



Supervisors:

Mike Elfenbein	Chairman	Seat 4
Surendrani Hill	Co-Chairman	Seat 1
David Schutz	Public Relations	Seat 2
Lisa Baird	Secretary	Seat 5
Vacant	Treasurer	Seat 3

May 16, 2024 Minutes of the Meeting of the Charlotte Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors Minutes

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. 2023 Farm Bill - Sue wrote a paper proposing solutions and sent it to the USDA
6. New Business
 - a. Patrick Malley visited and is considering filling the position for seat 3
 - b. David reported on Arbor Day
 - c. National Farm Week is 11/22-11/29
 - d. NRCS proposing partial reimbursement for those attending meetings and/or trainings
 - e. No progress on researching Ad Valorem tax available to CSWCD
 - f. EQIP and CSP funding has increased each year, and extra funds were made available due to natural disaster
 - g. Discussed combined meeting AFCD and NRCS in Sept. from 25th to 27th. partial payments for room and mileage in negotiations
7. Partners and Staff Reports:
 - a. Activities of Natural Resources Conservation Service - none
 - b. Activities of Southwest Florida Water Management District - none
 - c. Activities of Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services - none
 - d. Activities of Institute of Food and Agriculture Sciences - none
 - e. Activities of the South Florida Water Management District - none
 - f. Activities of Charlotte County Water Quality Management Program - none
8. **Supervisor’s Reports**
9. Public Comments & Suggestions - Lindsey Harrington from the DeSoto Farm Bureau commented virtually on the AgriBusiness being offered at FGCU
11. Adjournment