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Minutes of the Meeting

Withlacoochee River Basin Board
Southwest Florida Water Management District

Brooksville, Florida

October 11, 2007

The Withlacoochee River Basin Board of the Southwest Florida Water Management District convened for a regular meeting October 11, 2007, at 9:07 a.m., at District Headquarters.

Board Members Present

Ronald Oakley, Chair Ex Officio
Seeth Trimpert, Vice Chair
Janey Baldwin, Secretary
Jack Dennis, Member
Bo Rooks, Member

Board Members Absent

Patsy Nathe, Member
Paul Mazak, Member

Staff Present

Lou Kavouras
Bruce Wirth
Roy Mazur
Mike Holtkamp
Michael Molligan
Mark Hammond
Linda Pilcher

Marty Kelly
Beth Putnam
Will Miller
Doug Sanders
Jimmy Brooks
Kathy Scott
Brian Armstrong
Chuck Lane

Recording Secretary

Annette Zielinski

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

Chair Oakley called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m. Ms. Zielinski noted a quorum was present.

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

Chair Oakley led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. (CD1/Track 1 – 00:00/01:37)

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

Ms. Kavouras said there were no Additions and Deletions to the Agenda.

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

Ms. Lou Kavouras, Deputy Executive Director, reaffirmed Mr. Jack Dennis. (CD1/Track 2 – 01:37/01:52)

5. **Consent Items:**

a. **July 24, 2007, Meeting Minutes**

Staff recommended approval of the July minutes, as presented.

b. **Land Exchange – Green Swamp Wilderness Preserve, SWF Parcel Nos. 19-410-124S and 19-410-125**

Staff Recommended to:

- (1) Declare SWF Parcel No. 19-410-124S as no longer needed for conservation purposes;
- (2) Declare SWF Parcel No. 19-410-124S as surplus;
- (3) Accept the appraisal; and
- (4) Approve the exchange of lands with Mr. and Mrs. Rayburn.

Following consideration, **Mr. Dennis moved, seconded by Ms. Baldwin, to approve the Consent Items as presented. Motion carried unanimously.** (CD1/Track 2 – 01:52/02:45)

6. Discussion Items:

a. Expansion of Florida Yards and Neighbors Builder/Developer Outreach

Mr. Michael Molligan, Communications Director, said staff is requesting the expansion of the scope and title of B246 from FYN Regional Builder/Developer Specialist to Water Conservation/FYN Regional Builder/Developer Specialist to allow promotion of indoor as well as outdoor water conservation. All District Basin Boards jointly fund Basin Initiative B246 FYN Regional Builder/Developer Specialist.

The current Districtwide program focuses on outdoor irrigation. The District now has an opportunity to expand the builder/developer outreach to include both outdoor and indoor water conservation. One potential way to include indoor water conservation is the Florida Water Star (FWS) program.

Staff recommended authorizing District staff to change the title of B246 from FYN Regional Builder/Developer Specialist to Water Conservation/FYN Regional Builder/Developer Specialist and to expand the scope to allow for the promotion of indoor as well as outdoor conservation.

Following consideration, **Ms. Trimpert moved, seconded by Ms. Baldwin, to approve the staff recommendation referenced above. Motion carried unanimously.**
(CD 1 /Track 2 – 02:45/18:28)

7. Report

a. Report on Governing Board Activities

Mr. Mike Holtkamp, Director, Operations Department, updated the Basin Board members regarding elevations for Floral City, Flying Eagle Berm, U/S Wysong and Panasoffkee versus Rainfall at Floral City and Pana Vista using hydrographs. Messrs. Holtkamp and Wirth explained that this is a difficult area to manage and a dredging project is continuing. The dredging project is expected to continue through to next August. (CD 1 /Track 3 – 00:00/22:35)

Chair Oakley aired the recorded highlights of issues from the September 25, Governing Board meeting, as reported by Ms. Robyn Hanke, of the District's Communications Department. The topics covered included: 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, property tax reform, and approval of the FY2008 final budget. (CD 1 /Track 4 – 00:00/08:57)

8. Adjournment

Since there was no further business to come before the Board, Chair Oakley adjourned the meeting at 10:03 a.m. (CD1/Track 5 – 00:00/01:44)

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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 were ready to begin. The items did not require Board action at this time.

1. Withlacoochee River Watershed Initiative (H066)
2. Lake Panasoffkee Restoration Council – Tenth Annual Report to the Legislature (B480)
3. Blue Sink Watershed Management Plan (K358) - Execution Notice
4. Firms Pre-Qualified for Work to Support Minimum Flows and Levels – Execution Notice
5. First Amendment - Hydrologic and Wetlands Restoration of the Halpata Tastanaki Tract (SB33) - Execution Notice
6. Sumter County Big Prairie and Gant Lake Watershed Management Plans (L787) - Execution Notice
7. Watershed Management Program Consulting Services in the Sumter County Big Prairie and Gant Lake Watershed Management Plans (L787) - Execution Notice
8. Watershed Management Program Consulting Services in Sumter County (M116) - Execution Notice
9. Watershed Management Program – Maintenance of Watershed Parameters and Models (B206) – Execution Notice
10. Marion County Oak Run Reclaimed Water Project (L650) – Withdrawal Notice
11. Marion County Summerglenn Reclaimed Water Project (L651) – Withdrawal Notice
12. Withlacoochee River Watershed Initiative (H066)

Attest:

Chairman

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Minutes of the Planning Workshop

Withlacoochee River Basin Board Southwest Florida Water Management District

Brooksville, Florida

October 11, 2007

The Withlacoochee River Basin Board of the Southwest Florida Water Management District convened for the annual planning workshop on October 11, 2007, at 10:20 a.m., at District Headquarters.

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Jack Dennis, Member
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1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Oakley called the workshop to order at 10:20 a.m.

2. Introduction/Workshop Purpose

Ms. Lou Kavouras, Deputy Executive Director, 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. Basin Board members were provided an updated Budget Progress Report, at the meeting, to substitute for the copy that was provided in the information packet. (CD-1/Track 7/00:00 – 07:12)

3. Governing Board Strategic Priorities

Mr. Roy Mazur, Planning Director, 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. Basin Board members engaged staff in a discussion regarding the timeline and processing that will have to occur before the Strategic Plan is finalized. Other questions concerned an evaluation of this planning process versus outcomes. Performance measures vary in degree of difficulty to quantify. Ms. Kavouras acknowledged that the District must strike a balance between doing and planning, however, she believes this process will provide better direction for the

District overall. Mr. Mazur thanked Board members for their feedback and he said he looks forward to meeting with them again throughout the year. (CD-1/Track 8/00:00 – 31:11)

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

Future Ad Valorem Considerations

Ms. Linda Pilcher, Assistant Finance Director, provided an update on 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. (CD -1/Track 9/00:00 - 08:57)

Review of Long Term Funding Needs

Brian Armstrong Manager, Water Supply and Resource Development, gave an update on the Long Range Water Supply and Resource Development Funding Plan. He said the plan will allow the Board to weigh the Basin's financial standing, versus potential and upcoming projects and their financial impact of the basin. Mr. Armstrong said when developing water supply and resource development (WSRD) projects, the District is split into three parts: 1) Northern District, 2) Northern Tampa Bay Area, and 3) Southern Water Use Caution Area.

Focusing in on the Withlacoochee River Basin Board, Mr. Armstrong said the Basin is well positioned to meet their financial demands for known water supply development projects. The Basin needs to "stay the course" and annually review and update projected funding plan elements. Ms. Trimpert led a discussion regarding how projected costs from future requests from a regional water supply authority would impact the Withlacoochee River Basin Board. Mr. Armstrong explained that the Withlacoochee River Basin Board would contribute to those projects based on population. (CD -1/Track 10/00:00 - 19:37)

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

Future Project Projections

Mr. Doug Sanders, Basin Planner, 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.

Mr. Sanders concluded that the Withlacoochee River Basin Board is well positioned to meet the financial demands for known water supply development projects. The Board needs to "stay the course" moving forward. He said success in obtaining State and Federal grants for projects could significantly lower District cost contributions. The Funding Plan needs to be annually reviewed and project funding plan elements updated. (CD - 1/Track 10/19:37–34:37)

Identification of 2009 Priorities

Mr. Sanders reviewed the current Withlacoochee River Basin Board Priorities, which are: Watershed Management Program, Withlacoochee River Feasibility Study, Western Terminus-Greenway, Springs Protection/SWIM, Tsala Apopka Task Force, Alternative Water Supply Development, and Public and Youth Education. He said that the Basin Board Strategic Priorities are also included in the notebook for each Basin Board meeting.

Ms. Trimpert led a discussion regarding the priorities. She said the Western Terminus Greenway priority could potentially be removed from the Strategic Budget Priorities because the project was determined not to be cost beneficial. She suggested replacing the Western Terminus Greenway priority with a regional water supply development and restoration

statement for the northern counties. Ms. Kavouras suggested removing the Western Terminus Greenway from the Strategic Budget Priorities list and replacing it with Regional Water Supply Development and Restoration Opportunities for the Lower Withlacoochee River. She also suggested rewording Alternative Water Supply Development to Basin Wide Alternative Water Supply Development. Mr. Rooks inquired about adding recovery strategies to the priorities; Ms. Kavouras pointed out that there are no recovery strategies for the Northern portion of the District, at this time, however, she felt that prevention strategies were well covered. Ms. Kavouras asked Mr. Rooks if he wanted to propose an additional priority; he said he would like to see performance measures completed on different approaches to reducing per capita use, he did not feel it was necessary to create a new priority for this approach of evaluation. He said perhaps this could be incorporated into the budget analysis. Ms. Kathy Scott, Manager, Conservation Projects Section, said a cost/benefit analysis is completed with each project, this information is included in the Basin Board notebook. Mr. Rooks said he was looking for more analysis on specific initiatives; Ms. Scott said some of these conservation methods are very difficult to quantify. Mr. Molligan said this is easier to quantify with new developments that are committed to water conserving methods that are built-in to the community. (CD - 1/Track 12/00:00 – 35:12)

6. **Open Discussion**

This item was taken out of order.

Basin Board Requested Topics

Mr. Sanders provided the Withlacoochee River Basin Board with an update on the use and development of bio-fuels, and what resources for these fuel productions are being produced within the Basin. Ms. Kavouras said moving forward bio-fuels could cause changes to the next Regional Water Supply Plan in the Agricultural Production and the Industrial/Commercial Productions categories. (CD 1/Track 11/00:00– 15:39)

7. **Adjournment**

Since there was no further business to come before the Board, Chair Oakley adjourned the meeting at 12:35 p.m. (CD1/Track 13 – 00:00/00:01)

Attest:

Chairman