

APPROVED

Minutes of the Meeting

Coastal Rivers Basin Board

Southwest Florida Water Management District

Brooksville, Florida

August 13, 2009

The Coastal Rivers Basin Board of the Southwest Florida Water Management District convened for a regular meeting August 13, 2009, at 1:00 p.m., at District Headquarters.

Board Members Present

Judith C. Whitehead, Chair
Randall S. Maggard, Vice Chair
Elaine H. Perry, Secretary
William Y. Bunch, Member

Staff Present

Lou Kavouras
Bruce Wirth
Mark Hammond
Eric Sutton
Jimmy Brooks
Cathy Linsbeck

Cara Martin
Beth Putnam
Miki Renner
Doug Sanders
Randy Emberg

Board Member Absent

John M. Nicolette, Member

Recording Secretary

M. Frances Sesler

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 1:00 p.m. Ms. Sesler noted a quorum was present.

2. Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Chair Whitehead led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. (CD 1/Track 1)

3. Additions and Deletions to the Agenda

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

4. Ceremony to Honor Former Basin Board Member Samuel H. Lyons

Chair Whitehead presented Mr. Lyons with a plaque recognizing his services from August 2005 to June 2009 to the Board and the citizens of Florida.

5. Oath of Office for Appointed/Re-Appointed Board Members

Ms. Kavouras administered the Oath of Office to Mr. William Bunch who was re-appointed to the Board August 4, 2009; his term expires March 1, 2011. Ms. Kavouras congratulated him upon his reappointment.

6. Basin Activities Report and Agenda Review

Mr. Doug Sanders, Basin Planner, provided a brief overview of relevant items on the agenda, information items, and other topics of interest. Mr. Sanders explained how the items relate to the Board's Strategic Budget Priorities, the Strategic Plan, or other Board concerns. Mr. Sanders noted, during the Florida Stormwater Association meeting in June, six awards were given for projects. The Coastal Rivers Basin Board received an award for the Weeki Wachee Springs storm water project. The project was honored this year as an achievement among others in the State. He said this Board should be extremely proud of its accomplishment. Mr. Sanders provided copies of the draft Strategic Plan to Board members and requested input by the end of the month. He said comments can be forwarded to Mr. Roy Mazur, Planning Department, at watermatters.org. He reviewed the Board's consensus on the Basin's strategic budget priorities from its October workshop discussions and requested reaffirmation of those priorities as staff prepares for the upcoming budget cycle and Cooperative Funding kickoff meetings. The Board unanimously agreed on the following set of budget priorities:

- Multi-Jurisdictional Alternative Water Supply Projects
Reclaimed Water
- Watershed Management Program
Accelerate Land Acquisitions
Insure and Accelerate Minimum Flows and Levels (MFL) Deadlines
Land Stewardship
SWIM Projects
- Springshed Protection
Best Management Practices
Three Sisters Springs
Springs Clean-up
- Public and Youth Education
Homeowner Associations
Florida-Friendly Yards
- Emergency Preparedness

Following consideration, Mr. Maggard moved, seconded by Ms. Perry, to approve the staff recommendation to reaffirm the Basin Board's Strategic Budget Priorities for fiscal year 2010-2011.

Mr. Jimmy Brooks, Community Affairs Program Manager, introduced Ms. Cara Martin, who will assume Mr. Brooks' position when he retires in September. (CD 1/Track 1)

7. Consent Items

a. Minutes of the June 11, 2009, Meeting

Approve the June 11, 2009 minutes, as presented.

b. Consent Items:

i. Appraisals and Exchange/Sale Agreement – Weekiwachee Preserve and Lake Panasoffkee Projects, SWF Parcel Nos. 15-773-206S and 19-528-11

Recommend the Governing Board accept the appraisals; approve the Exchange/Sale Agreement; declare SWF Parcel No. 15-773-206S as surplus and no longer needed for conservation purposes (two-thirds majority required) and convey the property to Pete and Gus Glannakopulos subject to the terms of the Exchange/Sale Agreement; and designate SWF Parcel No. 19-528-112 as having been acquired for conservation purposes.

ii. Agreement with Citrus County for the Management of the Chassahowitzka River Campground SWF Parcel No. 15-347-105X

Recommend the Governing Board approve the Agreement with Citrus County for the Management and Operation of the Chassahowitzka River Campground, SWF Parcel No. 15-347-105X.

c. Board Encumbrance

i. Northern Sumter County Data Collection and Monitoring Project

Approve the encumbrance of \$100,000 (of which \$50,000 is from the General Fund, \$25,000 is from the Coastal Rivers Basin, and \$25,000 is from the Withlacoochee River Basin Boards), without a contract, to be used for the Northern Sumter County Data Collection and Monitoring Project.

d. Annual Calendar of Meeting Dates – Fiscal Year 2010

Approve the FY2010 Basin Board meeting schedule as presented.

Following consideration, Ms. Perry moved, seconded by Mr. Maggard, to approve Consent Items 7a, b, c and d. Motion carried unanimously. (CD1/Track 1)

8. **Discussion Items**

a. **Fiscal Year 2010 Budget Discussion & Approval of Final Millage Rate and Budget**

Mr. Bruce C. Wirth, Deputy Executive Director, Division of Resource Management, presented minor revisions to the preliminary budget presented at the June Basin Board meeting. The Basin's proposed budget for FY2010 has been updated to reflect ad valorem revenue based on the proposed millage rate adopted by the Basin Board on June 11, 2009, and the 2009 Certification of Taxable Value received from the county property appraisers.

In June, the Basin Board adopted a proposed millage rate of 0.1885 mill for FY2010, same as FY2009. The Coastal Rivers Basin Board has not increased its millage rate for the past 15 years. The millage rate was lowered from 0.2050 mill for FY2007 to 0.1885 for FY2008.

For the record, Ms. Kavouras read the three-part staff recommendation.

- (1.) Approve and adopt the required final millage rate of 0.1885 mill for FY2010.**
- (2.) Approve and adopt the final FY2010 budget.**
- (3.) Approve Resolution No. 79 -- Resolution Affirming the Required Final Millage Rate and Budget for Fiscal Year 2010.**

Following consideration, **Mr. Maggard moved, seconded by Ms. Perry, to approve the staff recommendation as outlined above. The motion carried unanimously.**
(CD 1/Track 1)

Mr. Norman Hopkins, representing the Amy Remley Foundation, addressed the Board. He said this is an update of information that he gave to the Board in April of this year. He said the Foundation is seeking statewide recognition regarding the underground water flows and their impact. Federal laws take underwater flows into consideration. Mr. Maggard asked what kind of State Law he was looking for. Mr. Hopkins said the Environmental Regulation Committee (ERC) could consider the disparity between State and Federal Law, and amend the definitions so that underground water flows are given the same rank for consideration as surface water flows when considering how surface waters can be polluted. He said this process could take a couple of years, and the only way it could be resolved quicker is through a court case. (CD 1/Track 1)

9. **Reports:**

a. **Basin Board Education Committee**

Ms. Perry, the Board's primary representative to the Basin Board Education Committee, gave a synopsis of the July 7 meeting at which reports on the District's Florida Water Star Gold program and the Communications Department's media messaging research, media relations, drought coverage, and social media innovations were provided. A summary of the meeting was included as an exhibit in the meeting notebook. This item was presented for the Board's information; no action was required.

b. **Basin Board Land Resources Committee**

Mr. Eric Sutton Director, Land Resources Department, presented an overview of the July 13 Basin Board Land Resources Committee meeting, which was held in the Green Swamp West Field Office in Dade City. Staff presentations included current and potential revenue generating activities on District-managed lands, an overview of the June 4 Land Use Stakeholders Discussion Group meeting, and funding status of the Florida Forever and Water Management Lands Trust Fund. A report was included as an exhibit in the meeting notebook. This item was presented for the Board's information; no action was required.

c. **Governing Board Activities**

Chair Whitehead said Board members were provided a written report of the July 28 Governing Board meeting, which was held in the Polk County Administration Building in Bartow. Topics of discussion included the Facilitating Agricultural Resource Management Systems (FARMS) program, 20-year permits, “streaming” video technology, and Basin Board millage rates. This item was presented for the Board's information; no action was required. (CD1/Track 1)

10. **Announcements**

Ms. Kavouras noted that a Land Management Tour is being offered on Wednesday, August 19, beginning at 10 a.m., departing from the Inverness City Hall Parking Lot. She said the next meeting will be a joint meeting and workshop with the Withlacoochee River Basin Board on Tuesday, October 13, at 9:00 a.m., at the Brooksville Headquarters office. She reported that the Boards will not meet in December; however, a joint Governing Board/Basin Boards Workshop will be held on December 15 at Nature’s Classroom, Thonotosassa. (CD 1/Track 2)

Ms. Kavouras announced that today is Ms. Perry’s last Board meeting. She extended her appreciation to Ms. Perry for her service over the past six years and invited her to attend the October 13 meeting at which time she would be formally recognized. (CD 1/Track 2)

11. **Adjournment**

When there was no other business to come before the Board, Chair Whitehead adjourned the meeting at 2:00 p.m. (CD1/Track 2)

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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. These items did not require Board action at this time.

1. City of New Port Richey Midwest/Northwest Reclaimed Water Distribution System (L812) – Cancellation Notice
2. City of Crystal River Stormwater Utility Study-Completion Notice – (L951)
3. Development of Landscape Fertilizer Best Management Practices-Phase I – Execution Notice – (N013)
4. Pasco County Ultra-Low Volume Toilet Rebate Program – Phase II (N114) - Execution Notice
5. Evaluation of Different On-Farm Blueberry Systems to Improve Irrigation Efficiency (B263)

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