# 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

**Monday, April 13, 2025**

**2:30 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***

## 1. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Robert C. Adair, Jr. called meeting to order at 2:30 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

**IRC Staff and Partners in attendance:** Jennifer Abbey, District Conservationist, USDA/NRCS
Eric Charest, IRC Natural Resources Assistant Director
Stephen Wright, FDACS - OAWP
Matthew Cox, FDACS - OAWP

**Public in attendance**: Honey Minuse
Marcel Barbier
Debbie Larson

## 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 top Resources Concern Categories for FY 2026 as a priority.

1. Water Quality – Nutrients transported to surface water
2. Water Quality – Sediment transported to surface water
3. Plant Health – Plant pest pressure
4. Livestock Health – Feed and forage balance
5. Livestock Health – Inadequate livestock water quality, quantity, and distribution

## 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 4:03 P.M.