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MINUTES OF THE MEETING

HILLSBOROUGH RIVER BASIN BOARD SOUTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Tampa, Florida

October 15, 2007

The Hillsborough River Basin Board of the Southwest Florida Water Management District convened for a regular meeting at 9:10 a.m. on October 15, 2007, at the Tampa Service Office.

Board Members Present

Heidi B. McCree, Chair Ex Officio
Hugh M. Gramling, Secretary
Renee Benton, Member
Hung T. Mai, Member

Members Absent

George R. Burt, Vice Chair
Gary P. Reckart, Member

Recording Secretary

Annette D. Zielinski

Staff Members Present

Bruce C. Wirth
Lou Kavouras
Roy Mazur
Mike Holtkamp
Marty Kelly
Brian Armstrong
Beth Putnam
Eloise Buzbee
Kendra Antoine
Ralph Lair
Maya Burke

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 McCree called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. Ms. Zielinski called the roll and noted a quorum would be reached upon Ms. Benton's arrival.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

Chair McCree led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

3. **Additions/Deletions to Agenda**

Ms. Kavouras stated no gubernatorial appointments or Senate confirmations concerning this Board had been received; therefore, Agenda Item 4 will be carried over to the next meeting. (CD 1/Track 1 – 00:00/01:09)

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

This item was deleted from the agenda.

Chair McCree heard Item 7 out of order, while the Board's quorum was assembling.

7. **Reports:**

a. **Report on Governing Board Activities**

Chair McCree requested staff run a pre-recorded video on the actions taken at the September Governing Board meeting as reported by Ms. Robyn Hanke of the District's Communications Department. The highlights included were: the Lake Hancock Lake Level Modification Project; extension of Water Shortage Order until November 30, 2007; the approval of 20 environmental resource permits and six water use permits; the

announcement of the 20 year anniversary and celebration of the Surface Water Improvement and Management (SWIM) Program; and the approval of the Fiscal Year 2008 millage rates and budget.

Ms. Lou Kavouras, Deputy Executive Director, said radio messaging will air soon encouraging homeowners to skip a week of outdoor watering. She said District staff are looking ahead to further measures if dry conditions persist. Mr. Gramling encouraged staff to revisit and potentially rework the Water Shortage Plan. (CD 1/Track 2 – 00:00/14:44)

Ms. Benton arrived at 9:35 a.m..

5. **Consent Items:**

a. **July 26, 2007, Meeting Minutes**

Staff recommended approval of the July minutes, as presented.

b. **Water Conservation Theatre Program Scope of Work Change**

Staff recommended approval of the Arts Council of Hillsborough County as the new lead cooperator for this project, with the District and Hillsborough County each contributing \$40,000; and approve a reduction of the number of students reached by this project from 60,000 to 40,000.

Following consideration, **Mr. Gramling moved, seconded by Mr. Mai, to approve the Consent Items referenced above. Motion carried unanimously.** (CD 1/Track 3 – 00:00/00:44)

6. **Discussion Items:**

a. **Hillsborough River Watershed Awareness Week Proclamation**

Ms. Kendra Antoine, Senior Communications Coordinator, Communications Department, said staff was requesting that the Hillsborough River Basin Board declare October 20–27, 2007, Hillsborough River Watershed Awareness Week to help enhance awareness of the watershed.

To further enhance awareness, Community and Legislative Affairs staff is coordinating with Communications staff and local governments to have local governments within the watershed declare October 20–27, 2007, as Hillsborough River Watershed Awareness Week. Representatives from participating local governments and the Hillsborough River Basin Board are invited to a brief ceremony at a special event culminating Hillsborough River Watershed Awareness Week. This event — "A River Runs Through It" — is being coordinated in collaboration with the Hillsborough River Watershed Alliance and will include environmental exhibitors to engage participants in fun, nature-based activities.

Staff recommended that the Hillsborough River Basin Board declare October 20–27, 2007, as "Hillsborough River Watershed Awareness Week."

Following consideration, **Mr. Gramling moved, seconded by Ms. Benton, to approve the staff recommendation. Motion carried unanimously.** (CD 1/Track 3 – 00:44/08:28)

b. **Expansion of Florida Yards and Neighbors Builder/Developer Outreach**

Ms. Beth Putnam, Communications Manager, 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.

Mr. Mai suggested providing contact information to the Tampa Bay Builders Association and Hillsborough County.

Following consideration, **Mr. Gramling moved, seconded by Ms. Benton, to approve the Consent Items referenced above. Motion carried unanimously.** (CD 1 /Track 3 – 08:28/19:52)

8. **Announcements**

Chair McCree directed Board members to the announcements listed on the agenda. Mr. Gramling said he would be unable to attend the upcoming Basin Board Education Committee on November 13, 2007; Ms. Benton said she would check her schedule as she is the Committee's alternate.

9. **Adjournment**

The day's business being complete, Chair McCree adjourned the meeting at 9:50 a.m. The Planning Workshop immediately followed. (CD 1/Track 4 – 00:00/03:24)

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The item(s) listed below are 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. The item(s) did not require Board action at this time. Formal presentations were not made, but staff will make presentations and/or answer questions at the next Board meeting, if requested.

1. Firms Pre-Qualified for Work to Support Minimum Flows and Levels – Execution Notice
2. Palm River Restoration Project (W367) - Execution Notice
3. Watershed Management Program Consulting Services in the Polk County Watershed (L672) - Execution Notice
4. Watershed Management Program – Maintenance of Watershed Parameters and Models (B206) – Execution Notice
5. City of Tampa Plumbing Retrofit and Education Project (L836) – Withdrawal Notice

Attest:

Chairman

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APPROVED

Minutes of the Planning Workshop

HILLSBOROUGH RIVER BASIN BOARD Southwest Florida Water Management District

Tampa, Florida

October 15, 2007

The Hillsborough River Basin Board of the Southwest Florida Water Management District convened for the annual planning workshop on October 15, 2007, at 9:51 a.m., in the Tampa Service Office.

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The numbers preceding the items listed below correspond with the published agenda.

1. **Call to Order**

Chair McCree called the workshop to order at 9:51 a.m. (CD-1/Track 5/00:00 – 00:22)

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 5/00:22 – 07:29)

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 importance of including the local governments and the citizenry to achieve a cohesive planning instrument. Ms. Kavouras pointed out that the District must strike a balance between the needs of the public and what the statutory mandates dictate the organization to accomplish. (CD-1/Track 5/07:29 – 48:38)

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

Future Ad Valorem Considerations

Ms. Eloise Buzbee, Senior Budget Analyst, 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 6/00:00– 08:05)

Review of Long Term Funding Needs

Brian Armstrong, Manager, Water Supply and Resource Development, gave an update on the Long Range Water Supply and Water 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 Hillsborough River Basin Board, Mr. Armstrong said the Basin is well positioned to meet their financial demands for known WSRD projects. The Basin needs to "stay the course" and annually review and update projected funding plan elements. Ms. Benton led a discussion regarding how projected costs are treated with regard to escalating costs. Mr. Armstrong explained that contractors estimate costs with escalating prices built-in to their figures. (CD 1/Track 7/00:00– 15:11)

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

Future Project Projections

Ms. Maya Burke, 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. She 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. Ms. Burke discussed highlights from the Local Government Capital Improvement Programs, from some of the ten associated municipalities, the capital improvement plan covers a five-year planning period, and this was presented to give Basin Board members ideas of where cooperator requests might be coming from in the future.

Identification of 2009 Priorities

Ms. Burke reviewed the current Hillsborough River Basin Board Priorities, which are: Alternative Water Supply Development, Watershed Management, Flood Protection, and Public and Youth Education. She said that the Basin Board Strategic Priorities are also

included in the notebook for each Basin Board meeting, other Basin Boards use some basin specific priorities for their list, and Ms. Burke suggested that the Hillsborough Basin Board River members might want to consider doing something similar. (CD-1/Track 8/00:00 – 35:15)

6. **Open Discussion**

In reviewing the Basin Board Strategic Priorities, Mr. Mai expressed his personal opinions regarding potential basin specific priorities. He mentioned the following topics: maximize surface water supply, maximize reclaimed water use, Hillsborough River MFL (and how to save money implementing it), new stormwater rule, Watershed Management Program, and FEMA Map Modernization. Mr. Gramling said he agreed with Mr. Mai's comments and he believes the top priorities should be alternative water supply development, conservation programs, water quality monitoring and improvement, flood protection, and the Watershed Management Program. Chair McCree suggested stormwater, watershed awareness, and the Hillsborough River MFL, as basin specific priorities. Chair McCree suggested staff update the Basin Budget Priorities and bring them back to the Board for concurrence at the December meeting. (CD-1/Track 9/00:00 – 20:27)

7. **Adjournment**

Chair McCree expressed her appreciation to everyone who attended today's workshop and adjourned the meeting at 11:55 a.m.

Attest:

Chairman
