

# Minutes

Marion Soil and Water Conservation District (MSWCD)

Regular Board Meeting

2710 East Silver Springs Boulevard

Ocala, FL 34470

November 10, 2025

9:00 AM

*PLEASE NOTE: Individuals wishing to address the Board will need to sign in. A three-minute time limit will be administered to each of these individuals. PLEASE MUTE ALL PHONES. This agenda acts as a guidance for the structure of the meeting. Thank you.*

*With the new changes regarding open carry in the State of Florida, the District would like to remind those in attendance that that open carry is NOT permitted in Special District Meetings per Florida Statute 790.06(12)(A){7}.*

## 1) Call to Order

### a) Roll Call

1. Chairman, Vivi Serena, called the meeting to order at 9:08 AM.
2. Roll Call was taken. In attendance was Vivi Serena, Chairman; Justin Albright, Vice Chairman/Treasurer; Amy Davis, Public Relations, and Jan Cubbage, Supervisor. Lenora Deonath, Secretary was absent. Others in attendance were Ann Bishop, MSWCD staff.

### b) Proof of Publication

Proof of Publication was given. It appeared in the Ocala Gazette on October 4, 2024 and was reposted on January 24, 2025 and April 18, 2025. The Florida Administrative Weekly posted it on October 7. NRCS received notice of the 2025 meetings on December 12, 2024. Marion County Board of County Commissioners received notice of the meetings on December 11. The meeting is also posted on the District website with the agenda uploaded on October 31, 2025.

c) Welcome New Attendees

## 2) Budget

a) Proposed (FY 2025-26)

b) Actual (FY 2024-25)

**PROPOSED MOTION: Jan Cubbage moved that MSWCD approve the budgets as presented. Justin Albright seconded the motion; all were in favor.**

Ann Bishop will send out an updated version of the projected budget.

## 3) NRCS Report

## 4) FDACS Report

a) Agreements

An update was given on the cost share agreements.

## 5) Meetings

a) MSWCD

**PROPOSED MOTION: Jan Cubbage moved that MSWCD hold the meetings on the second Monday of the month at 9:30 AM, located in Growth Services. Justin Albright seconded the motion; all were in favor.**

b) SECDEA Annual Meeting (Recap)

Ann Bishop gave a recap on the SECDEA Annual Meeting.

c) Project Learning Tree (Recap)

Ann Bishop gave a recap on the Project Learning Tree Conference.

d) MC Water Resource Extension Advisory Committee (Recap)

**PROPOSED MOTION: Amy Davis moved that MSWCD staff/supervisor attend the Project Dirt event. Justin Albright seconded the motion; all were in favor.**

The Board discussed a soil trailer.

## 6) Staff Report & Recap

a) NSF Grant

Ann Bishop gave a recap on the NSF Grant.

b) New Hire

Ann Bishop gave a recap on the new hire, Rachael Tuck.

c) Belleview Career Fair

**PROPOSED MOTION:** Justin Albright moved that MSWCD participate in the Belleview High School Career Fair on December 9. Amy Davis seconded the motion; all were in favor.

d) Miscellaneous

- SpringsFest is March 7 and 8, 2026 from 9 AM – 4 PM. The Board tabled this discussion.
- The contests were discussed. Ann Bishop mentioned that judges are needed for the poster, found art and photo contests. Volunteers are needed for the Envirothon on January 28 at the KP Hole. Jan Cabbage asked about holding the Envirothon at Blue Run Park.
- Ann Bishop mentioned that the Buzz and Bloom might have to be postponed this year. Jan Cabbage mentioned that she can contact Kaely Adkins at Rainbow River Park.
- Fallon Driver asked for volunteers for their Sub-District FFA Voting; Vivi Serena gave the okay for staff to volunteer at this event on November 20, 2025 from 8 AM – 12 PM.
- Ft King Middle Dec 18 45 min presentation  
**PROPOSED MOTION:** Amy Davis moved that MSWCD present an outreach program to Ft. King Middle Ecology on December 18. Justin Albright seconded the motion; all were in favor.
- The District's gov domain was reestablished.
- The Board was reminded about ethics training.
- The Board discussed Lenora Deonath's unexpected absence(s) from the meeting(s) and how to proceed. The Board all agreed to make a motion at the beginning of each meeting for Lenora to attend virtual and/or by phone due to her unexpected situation.

## 7) CONSENT AGENDA

- a) MSWCD Board Minutes
- b) MSWCD Board Financial Report

**PROPOSED MOTION:** Justin Albright moved that MSWCD approve the consent agenda as presented. Amy Davis seconded the motion; all were in favor.

## 8) Upcoming Events

Marion SWCD Meeting – November 10  
Office Closed: Veteran’s Day – November 11  
Project Dirt – November 14  
Poster, Found Art, Conservation Landscape Tray, Photo Deadline – November 14  
FCDEA Monthly Meeting – November 17  
Sub District Judging – November 20  
Last Day to File Legislative Bills – November 21  
Office Closed: Thanksgiving and the Day After – November 27-28  
Financial Depositor Report Due – November 30  
FDACS Spreadsheet Due – December 5  
Marion SWCD Meeting – December 8  
Bellevue High Career Fair – December 9  
Quarterly Growth Services Meeting (Customer Service) – December 11  
Envirothon Deadline – December 12  
Ft King Middle Presentation – December 18

## 9) General Public Comments

### 10) Supervisor Comments

Jan Cabbage gave a recap on the Rainbow Springs Conservation Meeting. She also discussed collaborating with Horse Farms Forever on manure disposal and asked for the Board’s approval to investigate this further. She also mentioned that she will be speaking at the LEEK Conference in March. Jan also mentioned that the Board needs to expand their website and media presence.

## 11) Meeting Adjournment

- a) The next meeting is December 8, 2025 at 9:00 AM in the Growth Services Building.
- b) With no other business needing addressed Vivi Serena, Chairman, adjourned the meeting at 10:35 AM, until our next meeting.

*MSWCD's regular meetings are held at 9:00 AM on the 2nd Monday of each month, and their workshops are held the 4th Monday of each month at 9:00 AM, tentatively. Both meetings are located in Growth Services, located at 2710 E. Silver Springs, Ocala, FL 34470. For more information, call (352) 438-2475.*