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Minutes of the Meeting

COASTAL RIVERS BASIN BOARD MEETING

Southwest Florida Water Management District

Brooksville, Florida

July 24, 2007

The Coastal Rivers Basin Board of the Southwest Florida Water Management District convened for a regular meeting at 1:00 p.m., July 24, 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

Staff Members

Bruce Wirth	Lou Kavouras
Mark Hammond	Gregg Jones
Cathy Linsbeck	Will Miller
Will Miller	Jimmy Brooks
Beth Putnam	Miki Renner
Doug Sanders	

Recording Secretary

Phyllis Young

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 1:00 p.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 carried over to the next meeting. She also noted that since word on Dr. Miskimen's reappointment had not been forthcoming, he would participate in today's meeting, but would not vote. She further noted that a quorum was present without Dr. Miskimen. (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. **June 14, 2007, Meeting Minutes** – Approve the June minutes, as presented.

b. **Board Encumbrances:**

i. **Weeki Wachee Springs Sediment Removal and Revegetation (SC16)** - Approve the encumbrance of \$130,000, without a contract, for the Weeki Wachee Springs Sediment Removal and Revegetation Phase III project to be used in FY2008.

- ii. **Weeki Wachee Springs Stormwater Project (SB16)**
Approve the encumbrance of \$377,718, without a contract, for the Weeki Wachee Springs Stormwater project to be used in FY2008.
- iii. **Sewer and Water Fee Assessments at the Chassahowitzka Campground, SWF Parcel No. 15-347-104** - Recommend the Governing Board approve encumbering the previously budgeted funds, \$179,000, for the Sewer and Water Fee Assessments at the Chassahowitzka Campground, SWF Parcel No. 15-347-104.
- iv. **Tampa Bay Regional Reclaimed Water and Downstream Augmentation Projects (H300-H310)** - Approve the encumbrance of \$327,593, without a contract, for the Tampa Bay Regional Reclaimed Water Project to be used in fiscal years 2007-2014.

Motion carried unanimously. (CD 1/Track 1)

6. **Discussion Items:**

a. **Fiscal Year 2008 Budget Discussion and Approval of Final Millage Rate and Budget for Governing Board Approval**

Deputy Executive Director Bruce Wirth, Division of Resource Management and Development, reported on the outcome of recent tax reform legislation, House Bill (HB) 1B, which was signed into law on June 21, 2007, and which provides maximum millage rates for local governments and independent special districts, including water management districts, for fiscal year (FY) 2008 and future years. Ad valorem revenue for FY2008 will be equal to prior year revenue (FY2007) adjusted for new construction, additions and deletions, then reduced by three percent. Consistent with HB 1B, the Coastal Rivers Basin millage rate for FY2008 was set at 0.1885. Mr. Wirth also explained several millage override provisions included in HB 1B that were not considered by the Board.

Mr. Wirth further reported that all FY2008 Cooperative Funding project proposals being considered were included in the budget. Projects not recommended for funding were tentatively removed from the budget, but were shown in the Budget Comparison Report. He highlighted the various elements of the budget and explained changes made to the current projects list considering the new millage rate. Detailed information for all Cooperative Funding proposals submitted for consideration was included in the Projects section of the meeting notebook.

Ms. Kavouras read the three-part staff recommendation.

After consideration, **Mr. Lyons moved, seconded by Mr. Maggard, to approve the staff recommendation, as follows:**

1. **Approve and adopt the final required millage rate of 0.1885 for FY2008.**
2. **Approve and adopt the final FY2008 budget for Governing Board approval.**
3. **Approve Resolution No. 75 -- Resolution Affirming the Required FY2008 Final Millage Rate and Budget for Governing Board approval.**

Motion carried unanimously. (CD 1/Track 2)

7. **Announcements:**

Ms. Kavouras brought members' attention to the announcements listed on the agenda, emphasizing that the Springs Conference had been postponed. (CD 1/Track 2)

8. **Adjournment:**

The day's business being complete, Chair Whitehead adjourned the meeting at 1:25 p.m. (CD 1/Track 2)

******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. Chassahowitzka Spring Restoration Design and Permitting (L767) - Execution Notice
2. Budget Transfer Report