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Minutes of the Meeting

COASTAL RIVERS BASIN BOARD MEETING
Southwest Florida Water Management District

Brooksville, Florida

October 14, 2010

The Coastal Rivers Basin Board of the Southwest Florida Water Management District convened for a regular meeting on October 14, 2010, at 1:00 p.m., at District Headquarters.

Board Members Present

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

Staff Present

Bruce Wirth
Lou Kavouras
Roy Mazur
Eric Sutton
Cara Martin
Will Miller
Linda Pilcher

Beth Putman
Joe Quinn
Miki Renner

Recording Secretary

Tahla Paige

Board Members Absent

None

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 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. 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. **Consent Items:**

a. **Minutes of the August 12, 2010 Meeting**

Basin Board members were provided copies of the minutes for the August 12, 2010 meeting for review.

b. **First Amendment to the Agreement for the Management of the Chassahowitzka River Campground, SWF Parcel No. 15-347-105X**

Staff recommended the Governing Board:

- (1) Approve the First Amendment to the Agreement for the Management and Operation of the Chassahowitzka River Campground between the District and Citrus County, SWF Parcel No. 15-347-105X; and
- (2) Authorize the Land Resources Director to execute the amendment.

c. **Third Amendment to the Agreement with Pasco County – Starkey Wilderness Preserve, SWF Parcel No. 16-010-017X**

Staff recommended the Governing Board:

- (1) Approve the Third Amendment to Agreement with Pasco County for SWF Parcel No. 16-010-017X; and
- (2) Authorize the Land Resources Director to execute the amendment.

d. **Change of Cooperator and Scope of Work for Hernando Florida-Friendly Landscaping Program (B727)**

Staff recommended approval of the following:

- (1) Change cooperator from Hernando County Extension to Hernando County Utilities Department.
- (2) Reduce the total cost of the project from \$87,957 to \$65,310, with no change to the District's contribution of \$40,317 (Coastal Rivers \$33,866; Withlacoochee River \$6,451).
- (3) Change scope of work to expand emphasis on water conservation, including oversight of a rebate program offering incentives to Hernando County Utility Department customers who receive Florida-Friendly Landscaping yard recognitions.

Following consideration, **Mr. Musselmann moved, seconded by Mr. Bunch, to approve the Consent Items as presented. Motion carried unanimously.** (Track 2)

5. **Discussion Items:**

a. **Fiscal Year 2010 Accomplishments**

Mr. Joseph Quinn, Staff Planner, Planning Department, reviewed the Board's FY2010 Accomplishments. Noted projects included the Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority Planning and Implementation Program, the Hernando County Watershed Management Plans, the Chassahowitzka Spring Restoration, and several educational/outreach programs. Mr. Quinn highlighted the Ecosystem-Level Study of Florida's Major Spring Systems. He noted the results of the study and reviewed specific findings for those spring systems studied within the District. He reviewed the Budget Priorities for FY2012 and concluded the presentation by reviewing the upcoming basin field trips.

Both Ms. Whitehead and Mr. Matassa stated they would attend the Chassahowitzka Spring Restoration Tour. Mr. Bunch stated he would check his calendar regarding availability.

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

b. **2012 – 2016 Strategic Plan Update**

Mr. Roy Mazur, Planning Director, Planning Department, presented an update on the 2012 Strategic Plan (Plan). He stated the three goals of the update were:

- (1) To provide a refined focus on Natural Systems and Water Quality;
- (2) To update the Strategic Planning Scoreboard on the District website; and
- (3) To create an Annual Work Plan Report.

Mr. Mazur suggested that data acquisition and management were not the mission of the District; instead they are support tools for making resource management decisions. He stated a presentation of the Plan would be provided in October to the Governing Board, with the goal to have it approved at its November Meeting. Mr. Mazur stated the Scorecard and Annual Work Plan Report were on schedule to be completed by the end of November and the Planning Department is tracking any influential events.

Mr. Musselmann asked for a broader explanation on the process to streamline the Natural Systems area of responsibility. Mr. Mazur explained how the data was used to monitor Minimum Flows and Levels (MFLs), establish MFLs, the recovery strategy for MFLs, and monitoring water quality.

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

c. **Annual Update of the Long-Range Water Supply and Water Resource Development Funding Plan**

Mr. Bruce Wirth, Deputy Executive Director, Resource Management Division, provided the annual update on the Basin's Long-Range Water Supply and Water Resource Development Funding Plan that shows changes in projects and financial assumptions over a planning horizon of 20 years. The purpose of the update is to evaluate the ability of the Basin to meet the financial needs of its partners and its own initiatives in the area of alternative water supply and conservation and resource development considering other Basin priorities that include Basin initiatives, SWIM, and Cooperative Funding.

Mr. Wirth used charts and graphs to present demand projections and project updates, including costs and schedules combined with projections of Basin revenues and other Basin expenditures in order to evaluate the capabilities of the Basin to meet financial demands through 2030. After this explanation of how a conclusion is derived, Mr. Wirth stated the Basin is in "good shape" going forward.

Ms. Linda Pilcher, Assistant Director, Finance Department, explained ad valorem projections are based on data received periodically from the Legislature's Office of Economic and Demographic Research (EDR) in Tallahassee and from Moody's. She said EDR information is published county by county and the information will be updated in November and March, with the first formal estimates due from the county property appraisers in June.

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

6. **Report:**

a. **Governing Board Activities**

Chair Whitehead reported the Governing Board adopted a lower millage rate. She also stated that Tampa Bay Water (TBW) did not produce the quantity of water in FY2010 that was required by the settlement agreement. Chair Mark Sharpe and General Manager Gerald Seeber, TBW, stated at the meeting that demand was down, the more expensive desalination water was not needed, and TBW used other sources to lower the cost of water to their customers. The Governing Board agreed it was a good decision, but asked that better communication between TBW and the District occur in the future. In addition, Chair Whitehead said the Governing Board delayed action on the District's Water Shortage Plan for another month. She added the Governing Board discussed the role of the District pertaining to funding future projects.

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

7. **Announcements:**

A video showcasing Potts Preserve was played for the Board. Mr. Musselmann commended staff for the great job done for public education. Ms. Kavouras reviewed the announcements that were listed on the agenda. She announced the Basin Board Education Committee (BBEC) meeting was cancelled.

