



**Supervisors:**

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

## Charlotte Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors

### Minutes for March 19, 2024 Meeting

1. Call to order
2. Welcome and Introductions
3. Minutes of previous meeting – Lisa Baird
4. Treasurer’s Report – David Schutz / Patrick Maley
5. Old Business
6. New Business
  - Discussed HB 7103 Forms to file
  - Sue discussed OPAGGA Performance review
  - A Discussed FCD Area 3 meeting
  - Discussed attending Florida-Friendly Fest
7. Partners & Staff Reports
  - Activities of Natural Resources Conservation Service - none
  - Activities of Southwest Florida Water Management - none
  - Activities of Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services - none
  - Activities of Institute of Food and Agriculture Sciences - none
  - Activities of the South Florida Water Management District - none
  - Activities of Charlotte County Water Quality Management Program - none
8. Supervisor’s Reports - none
9. Public Comments & Suggestions - none
10. Adjournment

Form 1 – we are all required to file this form now with the Florida Commission on Ethics (read more <https://www.ethics.state.fl.us/>) at <https://disclosure.floridaethics.gov/Account/Login> . There are rules that need your attention and the form has apparently changed dramatically from the past so I suggest you check it out.

As to the Special District bill: tracking source CS/CS/HB 7013 (2024), track at: <https://www.myfloridahouse.gov/Sections/Bills/billsdetail.aspx?BillId=79507&SessionId=103>

In Summary:

**Special Districts:** Prohibiting the creation of new neighborhood improvement districts after a date certain; providing term limits for members of governing bodies of independent special districts elected by the qualified electors of the district; providing the method for changing boundaries of an independent special district; requiring special districts to establish performance measures to assess performance; etc.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2024

**Last Event:** Ordered engrossed, then enrolled on Thursday, March 7, 2024 5:20 PM

Here are three major changes to Special Districts:

1. Term Limits – elected official cannot serve more than 12 consecutive years. No term beginning before November 2024 counts in that time. You cannot be elected to “Seat 1” and serve 12 years then be elected to “Seat 3” and serve 12 more. If you are elected in Lake County, you only have 12 years.
2. Any District that has no transacted any business for 5 year is declared inactive. I understand that this is 5 years going forward.
3. Two new reports are required. I do not have the correct reference to the statute.
  - a. By October of every year make a report of all projects planned by the District for the coming year
  - b. By December of each year make a report of all projects completed
  - c. Goals and objectives of the District must be established and reported.