

Minutes

Marion Soil and Water Conservation District (MSWCD)

Regular Board Meeting

2710 East Silver Springs Boulevard

Ocala, FL 34470

October 13, 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.

1) Call to Order

a) Roll Call

1. Chairman, Vivi Serena, called the meeting to order at 9:10 AM.
2. Roll Call was taken. In attendance was Vivi Serena, Chairman; Justin Albright, Vice Chairman/Treasurer; Amy Davis, Public Relations (left at 9:55AM), and Lenora Deonath, Supervisor (arrived at 9:17 AM). Others in attendance were citizen, Jan Cabbage and 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 3, 2025.

c) Welcome New Attendees

The Board welcomed new attendees.

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

2) Appoint

a) Secretary

PROPOSED MOTION: Justin Albright moved that MSWCD appoint Lenora Deonath as the interim Secretary. Amy Davis seconded; all were in favor.

b) New Supervisor

PROPOSED MOTION: Justin Albright moved that the MSWCD Board appoint Jan Cubbage as a Board Supervisor to fill the vacancy in Seat 2. Amy Davis seconded; all were in favor. A discussion occurred on what the role entails.

3) NRCS Report

Ann Bishop gave an update on NRCS.

4) FDACS Report

Ann Bishop gave an update on the FDACS agreements.

5) Meetings

a) FCDEA Annual Meeting (Recap)

Ann Bishop gave a recap on the FCDEA Meeting. The Board all agreed not to pay the membership dues to AFCD until they can tell the Board what benefits they will receive for the \$500.

b) FASD Legislative Preparedness (Recap)

Ann Bishop gave a recap on the FASD Legislative Preparedness Meeting. She also mentioned that Legislator Tobin "Toby" Overdorf filed House Bill 123.

c) FASD Certified District Manager/Quarterly Meeting (Recap)

Ann Bishop gave a recap on the FASD District Manager Certification and Quarterly Meeting. Recognition for the District Manager Certification will take place at the FASD Annual Meeting in June. The FASD Legislative Forum was discussed.

PROPOSED MOTION: Amy Davis moved that MSWCD reserve three hotels rooms for Vivi Serena, Justin Albright, and Ann Bishop for the legislative forum. Justin Albright seconded; all were in favor.

d) MC Water Resource Extension Advisory Committee

Ann Bishop mentioned that she was asked to serve on the Marion County Resource Extension Advisory Committee; the Board all agreed for Ann Bishop to serve on this.

6) Staff Report & Recap

a) Interview(s)

Ann Bishop gave a recap on interview(s) that will be conducted for the Program Assistant.

b) Run for the Springs

PROPOSED MOTION: Justin Albright moved that MSWCD sponsor the Run for the Springs at the Fourth Magnitude Level (\$200) and four runners. Amy Davis seconded; all were in favor.

Justin Albright, Vivi Serena, and Ann Bishop all will participate in the event. A discussion occurred regarding the fourth runner, which Savannah Albright and the new hire were both mentioned. Amy stated that she will be at the hog show and if the District needed assistance at the SEYF that she will already be there.

c) Storage

The Board had a discussion on storage and its cost. The Board all agreed to pay on a monthly basis rather than annually. Justin Albright mentioned that when the District cleans out the unit. He can bring a trailer over to haul things to the dump.

d) Insurance

PROPOSED MOTION: Lenora Deonath moved that MSWCD approve the payment for the new fiscal year, insurance plan, as presented. Justin Albright seconded; all were in favor.

e) Contests

1. SEYF Workshop

Ann Bishop discussed the SEYF Workshop. She also mentioned that the Mandatory Fair Meeting is October 21.

2. Budget

A correction was needed on the contest budget, and Vivi Serena approved this correction prior to the meeting.

3. Envirothon

Ann Bishop gave a recap of Alachua's placement at the International Competition.

f) Miscellaneous

1. Springsfest

SpringsFest is March 7 and 8. The Board wished to table this discussion to another meeting.

2. NSF Interns

The NSF Interns were discussed. The Board asked Ann Bishop to reach out to see if Ondine Wells could come talk to the Board at their next meeting, regarding the NSF intern partnership, to discuss the well workshops and sampling.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

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

PROPOSED MOTION: Justin Albright moved that MSWCD approve the consent agenda as presented. Lenora Deonath seconded; all were in favor.

III. Upcoming Events

Marion SWCD Meeting – October 13
NSF Meeting – October 16
FCDEA Monthly Meeting – October 20
Marion County Reimbursement Packet Due – October 20
Mandatory SEYF Meeting – October 21
SEYF Workshop – October 25
FL Employee Tax Due – October 31
Financial Depositor Report Due – October 31
FDMS Ethics Info Due – November 1
SECDEA Annual Conference – November 3-5
FDACS Spreadsheet Due – November 5
PLT Conference – November 7-9
Marion SWCD Meeting – November 10

IV. General Public Comments

V. Supervisor Comments

Amy Davis mentioned that Belleview High will be holding their Career Fair on December 8, and she asked for the District to let others know about the event. Jan Cabbage stated that she would love to assist in this event. Amy will provide more information at the next meeting.

VI. Meeting Adjournment

- a) The next meeting is November 10, 2025 at 10:16 AM in the Growth Services Building.
- b) With no other business needing addressed Vivi Serena, Chairman, adjourned the meeting at 10:04 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.