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**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**MINUTES**

**DATE:** December 13, 2018

**PRESENT:** Jackie Henry, Deborah Livingston, Larry Allen Schneck

**Guests:** Anthony Busby, Matthew Kirk-Boggs, Chuck O’Rourke (NRCS), Kaylee Durrance (AFCD)

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Larry Schneck at 4:02 p.m.

Roll call was taken. Larry Schneck was present in the room with Deborah Livingston and Jackie Henry via teleconference. Millie Ramirez was absent.

Deborah Livingston led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the invocation.

Minutes of the previous meeting, November 14, 2018, were approved by unanimous vote. Larry Schneck gave the treasurer’s report.

Chuck O’Rourke gave a conservation report and Farm Bill 2018 update. In Fiscal Year 2018, Osceola County had about 62,000 acres with 22 contracts valued at $2.4 million. There’s a new director of the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). Envirothon 2019 is February 7th at Harry P. Leu Gardens in Orlando. The event begins at 8:00 a.m.

Old Business: None

New Business:

1. **Association of Florida Conservation Districts (AFCD)** – Kaylee Durrance presented the new AFCD-published supervisor handbook and gave copies to each board member. Deborah Livingston asked about the possibility of AFCD providing server space to host the OSWCD web pages. Kaylee said it would. The cost is $250 to creating the site, but no cost to maintain it.
2. **Ashley Avant** – Ms. Avant wasn’t available to brief the board on the annual speech and poster contest.
3. **New Supervisor** – Mr. Kirk-Boggs and Mr. Busby were both present to answer questions about their applications to join the board. The vacancy, Seat 2, is still open for an appointment. Chairman Schneck said he’d like to have both applicants available at the next meeting for Seat 2 and a possible second opening. Larry Schneck stated he was going to meet with the County Clerk, the Honorable Armando Ramirez during the coming weekend to discuss his swearing in the recently re-elected supervisors and new appointees. Kaylee Durrance and Chuck O’Rourke raised concerns about having supervisors vote via teleconference during meetings.

Public Comment: Matt Kirk-Boggs and Tony Busby thanked the board for the opportunity to join as members. Mr. Kirk-Boggs said he didn’t mean to step on any toes in his generating support for his candidacy to be appointed to the board.

ADJOURNMENT at 4:25 p.m.

# Next Meeting:

The swearing-in ceremony of new and re-elected supervisors will be February 4, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. by the County Clerk, the Honorable Armando Ramirez.