



**Supervisors:**

<b>Mike Elfenbein</b>	Chairman	Seat 4
<b>Vacant</b>	Co-Chairman	Seat 1
<b>David Schutz</b>	Public Relations	Seat 2
<b>Lisa Baird</b>	Secretary	Seat 5
<b>Vacant</b>	Treasurer	Seat 3

## Charlotte Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors Agenda

**Meeting Date: February 21, 2023**

**Time: 3:00 pm**

**Location:**

UF/IFAS Charlotte County Extension  
1120 Centennial Blvd, Port Charlotte, FL 33953  
Centennial Park Recreation Center – Meeting Room  
Phone 941/764-4352 or 941-575-9543

1. Call to order
2. Welcome and Introductions
3. Minutes of previous meeting – Lisa Baird
4. Treasurer’s Report – Sue Hill
5. Old Business
  - a. Goals for 2023
  - b. OPPAGA & 2023 Fall Audit
    - a. EIN / FEID & annual tax filings
    - c. Bank account signers - update?
6. New Business
  - a. Identify and reach out to local producers
  - b. AFCD Board Meeting Synopsis
  - c. Mission, Vision, Statement of Function
  - d. Discussion: CSWCD's role in our community
  - e. Website: <https://cswcd.us/>
7. Partners and Staff Reports:
  - a. Activities of Natural Resources Conservation Service
  - b. Activities of Southwest Florida Water Management District
  - c. Activities of Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services
  - d. Activities of Institute of Food and Agriculture Sciences
  - e. Activities of the South Florida Water Management District
  - f. Activities of Charlotte County Water Quality Management Program
8. **Supervisor’s Reports**
9. **Next Meeting** – Tuesday, (Same location); March 21, 2023
10. Adjournment

How does the CSWCD role fit in, coordinate with any of the water management districts, i.e SWFWMD [Southwest Florida Water Management District], [South Florida Water Management District].

- What is the total budget?
- What are other funding sources rec'd?
- Do other agencies, City of Punta Gorda, etc. contribute.
- What specific operating efforts, expenses would the \$10k funds be used for?
- The County does not normally provide funds to special districts. Has the CCSWCD rec'd funds in the past from our county or other gov't agencies?
- From a timing perspective, if there is funding consideration by the County, we would look to include it as part of the upcoming budget process for the Oct 1, 2023 budget (FY23/24).

**Mission**

Providing leadership in helping people achieve success through conserving, improving and sustaining natural resources and the environment of Charlotte County, Florida.

**Vision**

The Charlotte Soil and Water Conservation District will be recognized throughout the County as a leading resource partner with regards to all soil and water conservation projects, concerns, and decisions made with in our region.

**Water**

Water conservation includes all the policies, strategies and activities made to sustainably manage the natural resource fresh water, to protect the water environment, and to meet the current and future human demand.

**Soil**

Soil Conservation is the name given to techniques aimed at preserving the soil. Soil loss and loss of soil fertility can be traced back to a number of causes including over-use, erosion, salinization and chemical contamination.

**Wildlife**

Healthy soil and water habitats generate many benefits for wildlife. Natural processes create healthy soil, clean and abundant water, fertile crops, and protection from flooding and climate extremes. Wildlife and nature offers cultural and spiritual benefits, recreational opportunities and an endless source of beauty.

**Statement of Function**

The Charlotte Soil and Water Conservation District was organized for the purpose of developing a program of management and conservation of the soil, water and related natural resources of the County, and to promote and encourage the voluntary implementation of conservation practices on privately owned land. The Charlotte Soil and Water Conservation District strives to accomplish one of the fundamental roles for the board of supervisors. Our role is to bring together, at the local level, all interested and affected parties, along with the support organizations charged with providing technical and administrative assistance, to develop and implement a plan to address resource concerns. Through a locally led consensus process, priorities are determined for conservation programs. The partners then work to implement programs that provide assistance to landowners, agricultural producers, and local residents. The District works in cooperation with the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS) and the United States Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA/NRCS)

**Creation**

Creation of the Charlotte Soil & Water Conservation District is authorized by the Soil and Water Conservation Law, Chapter 582, enacted by the State legislature in 1944.

**Our Service Area**

The district provides a variety of services related to the conservation of our natural resources. Please call or visit the office for more information at (941) 764-4354.