

Indian River County Florida

*Indian River County Administration Complex
1800 27th Street, Building B
Room B1-501
Vero Beach, Florida*



**Indian River Soil and Water
CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

LOCAL WORKING GROUP

Meeting Minutes – Final

Monday, May 12, 2025

1:30 PM

Indian River Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisors

Robert C. Adair, Jr., Chairman: Seat 1

Christine Kelly-Begazo, Vice Chairman: Seat 4

Dr. David L. Cox, Secretary/Treasurer: Seat 2

Adam W. Honour: Seat 3

George F. Hamner, Jr., Legislative Liaison: Seat 5

Linda Caggiano, Support Staff Assistant II: IRSWCD

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Robert C. Adair, Jr. called meeting to order at 3:00 PM.

2. WELCOME and INTRODUCTIONS:

Supervisors in attendance: Robert C. Adair, Jr., Chairman – Seat 1
Dr. David L. Cox – Seat 2
Christine Kelly-Begazo – Seat 4
George F. Hamner, Jr. – Seat 5

Staff in attendance: Linda Caggiano, Staff Support Assistant II

IRC Staff and

Partners in attendance: Jennifer Abbey, District Conservationist, USDA/NRCS
Eric Charest, IRC Natural Resources Assistant Director
Jake Fojtik, Florida Farm Bureau Federation Assistant
Director, Government and Community Affairs
Stephen Wright, Environmental Specialist II- FDACS-
OAWP
Kylie Yanchula, IRC Natural Resources Director

Public in attendance: Tressa Brewer, Commissioner Assistant of IRC
Adam Honour – Aerex Global Solutions
Mike Johannsen, Indian River Neighborhood Association

3. WHAT IS A LOCAL WORKING GROUP?

A. Local Working Groups are composed of agricultural producers, owners/operators of nonindustrial private forest land, professionals representing agricultural and natural resource interests, and individuals representing a variety of disciplines in the soil, water, wetland, plant, forestry, and wildlife sciences who are familiar with agricultural and natural resource issues in the local community.

4. WHY IS A LOCAL WORKING GROUP IMPORTANT?

A. Local Working Groups provide recommendations to the District Conservationist, State Technical Committee and the State Conservationist on local natural resource priorities and criteria for conservation activities and programs.

5. RESOURCE CONCERNS and ASSOCIATED NRCS PRACTICES:**6. LWG SESSION and RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- A. Select 10 Resources Concern Categories for FY 2025 as a priority.
1. Plant pest pressure
 2. Nutrients transported to surface water
 3. Inefficient water use (irrigation use)
 4. Nutrients transported to groundwater

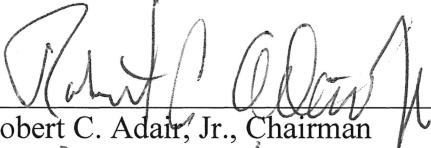
- 5. Feed and forage imbalance
- 6. Organic matter depletion
- 7. Concentration of salts or other chemicals
- 8. Terrestrial habitat for wildlife and invertebrates
- 9. Aquatic habitat for fish and other organisms
- 10. Soil organism habitat loss or degradation

7. Summarize Recommendations:

8. Additional Comments: Please provide additional comments (e.g. new practice components you would like NRCS to consider, etc.)

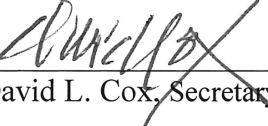
9. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 4: 15 P.M.



Robert C. Adair, Jr., Chairman

10-06-2025
Date



David L. Cox, Secretary/Treasurer

10/06/2025
Date