



**State of Florida**  
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**Brevard Soil and Water Conservation District**  
**Board of Supervisors**  
**Business Meeting Minutes**

The Brevard Soil and Water Conservation District met in a regular public session on Wednesday, September 11th, 2024, at 3:00 P.M., at Agricultural Center, 3695 Lake Drive, Cocoa, FL 32926

**Board Members Present:** Bud Crisafulli, Chair  
Brian Fleming, Vice-Chair  
Jim Fletcher, Supervisor  
Chris McMasters, Treasurer

**Staff Members Present:** Derrick Wyle, USDA NRCS, District Conservationist  
Beth Shephard, UF/IFAS Brevard County Extension Director  
Joe Walter, UF/IFAS Brevard County Agricultural Agent  
Keith Newman, UF/IFAS Ag Program Assistant

**Guests Present:** N/A

Presented Documents

- Agenda
- July's Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 3:47 P.M. by Bud C. and was chaired by Jim F.

Treasurer's Report:

The balance of the account is \$49,062.79. No Change

Review and Approval of Minutes for the prior Board of Supervisors meeting:

Motioned by Bud C., 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chris M., Passed 3-0.

### District Conservationist update:

Thirty-two total contracts for 1.33 million dollars (21 Equip and 11 CSP). Twenty-five contracts are not funded, and there are 12 new contracts. This year's contract cutoff date is November 1<sup>st</sup>, which is sooner than last year.

### UF/IFAS Extension update:

The board discussed topics such as assigning a representative for the Farm Tour and setting up a meeting between the Cattlemen's Association and the Farm Bureau. The board talked about doing workshops instead of just meetings for the farm tour.

### Old Business:

- a. Jim F. opened the discussion on the Cost-Share and MIL contracts. The board discussed that FDACS is not giving the MIL contract, but the cost-share contract would still be available. The board discussed not going forward with the Cost-share program. Chris M motioned that considering the conversation with FDACS about the Mobile Irrigation Lab no longer available, the board should not proceed with the Cost-share program.  
Motioned by Chris M., and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brian F. Passed 4-0
- b. Brian F. motioned for Bud C. to write a letter to the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services commissioner, communicating that the Brevard County Soil and Water Conservation District will not proceed with the Cost-share and Mobile Irrigation Lab.  
Motioned by Brian F., and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chris M. Passed 4-0

### New Business:

- a. N/A

### Additions to Agenda / Open Discussion:

- a. No discussion is needed.
- b. Reviewed the 1998-2003 Long Range Plan. Discussed education options. Board members need three directive ideas for the next meeting. The Extension office will send out programmatic areas of Agents to see what might align with ideas the board may consider.

The meeting was moved to adjourn by Brian F., seconded by Chris M.; Motion passed at 4:55 P.M.

Meeting minutes submitted by Keith N.