

Minutes
Sustainable Agriculture EAR Comp Plan Meeting
Sarasota Agriculture Policy Council
May 13, 2005
Twin Lakes Park

A meeting of the Sarasota Agriculture Policy Council (SAPC) was held on May 13, 2005 at Sarasota County Extension Office, 6700 Clark Road, Sarasota. The meeting was called to order at 9:17 am.

In attendance

Becky Aych (Small Farmer), Jack Creighton (NRCS), Carolyn Gregov (Extension), Robert Kluson (Extension), Rory Martin (Farm Bureau), Mike McDonald (Full Cycle Organics), Andy Neuhofer (Farm Bureau), and Nina Powers (Sustainable Sarasota)

Approval of Minutes

Becky Aych moved to accept the minutes from the April 25, 2005 meeting as submitted. The motion was seconded by Nina Powers and passed unanimously.

Old Business

Additional Submittal to Planning Department for EAR Comp Plan Update
Rough draft of additional policy recommendations was discussed and modified (i.e., up to Policy ED1.3). See attachment for modified policy recommendations, as well as remainder of policy recommendations to be evaluated at the next meeting.

Presentation on Sustainable Agriculture to Planning Department
Final date is to be selected and reported at next meeting. Suggested to videotape the presentation for the general public.

Efest Booth
Plans for sharing the display at Sarasota County's booth were announced.

New Business

Report of Meeting of Final Draft Support Document to Agriculture Reserve RMA
Discussion deferred to following meeting.

Farm to School Initiatives
Discussion deferred to following meeting.

Reports

Members
The need of a Resolution for Sustainable Agriculture for submittal to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) was discussed. Robert Kluson and Nina Powers were tasked to present a draft at the next meeting.

Next Meeting and Agenda

The next meeting was scheduled for Mond, June 6, 2005 at 9.00 am at Sarasota County Extension Office.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am.