

Supervisors:

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

August 15, 2023 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. Working on getting grant funds, due July 30th.
 - b. Farming Opportunities Training and Outreach Grant Program discussed. Grant would provide funding for outreach to disadvantaged groups in our community. Workshop held on July 17th 2023 to collectively apply for a USDA grant was not successful.
 - c. Discussed using Charlotte County’s economic status to help acquire grant funding - deferred.
6. New Business
 - a. Funding for future projects will depend on the type of funding we receive and/or apply for.
 - b. NRCS will provide us with a preview of the Local Working Group Survey for local producers.
 - c. Sue to check with other Conservation Districts to learn about funding mechanisms they have used.
 - d. The Board voted unanimously to appoint Patrick Maley to fill Seat 3. Patrick will serve as the Treasurer.
7. Partners and Staff Reports:
 - a. Activities of Natural Resources Conservation Service - Jeremy Ansel gave an update on funding of programs under EQIP and CSP. There was \$9.9M funded for Ian Hurricane Recovery; 8 EQIP contracts for Charlotte County worth \$650K with 8 EQIP deferred for 2024. There was no CSP obligated for Charlotte County for 2023.
 - 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 - none
10. **Next Meeting** – Tuesday, (Same location); September 19, 2023
11. Adjournment