 2024

6:00 PM

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

### **1. Call to Order**

Supervisors Noreen Abrams, Jessie Bastos, Bonny Hajducko, and Chair Fred Segal are physically present. Also present: Pompano Beach Vice Mayor Andrea McGee, Robert Sutton. Meeting called to order by Chair Segal at 6:00 pm.

### **2. Approval of Minutes.**

Motion to approve August 22, 2024 minutes by Supervisor Abrams, seconded by Supervisor Hajducko. Motion passes unanimously.

### **3. Treasurer's Report.**

Supervisor Hajducko updated the committee on financials.

### **4. Old Business**

#### **4.1 5-Year Strategic Plan**

Supervisor Bastos presented an updated 5-Year Strategic Plan draft which was reviewed in length by the board. Supervisor Abrams motioned to approve and adopt the 5-Year Strategic Plan, seconded by Supervisor Hajducko. Motion passed unanimously. Supervisor Bastos will upload the plan to the BSWCD website by end of week.

#### **4.2 Ethics Training**

Supervisor Bastos reached out to Charlene Meeks and was able to complete the online 4-hour Ethics Training available at <https://iog.fsu.edu/online-ethics> at a cost of \$79. Pompano Beach Vice Mayor made a suggestion for the committee to reach out to the Pompano Beach Clerk to see if we can piggyback off of their Ethics Training at no cost.

### **5. New Business**

#### **5.1 New Requirements for Special Districts**

Supervisor Abrams discussed the new compliance regulations passed for Special Districts <http://www.leg.state.fl.us/Statutes/> under Title XIII, Chapter 189.

- Chair Segal suggested appointing Celeste Ellich at our November meeting to fill the Seat 3 vacancy to ensure we have a meeting in 2024 attended by all 5 Supervisors. Ellich is running unopposed in the November election.



- Supervisor Bastos offered to reach out to Charlene Meeks to clarify the meeting posting requirement, as it was understood that former Chair DeNapoli had properly notified the Administrative Register of all 2024 meeting dates.
- Supervisor Bastos suggested that all Supervisors share a resume of qualifications for the BSWCD to have on file.

### **5.2 Great Outdoors Initiative**

Supervisor Bastos discussed the recently cancelled FDEP plans for developing on state parks. In late August plans were scrapped for the Great Outdoors Initiative, however Governor DeSantis has since directed the FDEP to work on revised plans. As the process has not been inclusive nor transparent and contrary to the environmental initiatives the BSWCD advocates for, Supervisor Bastos proposed Resolution 2024-1:

Whereas preservation of Florida State Parks and open space is beneficial to the public welfare and preservation of native Florida wildlife, be it resolved that the Broward Soil & Water Conservation District is voicing its opposition to the construction of any infrastructure in Florida's State Park systems that would impede the passive and uninterrupted peaceful use of these parks.

Motion to accept by Supervisor Abrams, seconded by Supervisor Hajducko. Motion passed unanimously.

### **6. Member Comment**

Supervisor Bastos reminded the committee that the Town of Davie will be hosting its 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Gardens Matter Day on October 5<sup>th</sup> at Robbins Preserve. Supervisors Bastos and Hajducko will be attending on behalf of the BSWCD.

Supervisor Bastos will be participating in a 6-week Water Ambassador program through the UF/IFAS Extension office of Broward County and looks forward to sharing relevant information with the district.

Chair Segal informed the district of a new agricultural startup in Fort Lauderdale focused on growing mushrooms and microgreens organically within a warehouse setting.

### **7. Public Comment**

Pompano Beach Vice Mayor Andrea McGee was grateful to be in attendance and is excited to hear about gardening initiatives, green space, and other shared initiatives we're working on.

Robert Sutton, running unopposed for Seat 2 Supervisor, expressed his enthusiasm for being a part of the committee in January and boasted of his fundraising skills. Discussion on fundraising ensued. Chair Segal suggested that funding could help hire staff to help communicate between members. Supervisor Abrams suggested funding could help support the district's education component. Sutton suggested a corporate sponsor could help fund a scholarship on conservation.

### **8. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn at 7:18pm by Chair Segal, seconded by Supervisor Hajducko. Motion passes unanimously.