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Minutes of the Meeting

COASTAL RIVERS BASIN BOARD MEETING
Southwest Florida Water Management District

New Port Richey, Florida June 9, 2010

The Coastal Rivers Basin Board of the Southwest Florida Water Management District convened for a regular meeting June 9, 2010, at 1:03 p.m., at the Starkey Environmental Education Center.

Board Members Present

Judith C. Whitehead, Chair
William Y. Bunch, Vice Chair
Richard Matassa, Secretary
Fritz Musselmann, Member

Staff Present

Bruce Wirth
Lou Kavouras
Eric Sutton
Randy Emberg
Linda Pilcher

Beth Putman
Joe Quinn
Miki Renner

Recording Secretary
Tahla Paige

A list of others who were present and signed the attendance roster is filed in the permanent files of the Basin. Compact discs of the audio and copies of the materials and handouts, as set out in full herein, are also filed in the permanent files of the Basin.

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

Chair Whitehead called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m. Ms. Paige noted a quorum was present.

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

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

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

Ms. Lou Kavouras, Deputy Executive Director, Outreach, Planning, Board Services, and Ombudsman, advised there were no additions or deletions to today's agenda.

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

Mr. Joseph Quinn, Staff Planner, Northern District Planning Section, provided the Board a brief overview of relevant items on the agenda. He announced that Regional Water Supply Plan outreach meetings have occurred and the deadline for comments on the plan is July 16, 2010. Mr. Quinn noted the approval of the plan is expected by the end of year. He said the SunWest Harbour Towne Development of Regional Impact land swap was contingent on the project being approved. Mr. Quinn said there were over 100 attendees at the FEMA public meeting for the Crystal River Watershed flood mapping. He said additional public meetings were planned through the rest of the year. Mr. Quinn stated the District was ready to assist the Department of Environmental Protection as needed on the Deepwater Horizon oil spill. He reminded the Board that the 2011 Community Education Grant Program application deadline was August 20, 2010 and the deadline for the Splash! School Grants was September 10, 2010.

Ms. Kavouras said Ms. Lisa Ray Dickinson, a teacher at the Environmental Education Center in Weeki Wachee, sent a thank you note signed by the students stating their appreciation for receiving money from the Splash! School Grant.

Mr. Musselmann asked if Ms. Putman, Communications Projects Administrator Manager, Communications Department, would be giving a presentation on the grants program at the State Parks Conference. Ms. Putman replied she had offered to do so at the next annual conference which included all "Friends of State Parks" organizations.

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

5. **Consent Item:**

a. **Minutes of the April 15, 2010 Meeting**

Basin Board members were provided copies of the minutes for the April 15, 2010 meeting for review.

Following consideration, **Mr. Musselmann moved, seconded by Mr. Bunch, to approve the April 15, 2010 meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.** (Track 2)

6. **Discussion Items:**

a. **Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Crystal River; Option Agreement for Sale and Purchase between the Florida Communities Trust, the District, the City of Crystal River and the Property Owners; Appraisals and Resolution Requesting Funds – Three Sisters Springs, SWF Parcel No. 15-347-123**

Mr. Eric Sutton, Director, Land Resources Department, discussed using the property for stormwater treatment and reviewed appraisals for the Three Sisters Springs Property. He explained the price of the land was \$6,884,000 and the water business was valued at \$3,100,000 for a total of \$11,884,000 for a purchase price. Mr. Musselmann asked what the purchase price was in 2005. Mr. Sutton said it was \$10,500,000. Mr. Musselmann expressed concern about paying more for the property than the purchase price in 2005 when current property values are less than in 2005. Mr. Sutton stated the funding for the land would be \$2,982,000 of Florida Communities Trust funds through their standard competitive grant award process; \$2,000,000 through a Special Grant Appropriation by the Florida Legislature; \$624,000 from the City of Crystal River made up of various public and private funding sources and contributions; and \$1,278,000 by the Southwest Florida Water Management District (District) utilizing Florida Forever funds. He said the District would retain a 30 percent interest in the property for the purpose of protecting water resources and to construct a stormwater treatment plant, and the City of Crystal River would retain the remaining 70 percent interest. Mr. Matassa was also concerned about the high purchase price. Mr. Sutton clarified District's contribution was based on the property value and the water business was not included. Following further discussion staff recommended the Governing Board:

- Authorize the Land Resources Director to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Crystal River to define the parameters of an acquisition partnership for SWF Parcel No. 15-347-123;
- Approve an Option Agreement for Sale and Purchase between the District, Florida Communities Trust, the City of Crystal River and the property owners for interest in Three Sisters Springs for the purpose of water resource protection, including the construction of a stormwater treatment system;
- Accept the appraisals;
- Approve the resolution requesting funds; and
- Authorize any other instruments determined by the Office of General Counsel to be necessary for acquisition of SWF Parcel No. 15-347-123.

Following consideration, **Mr. Musselmann moved, seconded by Mr. Matassa, to approve the staff recommendations with the clarification that the Option Agreement for Sale and Purchase is for \$6,884,000 with the District's portion being \$1,278,000. Motion carried unanimously.** (Track 3)

b. **Fiscal Year 2011 Budget Discussion and Approval of Proposed Millage Rate**

Mr. Bruce Wirth, Deputy Executive Director, Resource Management Division, presented an update to the preliminary budget provided at the April meeting. The Board's input from that meeting was incorporated into a proposed budget, which assumed the millage rate would remain at 0.1885 and property valuations would decline by 10 percent. A revised budget, based on final property values, will be presented for the Basin Board's consideration at the August 12 Basin Board meeting. At that time, the Board will be required to adopt a final millage rate and budget for recommendation to the Governing Board, including the final selection of FY2011 Cooperative Funding projects. The Board did not request any additional changes and voted on the recommendations individually.

1. Provide tentative selection of FY2011 Cooperative Funding Projects as presented.

Following consideration, **Mr. Bunch moved, seconded by Mr. Matassa, to approve the staff recommendations for FY2011 Cooperative Funding Projects. Motion carried unanimously.**

2. Approve and adopt a required proposed millage rate of 0.1885 mill for FY2011.

Following consideration, **Mr. Bunch moved, seconded by Mr. Matassa, to approve the staff recommendation for 0.1885 millage rate for FY2011. Motion carried unanimously.**

3. Approve resolution No. 80 – Resolution Affirming the Required Proposed Millage Rate for Fiscal Year 2011.

Following consideration, **Mr. Bunch moved, seconded by Mr. Matassa, to approve the staff recommendation for the Resolution Affirming the Required Proposed Millage Rate for FY2011. Motion carried unanimously. (Track 4)**

7. **Report:**

a. **Governing Board Activities**

Chair Whitehead reported at its May 25 meeting the Governing Board elected new officers as follows: Ronald Oakley, Chair; Hugh Gramling, Vice Chair; Douglas Tharp, Treasurer; and Paul Senft, Secretary. She stated there was a new Governing Board Member, Jeffrey Adams. Chair Whitehead stated the Governing Board is in the process of setting a procedure for handling future frost/freeze events more effectively. Hurricane preparedness was discussed, and she felt the District was well prepared for such an event. She added the next Governing Board Meeting is June 29, 2010.

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

8. **Announcements:**

Ms. Kavouras reviewed the announcements that were listed on the agenda.

9. **Adjournment**

When there was no other business to come before the Board, Chair Whitehead adjourned the meeting at 2:17 p.m. (Track 5)

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