

APPROVED
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ALAFIA RIVER BASIN BOARD
SOUTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Tampa Service Office

February 4, 2010

The Alafia River Basin Board of the Southwest Florida Water Management District convened for a regular meeting at 9:00 a.m., February 4, 2010, at the Tampa Service Office.

Board Members Present

Jennifer E. Closshey, Chair
James D. Selvey, Vice Chair
Cheryl E. Johnson, Member
Stephen J. Bissonnette, Member

Staff Members Present

Lou Kavouras	Sylvia Durrell
Bruce Wirth	Rand Frahm
Eric DeHaven	Jeff Hagberg
Mike Holtkamp	Jeremy McKay
Cori Cuttler	Will Miller
Susan Douglas	Trisha Neasman

Video Conference – Linda Pilcher

Recording Secretary – Frances Sesler

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 9:00 a.m. Ms. Sesler called the roll and noted a quorum was present. (CD 1/Track 1)

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

Chair Closshey led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and a moment of silence.

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

Ms. Lou Kavouras, Deputy Executive Director, Outreach, Planning and Board Services, noted there were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

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

Ms. Kavouras administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Jim Selvey who was re-appointed to the Basin Board on June 23, 2009 for a term expiring March 1, 2011.

5. **Basin Activities Report and Agenda Review**

Ms. Trisha Neasman, Senior Planner, Planning Department, provided the Board a brief overview of relevant items on the agenda, those provided as information and other upcoming topics of interest. The items mentioned included the Get Outside! events scheduled for February 27 and April 10; the Christina Open House held on January 12; several information items; and the seven approved Community Education Grants.

This item was presented for the Board's information; no action was required. (CD 1/Track 1)

6. **Consent Items:**

- a. **Minutes of the October 15, 2009, Joint Basin Boards Meeting and Workshop**
Approve the October minutes as presented.

- b. **Polk County BOCC FY2010 Scope of Work (SB54) – Reduction in Scope**
Approve the reduction in the number of students reached by this project from 7,000 to 5,000 with no change in program costs.

- c. **Facilitating Agricultural Resource Management Systems (FARMS) – GoodMach Growers, Inc. (H596)**
 1. Approve the GoodMach Growers, Inc. project for a not-to-exceed reimbursement of \$142,751 with \$35,688 provided by the Alafia River Basin Board, \$35,688 provided by the Governing Board, and \$71,375 provided from State Appropriations to the Governing Board;
 2. Authorize the transfer of \$35,688 from fund 011 H017 Alafia River Basin FARMS funds, \$35,688 from fund 010 H017 Governing Board FARMS funds, \$71,375 from the State Appropriations allocated to fund 010 H017 FARMS funds, to the H596 GoodMach Growers, Inc. project fund; and
 3. Authorize the Executive Director to execute the agreement.

Following consideration, **Mr. Selvey moved, seconded by Mr. Bissonnette, to approve Consent Items 6a, 6b and 6c as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**
(CD 1/Track 1)

7. **Discussion Items:**

- a. **Florida Water StarSM Gold (FWSG) — Recognition of Hillsborough County Builder**
Ms. Sylvia Durrell, Senior Communications Coordinator, said the Florida Home Partnership has been awarded Florida Water StarSM Gold (FWSG) certification on 16 affordable homes in the Hidden Creek Community in Wimauma. Mr. Earl Pfeiffer of Florida Home Partnership is the first builder in Hillsborough County to build a FWSG-certified home. Mr. Pfeiffer was recognized by staff and the Basin Board for his contribution to water resources conservation and protection. The program is a voluntary certification for builders; it encourages water efficiency in household appliances, plumbing fixtures, irrigation systems and landscapes. Ms. Durrell presented a commemorative plaque to Mr. Pfeiffer and joined the Alafia River Basin Board members for a group photo. Mr. Pfeiffer thanked the District for the partnership.

This item was presented for the Board's information; no action was required.

- b. **Medard Reservoir Embankment Rehabilitation**
Mr. Jeffrey Hagberg, Field Operations Manager, provided the Basin Board with a status update on the construction of the Medard Reservoir embankment rehabilitation project. Mr. Hagberg said an engineering report completed in February 2005 concluded that the interior face of the reservoir's earthen embankment was deteriorating with the most noticeable impacts taking place at or below the water line. As a result, findings indicated a substantial portion of the armament system on the interior face of the dam's embankment no longer provided adequate protection against erosion. To ensure the structural integrity of the earthen dam, the consultant recommended the replacement of the existing rock riprap armament with new rock riprap or articulated concrete block mats on the appropriate bedding stone.

The construction contract was advertised in July 2009 and bids were opened September 28, 2009. The successful low bid was submitted by Underwater Engineering Services, Inc. in the amount of \$1.9 million. The contract was fully executed on October 27, 2009, with a notice to proceed date of January 4, 2010. Subsequent to the contract award, the water level in the reservoir was lowered from elevation 58.5 to 48.0

during the months of November and December to facilitate construction in the “dry.” During this time, thousands of fish were relocated to other areas. Mr. Hagberg said a low static electro shocking is used to remove the fish to be transported.

Construction is scheduled to be complete by May 15, 2010. Mr. Hagberg said based on the estimated cost of the proposed improvements, funds were budgeted over four fiscal years (FY), beginning in FY2006 and ending in FY2009. Total funds budgeted for the needed repairs were \$2.8 million.

This item was presented for the Board's information; no action was required.

c. **Legislative Update**

Ms. Cori Cuttler, Community Affairs Program Manager, provided Board members with an update on proposed legislative initiatives which included Basin Board clarification, Peace Creek and well pump depth. Other State issues include delegation of permits, stormwater, American Water Works Association, Statewide Water Board, conservation, local sources and springs. She mentioned the State Budget Priorities which include Florida Forever, Water Management Lands Trust Fund, Water Protection and Sustainability Trust Funds and West-Central Florida Water Restoration Action Plan (WRAP). Ms. Cuttler said the top District priority is the WRAP. Other priorities include funding of the Water Management Lands Trust Fund and Florida Forever.

This item was presented for the Board's information; no action was required.

d. **FY2011 Budget Status and Cooperative Funding Requests**

Ms. Neasman provided the Board with an overview of the economic issues affecting the Basin budget, a preview of the Cooperative Funding applications received for the FY2011 budget cycle, and an overview of the annual Cooperative Funding and budget process. At the October Basin Board workshops, staff presented a financial outlook for each of the basins that included a status report on known budget requests and forecasts for decreasing ad valorem and diminishing state funding assistance.

In reviewing the categories of the budget, Ms Neasman informed members that staff proposes to move Florida Yards & Neighborhoods programs and Hillsborough Adopt-A-Pond Program from the cooperative funding category to the basin initiative category in FY2011. This move reflects staff’s recognition that these projects are core to Basin priorities and essential to District work.

A total of 298 applications were received in December for the FY2011 Cooperative Funding cycle, 29 for the Alafia River Basin at a cost of \$4.7 million. In addition, Ms. Neasman stated the Alafia River Basin is positioned to meet funding requirements through 2030, but must continue to stay the course, and fund on a pay-as-you-go basis.

In April staff will return with initial project recommendations and rankings; this is an opportunity for the Basin Board members to discuss the projects in detail and provide feedback. Ms. Neasman asked if Board members are interested in a particular project or cooperator to let her know within the next two weeks so the cooperator can be present at the next meeting. In June staff will provide a draft project ranking and budget information for approval of a final project ranking and tentative millage for FY2011. At the August meeting staff will ask the Board to approve and adopt the final FY2011 Budget and millage rate and to establish its FY2012 budget priorities. October starts the new budget cycle. This year a mobile planning workshop will be held.

The FY2011 Priorities reaffirmed in August are Alternative Water Supply and Reuse with Multi-Jurisdictional Cooperation, Education, Projects and Programs Targeted to

Decrease Per Capita Water Use, Maintenance and Improvement of Medard Reservoir, and Public and Youth Education.

Mr. Selvey asked if staff is anticipating any reduction in personnel at the District or on the Basin Boards because of budget restraints. Mr. Wirth replied no.

This item was presented for the Board's information; no action was required.

8. **Reports:**

a. **Basin Board Education Committee Report**

Ms. Kavouras provided an overview of the Basin Board Education Committee meeting held on November 4, 2009, at the Tampa Service Office. The overview consisted of the FY2010 Community Education Grants, homeowners associations regarding Senate Bill 2080, youth education land events, research and ad development for public service announcements, and the District's "Get Outside!" campaign. Ms. Kavouras said the next meeting will be held Wednesday, March 3, 2010, at the Tampa Service Office.

This item was presented for the Board's information; no action was required.

b. **Basin Board Land Resources Committee Report**

Mr. Will Miller, Land Use and Protection Manager, provided an overview of the December 1, 2009, Basin Board Land Resources Committee meeting, which was held in the Green Swamp West Field Office, Dade City. Highlights of the meeting were the Project Boundary Review, Multiple Use and Future of the Land Use Stakeholders. The Land Use Stakeholders meeting was held October 14, 2009. Mr. Albert Joerger, Chair of the Basin Board Land Resource Committee (BBLRC), proposed that currently there is a significant overlap in the purpose of the BBLRC and the Land Use Stakeholders with respect to evaluating and providing feedback on land-related initiatives, education, and communication. Mr. Joerger also expressed that there was a need to have a mechanism for public input. As a result, he advised the Committee that the Land Use Stakeholders group and the BBLRC would meet jointly for one year, and then evaluate the future of both groups. The first meeting would be conducted in a focus group setting to include the following topics: (a) multiple use report update; (b) signage for District lands; (c) legislative overview and updated; and (d) what has been learned from the "Get Outside!" Campaign efforts to date.

Ms. Johnson asked if the District lands would be available for other entities if a developer would need a certain amount of credits, or would it only be available for the District. Mr. Miller said a determination has not been made; generally no credits are allowed on District lands.

This item was presented for the Board's information; no action was required.

c. **Governing Board Activities**

Chair Closshey read the highlights of the January 26, 2010, Governing Board meeting into the record.

This item was presented for the Board's information; no action was required.

9. **Announcements:**

Ms. Kavouras called attention to the announcements on the agenda. Next Basin Board Meeting will be held Thursday, April 8, 2010, 9:00 a.m., Tampa Service Office. Ms. Kavouras advised members that Ms. Sesler, administrative support for the Basin Board,

will be retiring the end of March. Chair Closshey and members of the Board wished Ms. Sesler well and thanked her for her service.

10. Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chair Closshey adjourned the meeting at 9:47 a.m. (CD 1/Track 1)

****Information Items****

The item(s) listed below were for the Board's information, intended to keep them 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. Watershed Management Program Consulting Services for Maintenance of Watershed Parameters and Models – Second Amendment (B206) – Execution Notice
2. Watershed Management Program – Maintenance of Watershed Parameters and Models Third Amendment (B206) – Execution Notice
3. Consulting Services for the Lake Hancock Lake Level Modification – First Amendment (H008) Execution Notice
4. Polk County Watershed Management Plan Second Amendment (L672) Execution Notice
5. City of Lakeland Plumbing Retrofit Project – Phase 2 (N112) Execution Notice
6. Facilitating Agricultural Resource Management Systems – One Heart Farms, Inc. – (H595) – Hillsborough County
7. 2010 Community Education Grants in the Alafia River Basin