



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

Thursday, January 23, 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, Celeste Ellich, Bonny Hajducko, Fred Segal, Robert Sutton and District Administrator Sara Rahmankhah are physically present. Also present: Teresa Sutton. Meeting called to order by Chair Segal at 5:01 pm.

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

Motion to approve November 21, 2024 minutes by Supervisor Bastos, seconded by Supervisor Sutton. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Supervisor Segal updated the committee on financials. Due to a new board, he will be scheduling a meeting with the bank to update signers.

### **4. Old Business**

#### **4.1 2025 Published Meeting Dates**

Supervisor Bastos indicated that meeting dates have been posted to the BSWCD website, and there will be a cost to the district associated with publishing meeting dates to the Florida Administrative Register (FAR). Supervisor Bastos offered to cover costs and logistics of posting meeting dates to the FAR, while Supervisor Segal agreed to cover costs and logistics of posting meeting dates to a local publication, thus satisfying required compliance policy.

#### **4.2 BSWCD Performance Measures**

Supervisor Bastos recommended implementing performance measures related to participation in outreach events, Supervisor volunteer hours, public education, ongoing educational certifications for Supervisors, and District/Supervisor compliance measures including Ethics Training completion. Supervisor Segal recommended inviting guest speakers to outreach events and suggested that Best Management Practices be a core component of public education initiatives, particularly Equine, Turf Management, and Nursery BMPs. District Administrator Rahmankhah suggested ways in which we can measure community engagement through outreach events and website visits. Supervisor Bastos recommended exploring various intergovernmental partnerships which have been key revenue sources for neighboring Florida Districts, and Supervisor Segal discussed the potential of a partnership with the Florida Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services to register BMP Notices of Intent. Further discussion ensued, and Supervisor Bastos volunteered to author a draft of performance measures to present at our February 27<sup>th</sup> meeting.



## 5. New Business

### 5.1 2025 Election of Officers

Supervisor Segal opened the floor for nominations for Chair. Supervisor Bastos motioned to nominate Supervisor Segal as Chair, seconded by Supervisor Sutton. Seeing no further nominations, Supervisor Ellich motioned to close nominations, seconded by Supervisor Bastos with all in favor. Supervisor Segal was unanimously confirmed as Chair.

Chair Segal opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chair. Supervisor Ellich motioned to nominate Supervisor Hajducko as Vice Chair, seconded by Supervisor Sutton. Chair Segal motioned to nominate Supervisor Bastos as Vice Chair, seconded by Supervisor Bastos. Discussion ensued. In a show of hands Supervisor Hajducko received 3 votes from Supervisors Ellich, Sutton, and Hajducko and Supervisor Bastos received 2 votes from Supervisors Segal and Bastos. Supervisor Hajducko was confirmed as Vice Chair.

Chair Segal opened the floor for nominations for Secretary. Supervisor Ellich motioned to nominate Supervisor Bastos as Secretary, seconded by Supervisor Sutton. Seeing no further nominations, Supervisor Ellich motioned to close nominations, seconded by Supervisor Sutton. With all in favor, motion carried and Supervisor Bastos was confirmed as Secretary.

Chair Segal opened the floor for nominations for Treasurer. Supervisor Sutton motioned to nominate Supervisor Ellich as Treasurer, seconded by Supervisor Hajducko. Seeing no further nominations, Supervisor Bastos motioned to close nominations, seconded by Supervisor Sutton. With all in favor, motion carried and Supervisor Ellich was confirmed as Treasurer.

The 2025 Officers for the BSWCD are Chair Fred Segal, Vice Chair Bonny Hajducko, Secretary Jessie Bastos, and Treasurer Celeste Ellich. Supervisor Sutton motioned for the Chair and Treasurer to be authorized as bank signers, seconded by Supervisor Hajducko. With all in favor motion carried.

### 5.2 2025 Outreach Events

Unity in the Community will be taking place on Saturday January 25, 2025 at the Pompano Beach Community Park located at 1660 NE 10th St. District Administrator Sara Rahmankhah will be attending on behalf of the BSWCD. More info on the event can be found at <https://www.pompanobeachfl.gov/events/unity-in-the-community>

The City of Wilton Manor's Arbor Day Tree Giveaway will be taking place on Saturday January 25, 2025 at the Richardson Historic Park & Nature Preserve located at 1937 Wilton Dr. Supervisor Ellich will be attending on behalf of the BSWCD. More info on the event can be found at <https://www.wiltonmanors.gov/Calendar.aspx?EID=10177&month=1&year=2025&day=25&calType=0>

The Town of Davie will be hosting its 88<sup>th</sup> Annual Orange Blossom Festival on Saturday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> through Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> 2025 at the Bamford Sports Complex located at 3801 S. Pine Island Road. Chair Segal, Supervisor Hajducko, and Supervisor Bastos will be attending on behalf of the BSWCD. Supervisor Bastos suggested that the BSWCD sponsor the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Davie Wreath to be placed on the back of the antique carriage Mayor Judy Paul will be riding in for the parade. The carriage and wreath will be displayed outside of the shared tent sponsored by the Broward County Farm Bureau, Davie Area Land Trust, and BSWCD. Supervisor Bastos volunteered



to design, sponsor, and create the wreath and made a motion for the ensuing efforts to represent the BSWCD, seconded by Supervisor Hajducko. With all in favor motion carried. More info on the event can be found at <https://www.davie-fl.gov/1252/12155/Orange-Blossom-Festival>

Broward County's 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Waterway Cleanup will be taking place on Saturday March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025 at various locations throughout the county. Supervisor Ellich will be in attendance on behalf of the BSWCD. More info on the event can be found at <https://waterwaycleanup.org/>

Broward County's Water Matters Day will be held on Saturday March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at Tree Tops Park located at 3900 SW 100th Ave in Davie. Chair Segal and Supervisor Hajducko will reach out to have a table set up for the BSWCD either separately or shared with the Farm Bureau's confirmed table. Supervisor Bastos and District Administrator Rahmankhah will be in attendance on behalf of the BSWCD. More info on the event can be found at <https://www.broward.org/NaturalResources/WaterConservation/Pages/WaterMattersDay.aspx>

The Florida Citrus Show will be held on Thursday March 13<sup>th</sup>, 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 on the event can be found at <https://citrusindustry.net/2025/01/08/registration-open-florida-citrus-show/>

Supervisor Sutton suggested partnering with Make America Clean Again as the founder will be visiting South Florida in February. Supervisor Bastos recommended that the district explore a vetting process before potential partnerships with unknown organizations and activities.

Discussion ensued on best practices for effective participation in events, the need to develop interactive booth activities and distribute materials such as BMP Manuals, and procuring identification such as ID cards, business cards, name tags, and district shirts. Chair Segal volunteered to create ID cards for all Supervisors.

#### **6. Member Comment**

Chair Segal successfully filed all required financial documentation with the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity and was able to have all fees associated with the filing waived.

Supervisor Bastos recommended that the topic of Social Media be added under New Business to next month's agenda. Supervisor Sutton would also like to add Prescription Drugs in Waterways, Liquid Trees, and Artificial Intelligence as a Resource for the BSWCD.

#### **7. Public Comment- None.**

#### **8. Adjournment**

Chair Segal adjourned the meeting at 6:11pm.