**Lake Soil and Water Conservation District**

**Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting**

**December 4, 2019**

The Board of Supervisors, Lake Soil and Water Conservation District (LSWCD), met on December 4, 2019, at the UF/IFAS Lake County Extension Center at 1952 Woodlea Road, Tavares, Fl 32778. Those present were:

**Supervisors:**  Banks Helfrich, Rose Fitzpatrick, Robert Myatt, and Cassandra Brown

**Guests:** Juanita Popenoe, PHD UF/IFAS Extension Agent IV, Commercial Fruit Production; Susan Fetter

**Staff:** Absent - Sharon Redding, Administrative Assistant, LSWCD

Banks Helfrich, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting proof of publication was not available.

**Welcome:** Banks Helfrich introduced Juanita Popenoe, PHD UF/IFAS Extension Agent IV, Commercial Fruit Production. Ms. Popenoe shared information about her position and answered questions by the Board Members.

**Public Comment:** None

**Meeting Minutes:** The November 6 Minutes was approved as submitted.

**Financial Report:** The November 6 Financial Report was approved as submitted.

**Correspondence/Action Items:** None

**USDA—Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS):** No Representative or Report.

**FDACS Office of Agricultural Water Policy (OAWP):** No Representative or Report

**Mobile Irrigation Lab (MIL):** Adam Boykin provided a written report: 44 of 68 evaluations have been completed. Remaining evals will be scheduled and completed by the end of the month. We are working on next proposed budget for contract July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2022.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**2020 Events:**

* **Tree Give-Away:**  Banks Helfrich found a local supplier to purchase 200 Cypress Leylands at $1 each to hand out at the Tavares Arbor Day celebration Jan. 18, 2020 along with the other saplings.
* **LSWCD Flyer:**  Robert Myatt gave everyone a sample of a flyer he updated from an NRCS flyer. Discussion about what could be eliminated and should be included. Robert said he did not have time to continue to work on so Cassandra Brown offered to take it on.
* **Envirothon:** Robert Myatt is in contact with a teacher to organize his March 26 event. Robert is going to contact the School District as to who and how we can reach the appropriate teachers for our events.
* **Frank Paulhamus Scholarship:** Cassandra Brown is continuing working on the project. Deadline is March 15. We will review applicants and choose winner at the April 15 meeting.
* **Land Judging:** Rose Fitzpatrick has emailed school contacts with the Feb. 27 contest date she found from records provided by Megan but has had no response.

**Mission Statement:** After discussion, a motion was made by Rose Fitzpatrick, 2nd by Robert Myatt that our mission is to “Reach out to communities and schools to teach the value of natural resources and encourage conservation efforts.” Motion carried unanimously.   
This will be put on our website and any future publicity.

**Facebook photo contest and poster contest**: Banks Helfrich has set up a photo contest on Facebook which will start January 2020. Prizes will be ‘swag’ provided by Diedre Irwin with the St. John’s River Water Management District. Winners will have to come to meeting to receive prize. Mr. Helfrich has the information regarding the 2020 Poster Contest and will be following up.

**Website:** Rose Fitzpatrick has completed most of the updates. It is an on-going project with Agendas & Minutes added every month.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Appointment of New Supervisor:** Susan Fetter gave some background on why she was interested in joining the LSWCD Board again. Motion was made by Rose Fitzpatrick, 2nd by Robert Myatt that Susan Fetter be appointed as Supervisor, Seat 4 to the Lake Soil & Water Conservation District for the remainder of the term. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Fetter said that she would be interested in making contact with the County Board of Commissioners, specifically Sean Parks and County Manager, Jeff Cole to re-establish LSWCD connection with Lake County. Motion was made by Robert Myatt and 2nd by Cassandra Brown that Susan Fetter be the LSWCD liaison to the Lake County Board of Commissioners. Motion carried unanimously.

**Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm. Next meeting will be January 15, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

Rose Fitzpatrick, Supervisor for

Sharon Redding, Administrative Assistant