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Minutes of the Meeting

ALAFIA RIVER BASIN BOARD

Southwest Florida Water Management District

Tampa Service Office

October 2, 2008

The Alafia River Basin Board of the Southwest Florida Water Management District convened for a regular meeting at 9.02 a.m., October 2, 2008, at the Tampa Service Office.

Board Members Present

Jennifer E. Closshey, Chair Ex Officio
James D. Selvey, Vice Chair
J. C. Tort, Secretary
Stephen J. Bissonnette, Member

Board Member(s) Absent

Cheryl E. Johnson, Member

Recording Secretary

M. Frances Sesler

Staff Members

Bruce C. Wirth	Eric Sutton
Lou Kavouras	Mark Hammond
Linda Pilcher	Roy Mazur
Beth Putnam	Rand Frahm
Brian Armstrong	Trisha D. Neasman
Eric DeHaven	Marty Kelly
Mark Barcelo	Randy Emberg
Ken Herd	Dawn Turner
Alison Ramoy	Doug Sanders
	Randy Emberg

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

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

Chair Closshey called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. Ms. Sesler called the roll and noted a quorum was present.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag**

Chair Closshey led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag, followed by a moment of silence.

3. **Additions/Deletions to Agenda**

Ms. Lou Kavouras, Deputy Executive Director, Outreach, Planning and Board Services, stated Agenda Item 4, Oath of Office for Appointed/Re-Appointed Board Member(s) was deleted from the agenda. The Governor has not named any new appointees to the Board. Fiscal Year 2009 Final Budget Adjustment for Ratification will be added as a discussion item. (CD 1/Track 1)

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

This item was deleted from the agenda as stated above.

5. **Consent Item:**

a. **Meeting Minutes of August 7, 2008**

Approve the August minutes, as presented.

Mr. Bissonnette said the minutes of August 7, 2008, incorrectly indicate that he served as secretary, they should reflect Mr. Tort as serving. Following discussion, **Mr. Selvey moved, seconded by Mr. Tort, to approve the minutes as amended to reflect this change.** Motion carried unanimously. (CD 1/ Track 1)

Discussion Item:

ADD-ON Fiscal Year 2009 Final Budget Adjustment for Ratification

Assistant Finance Director Linda Pilcher provided information to substantiate a directive from the Governor's Office, which required all water management districts' funds proposed for salary increases be redirected to expedite projects, particularly capital projects, as a proactive strategy to promote economic stimulus for Florida. Ms. Pilcher informed the Board that the District's Governing Board had approved the redirection of budgeted dollars at its September 30, 2008, meeting; a total of \$1.355 million for the District. Provided as an exhibit in the information notebook for this meeting were a list of projects within this Basin to which the redirected, budgeted funds were allocated by the Governing Board for the Basin Board's ratification and a copy of Governor Crist's letter.

Ms. Pilcher's brief report included a breakdown of projects and funding changes with regard to this Basin. She emphasized that the reallocation of funds would not affect the Basin's bottom line budget figure, which the Board approved in August.

Mr. Selvey asked if any positions were lost as a result of this action. Ms. Kavouras said no.

Ms. Kavouras read the staff's recommendation for the record as follows: **To ratify the Governing Board's action to redirect \$10,077 of budgeted dollars that had been allocated for proposed merit increases to the Regional Reclaimed Water Partnership Project for \$9,104 and to the Save Our Rivers Chito Branch project for \$973.**

Following consideration, **Mr. Selvey moved, seconded by Mr. Tort, to approve staff recommendation.** Motion unanimously approved. (CD 1/Track 1)

6. **Reports:**

a. **Governing Board Activities**

Chair Closshey gave a brief summary of the Governing Board meeting that was held in September, which included Douglas B. Tharp of Sumter County taking the oath of office to serve as the thirteenth member of the Governing Board. Mr. Tharp was appointed to represent Citrus, Lake, Levy and Sumter counties. He will also assume responsibility as co-chair ex officio of the Withlacoochee River Basin Board.

7. **Announcements:**

Ms. Kavouras said a Facilitating Agricultural Resource Management Systems (FARMS) tour was being planned for Tuesday, November 11, 2008, and called Board members attention to the other announcements listed in the information notebook.

8. **Adjournment**

There was no further business to come before the Board; Chair Closshey adjourned the meeting at 9:20 a.m. to proceed with the workshop. (CD 1/Track 1)

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Minutes of the Planning Workshop

Alafia River Basin Board Southwest Florida Water Management District

Tampa Service Office October 2, 2008

The Alafia River Basin Board of the Southwest Florida Water Management District convened for the Annual Planning Workshop at 9:21 a.m., October 2, 2008, at the Tampa Service Office.

Board Members Present

Jennifer E. Closshey, Chair Ex Officio
James D. Selvey, Vice Chair
J. C. Tort, Secretary
Stephen J. Bissonnette, Member

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1. **Welcome and Opening Remarks**

Chair Closshey called the meeting to order at 9:21 a.m., and welcomed everyone. (CD 1/Track 2)

2. **Introduction and Workshop Purpose**

Ms. Lou Kavouras, Deputy Executive Director, welcomed members to their annual planning workshop and explained the importance of it. Ms. Kavouras stated that staff has important goals for the workshop: (1) provide an overview of the District's strategic priorities, show how the Basin Board actions work into those priorities; and (2) help to identify priorities for the next fiscal year.

Members of the Board were provided a brochure of the Basin's Fiscal Year 2008 accomplishments. The other Basin Boards were provided similar brochures, specific to each of their Boards.

3. **White Card Exercise**

Ms. Trisha Neasman, Senior Planner, asked the members to write down the priorities issues and challenges in the Basin as they perceive them and results will be tabulated and used later in the workshop to help set the Basin Board's priorities.

Mr. Tort left the meeting at this time.

4. **Governing Board Strategic Priorities**

Mr. Roy Mazur, Planning Director, briefed the Board on the update of the District's Strategic Plan. The update involved a refinement of the District's strategic priorities and a focus on performance measures to demonstrate progress in achieving the priorities. (CD 1/Track 2)

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

a. **Basin Trends Analysis**

Ms. Neasman, spoke briefly regarding the Basin Board's FY2008 Accomplishments brochure. Chair Closshey asked if copies of the brochure would be sent out to the press. Ms. Kavouras said it was not planned, but an excellent idea. Chair Closshey offered her help by being willing to hand deliver copies to the press and friends. Copies will also be mailed to the media with a cover letter. Mr. Bissonnette said the accomplishment brochure is definitely a useful document.

Ms. Neasman said her presentation has two purposes, to establish priorities and identify funding strategies. Board discussion included Mr. Selvey voicing some concern with potential flooding hazards downstream of Medard Park. He said that a swale relief system has been installed on the southwest wall of the dam at Medard Park, but the railroad bridge near the dam will not handle the flow if a catastrophic event would happen in the area. He said that he feels the District would be liable and that is a concern. Chair Closshey said she would like Mr. Selvey's comments addressed because this is not the first time he has brought this to the attention of the Board. Chair Closshey said it should be investigated from a science/structural point of view, as well as the legal aspects, to bring to a resolution. Mr. Bissonnette questioned some of the activities for flood water attenuation in the Christina watershed. Ms. Dawn Turner Professional Engineer, Resource Projects Department said State lands are being considered for storage, and talks are underway between Polk County and Lakeland for the use of the city's reclaimed water treatment and storage facilities. (CD 1/Track 2)

Mr. Brian Armstrong, Water Supply and Resource Development Manager, led the discussion on major water supply projects and the budget implications of these projects.

Chair Closshey left the meeting at this time and passed the gavel to Vice Chair Selvey to continue with the meeting.

b. **Discussion of Basin Priorities and Funding Strategies**

Ms. Neasman categorized the Basin projects by area of responsibility and used graphs to show cooperative project percentages by Basin priorities. Ms. Neasman said this will also be an opportunity to discuss potential funding strategies in an environment of fiscal uncertainty, growth pressure and continuing water management needs, and demand for cooperative funding. Board discussion culminated in the identification of the following budget priorities for FY2010:

- Alternative Water Supply and Reuse with Multi-jurisdictional Cooperation
- Education, Projects and Programs Targeted to Decrease Per Capita
- Maintenance and Improvement of Medard Park
- Public and Youth Education

6. **Adjournment**

There being no further business, Vice Chair Selvey adjourned the workshop meeting at 12:32 p.m. (CD 1/Track 2)

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