



Broward Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes

Thurs, April 18th, 2019

Emma Lou Civic Center

1801 NE 6th St, Pompano Beach, FL 33060

6:30 PM

- I. Call to Order at 6:30 PM
- II. Board Members Present
 - a) Richard DeNapoli (by phone)
 - b) Jelani Harvey
 - c) Alissa Schafer
 - d) Fred Segal
- III. Members of the Public
 - a) Former Supervisor Nancy Matayer
 - b) Mike Stara, from the Dolphin Democrats
- IV. Pledge of Allegiance
- V. Approval of March 22nd Meeting Minutes. Motion made by Supervisor Harvey, seconded by Supervisor DeNapoli to table the approval of the March 22nd minutes because some supervisors did not review the minutes due to an oversight. Supervisor DeNapoli sent the minutes out immediately after the March 22nd meeting and it was decided among the Supervisors that it was preferable to send the minutes out closer in time to the subsequent meeting. It is also decided that in the future, the agendas will be sent by the Corresponding Secretary in the body of the email.
- VI. Old Business:
 - a) Supervisor Segal mentions that the Area Four Meeting had over 50 people in attendance. There was a resolution regarding the issue of the 10 foot maximum level of Lake Okeechobee that was voted upon and was successful so that it will be slated for a state-level vote. It was approved to go to the state level without recommendations, meaning that it will be subject to be discussed at the state meeting.
- VII. New Business:
 - a) Earth Day and the Green New Deal was discussed.
 1. Mike Stara from the Dolphin Democrat organization also spoke, mentioning his objective in being at the meeting was the environment. He went on to state that he



was a Board member of the Dolphin Democrats who lives in Fort Lauderdale; that the Dolphin Democrats is a LGBT organization.

2. Former Supervisor Nancy Metayer spoke regarding Earth Day, the Green New Deal, and a plan to do a town hall in perhaps mid-May. The Fort Lauderdale library downtown is referenced as a possible good place to have the town hall. Ms. Metayer mentioned that the Green New Deal was not a “new” initiative, but was originally thought of in 2006. Alexandria Ocasio Cortez and Sen. Ed Markey sponsored the Bill. The Green New Deal also addresses climate change and economic inequality, and Ms. Metayer wants people to know the facts. Supervisor Harvey thinks we can get involved and that it would be good to talk about whether we want to sponsor the town hall. The Board can discuss but it could not be a partisan event. There is a toolkit that will be shared with Board members.
3. Supervisor Segal speaks regarding a town hall. He mentions that he would try to go to the Broward County Extension Service, which is a partnership between the University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (UF/IFAS), and Broward County government, that provide non-biased, research-based information to Broward citizens. Supervisor Segal said that Michael S Orfanedes put on a presentation there that we could utilize in a presentation to educate the public.
4. Supervisor Harvey mentions that we should do a presentation to the public and that we could do it in June in lieu of a meeting. The third Thursday of June is the 20th, which would give us a month to publicize it. Homeowners Associations would be a great group to invite as well. The plan will be to plan a 1) town hall June meeting, 2) reach out to the extension office for a joint event, 3) to discuss best practices for trimming trees and maintaining landscaping during hurricane season. Supervisor Harvey motions, Supervisor Schafer seconds. Motion carries.

VIII. Discussion Items:

- a) There are two letters in the office for Supervisor DeNapoli.
- b) Every Supervisor should receive a copy of the Conservation Handbook
- c) The permanent address of the Conservation District is discussed. Supervisor DeNapoli offers his Fort Lauderdale office as the permanent address. It will be “Broward Soil & Water Conservation District, c/o Coral Gables Trust, 401 E. Las Olas Blvd., Ste. 1400, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301.”
- d) Supervisor Harvey discusses the Wells Fargo account and need to change signatures on it. Supervisor DeNapoli offers to assist with Wells Fargo after Supervisor Harvey determines what it is that Wells Fargo needs to do to get the names on the account changed.
- e) Supervisor Segal mentions that there is a meeting tomorrow from 2 to 6 regarding disaster planning for agriculture and livestock.
- f) Supervisor Harvey mentions that he may not be present at next month’s meeting.

IX. Public Comment

- a) Public Comment is contained in the New Business section.

X. Adjournment at 7:18 PM.