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Minutes of the Meeting

COASTAL RIVERS BASIN BOARD MEETING

Southwest Florida Water Management District

Brooksville, Florida

October 2, 2007

The Coastal Rivers Basin Board of the Southwest Florida Water Management District convened for a regular meeting at 9:02 a.m., October 2, 2007, at the District's headquarters in Brooksville, Florida.

Board Members Present

Judith C. Whitehead, Chair Ex Officio
Dr. George W. Miskimen, Vice-Chair
Elaine H. Perry, Secretary
William Y. Bunch, Member
Samuel H. Lyons, Member
Randall S. Maggard, Member

Recording Secretary

Phyllis Young

Staff Present

Bruce Wirth	Lou Kavouras
Michael Molligan	Eric Sutton
Mark Hammond	Marty Kelly
Linda Pilcher	Gordon McClung
Roy Mazur	Doug Sanders
Miki Renner	Mike Holtkamp
Kathy Scott	Mark Barcelo
Veronica Crow	Will Miller
Beth Putnam	Alison Ramoy
Audrie Liszewski	

A list of others who were present and signed the attendance roster is filed in the permanent files of the Basin. Compact disks of the audio and copies of the materials and handouts, as set forth in full herein, are also filed in the permanent files of the Basin.

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call**

Chair Ex Officio Judy Whitehead called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. Ms. Young called the roll and noted a quorum was present. (CD 1/Track 1)

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

Chair Whitehead led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. (CD 1/Track 1)

3. **Additions and Deletions to the Agenda**

Deputy Executive Director Lou Kavouras, Outreach, Planning, and Board Services, stated no gubernatorial appointments or Senate confirmations concerning this Board had been received; therefore, Agenda Item 4 would be deleted from the agenda. (CD 1/Track 1)

4. **Oath of Office for Appointed/Re-Appointed Board Members**

This item was deleted from the agenda, as noted above.

5. **Consent Items:**

After consideration, **Mr. Maggard moved, seconded by Mr. Lyons, to approve the Consent Items, as follow:**

a. **July 24, 2007, Meeting Minutes** – Approve the July minutes, as presented.

b. **Utility Easement to the Hernando County Water and Sewer District – Weekiwachee Preserve** - Recommend the Governing Board approve conveyance of a utility easement to the Hernando County Water and Sewer District (County) for the installation and maintenance of a wastewater force main through District property.

Motion carried unanimously. (CD 1/Track 1; there is no Track 2.)

6. **Discussion Items:**

a. **Status Report on Annutteliga Hammock Acquisition**

Assistant Land Resources Director Eric Sutton briefly highlighted background of land acquisition within Block 1 of the Annutteliga Hammock project, including recent purchases from landowners Tyte and O'Brien in July 2007. Staff continues to evaluate acquisition opportunities and will provide the Basin Board updates as parcels are acquired. This update was presented for the Board's information; no action was required. (CD 1/Track 2)

b. **Expansion of Florida Yards and Neighborhoods (FYN) Builder/Developer Outreach B246)**

Communications Director Michael Molligan gave background of the Florida Yards and Neighborhoods program and creation of a Districtwide specialist position to promote FYN to the builder/developer community. He explained the District's opportunity to expand builder/developer outreach to include both outdoor and indoor water conservation and, additionally, commented on St. Johns River Water Management District's *Florida Water Star* program, a new home certification program, which could potentially be used for promoting indoor water conservation to builders and developers.

The staff recommendation was to **authorize District staff to change the title of the B246 FYN Regional Builder/Developer Specialist to Water Conservation/FYN Regional Builder/Developer Specialist and to expand the scope to allow for promotion of indoor as well as outdoor conservation.** No cost would be involved with the change.

After consideration, **Ms. Perry moved, seconded by Mr. Maggard, to approve the staff recommendation, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.** (CD 1/Track 3)

c. **Status of Watershed Management Plans**

At the request of the Board during the October 2006 workshop, Gordon McClung, Engineering Section Manager, Resource Management Department, gave the biannual update of water management plans (Plans) within the District. These reports are presented to update the Board every February and August. Mr. McClung began by explaining that the District's Water Management Program is a strategic priority and is critical for the District to achieve its flood protection goals. He also explained the five elements of the Watershed Management Program and how the hydrologic characteristics of the Coastal Rivers Basin watersheds would provide valuable information for growth management decisions at the local government level and provide the science for water resource management decisions at the District. The presentation also included a timeframe for completing Plans for all 38 watershed planning units in the Basin; all Plans are in the process except two. Included in the presentation were percolation issues, update of flood insurance rate maps, implementation of best management practices, and challenges of the Program. This item was presented for the Board's information; no action was required. (CD 1/Track 4; there is no Track 5.)

7. **Reports**

a. **Report on Governing Board Activities**

Chair Whitehead gave highlights of issues from the September 25 Governing Board meeting, including watering restrictions, rule-making and other issues regarding the Lake Hancock Lake Level Modification project, minimum flows and levels, upcoming Surface

Water Improvement and Management (SWIM) anniversary events, Reality Check Tampa Bay events, Weeki Wachee issues, and approval of the FY2008 final budget.

Tampa Bay Water's Warren Hogg reported that cracks recently found in the soil cement plates around the reservoir do not pose a concern for the structural integrity of the reservoir. (CD 1/Track 6)

8. **Announcements:**

Ms. Kavouras directed members to announcements listed on the agenda, drawing special attention to the Public Land Acquisition and Management Partnership Conference, which the District is hosting in the Sarasota Hyatt beginning December 5. (CD 1/Track 7)

9. **Adjournment:**

Before convening the planning workshop, Chair Whitehead called for a brief recess and adjourned the meeting at 10:05 a.m. (CD 1/Track 7)

******Information Items******

The items listed below were for the Board's information, intended to keep the Board apprised of completed projects, cancelled projects, and projects that have executed contracts and are ready to begin. These items did not require Board action at this time.

1. Firms Pre-Qualified for Work to Support Minimum Flows and Levels – Execution Notice
2. Watershed Management Program - Maintenance of Watershed Parameters and Models (B206) – Execution Notice

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Minutes of the Planning Workshop

COASTAL RIVERS BASIN BOARD

Southwest Florida Water Management District

Brooksville, Florida

October 2, 2007

The Coastal Rivers Basin Board of the Southwest Florida Water Management District convened for the annual planning workshop at 10:18 a.m., October 2, 2007, at the District's headquarters in Brooksville, Florida.

Board Members Present

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William Y. Bunch, Member
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1. **Call to Order**

Chair Ex Officio Judy Whitehead called the workshop to order at 10:18 a.m. and asked General Counsel Bill Bilenky to give an update on the Weeki Wachee property. Mr. Bilenky gave background of the District's complaint against the City of Weeki Wachee, the lengthy litigation process, mediation efforts, and possibilities for use of the property, which include a State Park. (CD 1/Track 8)

Chair Whitehead then recognized Executive Director Dave Moore who thanked the Board for their time and service to the District. He briefly mentioned the drought, water restrictions, and water supply in the northern part of the District. (CD 1/Track 9)

2. **Introduction/Workshop Purpose**

Deputy Executive Director Lou Kavouras welcomed members to their annual planning workshop and explained the emphasis of the workshop would be on future trends and priorities. Ms. Kavouras stated the goals of the workshop: (1) give Board members a better understanding of how all parts of the District align with the District's strategic priorities and how the Basin Board contributes to achieving those objectives, (2) review the Basin budget, and (3) help the Board identify and prioritize future funding needs.

Members had been provided a brochure of the Basin's FY2007 accomplishments; therefore, an extensive discussion of accomplishments was not part of the workshop agenda. The other seven Basin Boards were provided similar brochures, specific to each Board. (CD 1/Track 10)

3. **Governing Board Strategic Priorities**

Planning Director Roy Mazur briefed the Board on efforts to update the District's Strategic Plan, using a new tool, a "Strategy Map, which was developed as part of the current update process. Mr. Mazur explained how the elements of the map are interrelated and that the map can be used to illustrate how the District achieves its goals. He used examples from the Basin Board meeting agenda to show how Basin projects align with the District's strategic objectives and contribute to achieving the District's mission. (CD 1/Track 11)

4. **Long-Range Water Supply and Water Resource Development Funding Plan**

• **Future Ad Valorem Considerations**

Linda Pilcher, Assistant Finance Director, provided an update of tax reform legislation, including how the legislation impacted the Board's FY2008 budget and what might be anticipated for FY2009. Revenues are uncertain due to legislation passed in FY2007, the upcoming referendum, and possible further legislation.

Chair Whitehead complimented Ms. Pilcher and her staff for their efforts on the FY2008 Governing and Basin Board budgets. Considering the "crunch" staff was under, due to millage changes and the earlier deadline for budgets to be submitted to Tallahassee, they did their usual excellent job. (CD 1/Track 12)

• **Review of Long-Term Funding Needs**

Water Supply and Resource Development Manager Brian Armstrong provided an update on the continuing financial commitments of the Basin Board and challenges to meet the resource management needs of the District and the Basin. He used graphs to show projected water needs and funding sources for the District's three planning areas, including total District costs for the Northern District projects, cost share allocation, Coastal Rivers Basin estimated project costs, and of potential Water Supply and Resource Development funding versus estimated project costs. Mr. Armstrong also commented on the basis for the projections used in his presentation. In summary, he stated the Coastal Rivers Basin is well positioned to meet financial demands for known water supply development projects and should "stay the course" in order to meet future needs. (CD 1/Track 13)

5. **Basin Board Budget Outlook and Priorities**

• **Future Project Projections**

Basin Planner Doug Sanders reviewed the Basin Board's spending by the four areas of responsibility (AOR)—water supply, flood protection, water quality, and natural systems—for the past three years and shared information on future funding, also by AOR. He used graphs to show (1) a comparison of potential funding versus estimated project costs for FY2009 – FY2021, (2) estimated project costs for the next five years, and (3) potential budget allocations by category, Water Supply and Resource Development, Cooperative Funding, Basin Initiatives, etc. (CD 1/Track 14)

• **Identification of 2009 Priorities**

In reviewing the Basin's current strategic budget priorities, staff concluded the priorities set at last year's workshop remain the Basin's priorities. The Board concurred. (CD 1/Track 14)

6. Open Discussion

Discussion topics during the workshop included Basin reserves, duplication of efforts among water management districts and other agencies, education programs, inter-District transfers, a reservoir for the Northern District, and land stewardship.

Ms. Perry inquired about plans and budget requirements for public and youth education, stating education is as important as any topic discussed during the workshop. Communications Manager Beth Putnam responded that, based on recent trends, she expected an increased demand for school mini-grants and community education grants across the District.

Mr. Lyons suggested an update of Withlacoochee River Water Supply Authority issues be presented to the Basin Board at a future meeting. (CD 1/Track 15)

Veronica Crow, Environmental Manager, Resource Management Department, gave a brief report of findings from the Clemson University annual progress report regarding the Lyngbya issue in King's Bay, including the following:

- In some instances, without consistency, toxins are being produced.
- The harvester being used to collect algae is being evaluated. Citrus County operates the harvesters under a Department of Environmental Protection contract.
- Some chemical evaluations have been performed.
- Laboratory experiments, using ultrasound to control the Lyngbya, have been initiated.
- An update of activities since the annual report was published has been requested.

Mr. Lyons also reported that the University of Florida is testing ultrasound technology in the Rainbow River.

(CD 1/Track 16)

7. Adjournment

When no further comments were forthcoming, Chair Whitehead thanked everyone for their participation and adjourned the workshop at 12:37 p.m. (CD 1/Track 16)