



Broward Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 21, 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, Chair Fred Segal, and District Administrator Sara Rahmankhah are physically present. Also present: Celeste Ellich, Robert Sutton, and Teresa Sutton. Meeting called to order by Chair Segal at 6:04 pm.

2. New Business: Committee Appointment

Chair Segal introduced Celeste Ellich who ran unopposed to Seat 3 for the 2024 General Election. Supervisor Abrams motioned to appoint Ms. Ellich to the seat vacated by prior Supervisor Richard DeNapoli earlier in the year. Supervisor Bastos seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Supervisor Bastos will send the draft minutes from tonight's meeting to the Secretary of State Bureau of Election Records to meet Florida Statute s. 582.195.

3. Approval of Minutes.

Motion to approve October 24, 2024 minutes by Supervisor Abrams, seconded by Supervisor Hajducko. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Treasurer's Report.

Supervisor Hajducko updated the committee on financials.

5. Old Business

5.1 Florida SWCD Performance Reviews Summary

Supervisor Bastos provided a summary of her findings of the 49 Florida District Performance Reviews completed in 2024, pointing out Programs & Activities the Broward Soil & Water Conservation District may want to incorporate into future programming. These include additional Conservation Educational Programs, Outreach Events, Scholarships & Awards, and Revenue-Producing Programs in collaboration with the USDA NRCS, local Water Management Districts, and local Board of County Commissioners. Discussion ensued, and the implementation of additional programming will be on the district agenda for 2025.

5.2 BSWCD Performance Review- Performance Measures

Supervisor Bastos shared a sampling of performance measures implemented by other districts that the Broward Soil & Water Conservation District may consider adopting as an addendum to our 5-Year Strategic Plan. Discussion ensued, and the implementation of performance measures will be on the district agenda for 2025.



6. New Business

6.1 Swearing-In Ceremony

Discussion ensued regarding the logistics of the 2025 Swearing-In Ceremony for Seats 1-4 which will take place before the Pompano Beach Commission Meeting on Tuesday, January 14th at 1pm at 100 West Atlantic Blvd. Pompano Beach, FL 33060.

6.2 2025 Notice of Meetings

Supervisor Bastos will provide the meeting dates to Charlene Meeks for 2025 to include in the Florida Administrative Register (FAR) publications once dates have been decided, as well as post the meeting dates to our website.

6.3 Updating Officers on Bank Accounts

Chair Segal will be contacting our banking provider to update officers on our banking accounts in Q1 2025 with the arrival of new Supervisors to the district.

6.4 2025 Meeting Dates

Meeting dates and times for 2025 were discussed. Supervisor Bastos motioned to set meeting dates for the 4th Thursday of each month with a start time of 5pm, with the exception of November and December which will take place on the 3rd Thursday due to holidays. Supervisor Ellich seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Scheduled meetings will take place on January 23rd, February 27th, March 27th, April 24th, May 22nd, June 26th, July 24th, August 28th, September 25th, October 23rd, November 20th, and December 18th.

6.5 National Farm City Week

Chair Segal discussed National Farm City Week which takes place November 21st-27th, 2024 and issued a proclamation on behalf of the Broward Soil & Water Conservation District which will be posted to our website.

<https://www.browardsoilandwater.org/files/2ef46556d/BSWCD+Farm+City+Week+Proclamation+2024.pdf>

6.6 BMP Cost Share Program

Chair Segal informed the district of changes made to the FDACS BMP Cost Share Program.

Supervisor Bastos will post the updated information to our website

<https://www.browardsoilandwater.org/bmp-cost-share-program> for those who wish to apply.

7. Member Comment

Supervisor Bastos, Chair Segal, and Supervisor Hajducko thanked Supervisor Abrams for her valuable contributions to the district over the past year, as the current meeting would be her last one serving as Supervisor for Seat 2. Supervisor Ellich and Supervisor-Elect Sutton were welcomed to the committee.

8. Public Comment- None.

9. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 7:17pm by Supervisor Abrams, seconded by Supervisor Ellich. Motion passes unanimously.