

***Osceola Soil & Water Conservation District***

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**MINUTES**

**DATE:** March 17, 2021

**PRESENT:** Supervisors Matthew Boggs, Larry Allen Schneck, and Dr. Deborah Livingston. Guests: Andrew Jeng.

**ABSENT:** Anthony “Tony” Busby, Jackie Henry

**Call to Order and Roll Call:** Vice Chair Boggs asked Secretary Schneck to chair meeting. Meeting was called to order by Secretary Larry Schneck at 5:00 p.m. via Zoom video conference meeting.

* **Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation:** Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation led by Dr. Livingston.
* **Minutes:** January 20, 2021 Minutes approved by voice vote 3-0.
* **Treasurer’s Report:** Dr. Livingston stated the current operating balance from a July 2020 bank statement was $369.00 and the balance in the Envirothon account was $78.77 with a $9.95 monthly service charge.

The bank charges a fee that reduced the balance in the Envirothon account to a negative 83 cents.

By a motion of 3-0, Treasurer Livingston is going to talk to the conservationist and ask to find a more favorable, less expensive banking situation.

Dr. Livingston said the bank corrected an erroneous e-mail for her, and now she receives consistent access to bank statements.

* **Conservationist’s Report:** None.
* **Old Business**
* **Victory Gardens Project Update, E-STEM Gardening Partnership, Dr. Livingston’s Meeting with Commissioner Ricky Booth, and Resume Face-to-Face Meetings:** Secretary Schneck requested a motion, which passed 3-0, to move these agenda items to next month’s meeting. Dr. Livingston’s meeting with the commissioner was postponed.
* **New Business**
* **Fresh Community Project:** Mr. Andrew Jeng outlined a community project to keep Osceola County’s streets and waterways free of litter and promote litter prevention education. His proposed project would be a collaborative effort by Kiwanis Club, Key Clubs at Osceola County high schools, OSWCD, and the Florida Educational Alliance. The proposal has monthly educational and service components.

Secretary Schneck proposed the creation of a subcommittee called Community Projects Subcommittee and chaired by Mr. Jeng. Vice chair Boggs and Secretary Schneck volunteered to join the committee with Andrew. The subcommittee would answer to the OSWCD Board of Supervisors for approval of its activity and report monthly.

Vice chair Boggs said he recuses himself on this motion and vote because of his past employment by Mr. Jeng.

Dr. Livingston made the motion. Secretary Schneck seconded the motion. The motion to create a subcommittee for community projects passed by voice vote 2-0 with Vice Chair Boggs abstaining.

* **Public Comment:** None.

**Adjournment:** 5:33 p.m.

*Next Meeting:*

Wednesday, April 21, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. via Zoom Teleconference