

Hendry Soil & Water Conservation District  
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Minutes

March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026

The Hendry Soil and Water Conservation District meeting was called to order at 1:11PM on March 12, 2026, by Lisa Cleghorn

The meeting was held in the large meeting room in the Dallas B. Townsend Agricultural Building at 1085 Pratt Blvd., LaBelle, Florida.

Supervisor's Present:

Chair Lisa Cleghorn

Supervisor David Conly

Supervisor Ariel Avila

Supervisor's Absent:

Jarad Plair

Others Present:

Conor Egan District Conservationist, USDA LaBelle Field Office

Roy Curry FDACS Technician

Bob Beck HSWCD Spotter

Yokasta Baez Hendry SWCD Program Manager

CALL TO ORDER

Minutes from December 10th, 2025, meetings were read and reviewed. Motion to approve (Cleghorn/ Conly)

Financial Report of March 12th, 2026. Motion to approve (Conly/Avila)

Staff Reports

- NRCS – Conor Egan gave report
- Roy Curry FDACS gave report
- HSWCD Bob Beck gave report
- Yokasta Báez HSWCD Program Manager gave report

## I. OLD BUSINESS

- Update on the New American-Made Drone (Progress, and next milestone)
  - Discussion on Amendment made to the BMP Contract.
  - Shawron Weingarten Manager of the Agriculture Program will be presenting a funding request for St. Matthew's House. *Motion to approve a donation in the amount of \$16,618.67 for St. Matthew's House Agricultural Program (New Irrigation System) was made by Plair (Plair, Avila, Conly). The Motion Passed Unanimous.*
- Motion to approve a Christmas bonus of \$ 1,250.00 each for Bob Beck, Bobby Holland and Yokasta Báez. (Plair, Conly Avila) Motion passed Unanimous.

## II. NEW BUSINESS

- **Board Vacancy:** Jim McVay was introduced to the Board during a discussion regarding the vacancy left by Bruce Hendry. Chair Lisa Cleghorn Moved to appoint Mr. McVay as HSWCD Supervisor. (Motion Seconded Conly and Avila)

## III. Miscellaneous/ Upcoming Event

- Signatures
  - **Next Meeting & Upcoming Events:** April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026 - Local Working Group Annual Meeting (Joint Meeting with GSWCD)

ADJOURN – Meeting was adjourned at 1:44 PM