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MINUTES OF THE MEETING

GOVERNING BOARD SOUTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

TAMPA, FLORIDA

JANUARY 28, 2014

The Governing Board of the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) met for its regular meeting at 9:00 a.m. on January 28, 2014, at the District's Tampa Service Office. The following persons were present:

Board Members Present

Carlos M. Beruff, Chair
Michael A. Babb, Vice Chair
Randall S. Maggard, Secretary
Jeffrey M. Adams, Treasurer
Bryan K. Beswick, Member
Thomas E. Bronson, Member
David W. Dunbar, Member
Wendy Griffin, Member
George W. Mann, Member
Michael A. Moran, Member
Todd Pressman, Member
H. Paul Senft, Member

Staff Members

Robert R. Beltran, Executive Director
Kurt P. Fritsch, Inspector General
David T. Rathke, Chief of Staff
Laura J. Donaldson, General Counsel
Mark A. Hammond, Division Director
Alba E. Más, Division Director
Ken Frink, Division Director

Board's Administrative Support

Cara Martin, Board & Executive Services Manager
LuAnne Stout, Administrative Coordinator

Board Members Absent – None

A list of others present who signed the attendance roster is filed in the permanent records of the District. This meeting was available for viewing through Internet streaming. Approved minutes from previous meetings can be found on the District's Web site (www.WaterMatters.org).

PUBLIC HEARING (Video – 00:00)

1. Call to Order

Chair Beruff called the meeting to order and opened the public hearing. Mr. Maggard noted a quorum was present.

2. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

Mr. Babb offered the invocation. Chair Beruff led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Public Hearing

Chair Beruff introduced each member of the Governing Board. He noted that the Board's meeting was recorded for broadcast on government access channels, and public input was only taken during the meeting onsite.

Chair Beruff stated that anyone wishing to address the Governing Board concerning any item listed on the agenda or any item that does not appear on the agenda should fill out and submit a speaker's card. To assure that all participants have an opportunity to speak, a member of the public may submit a speaker's card to comment on agenda items only during today's meeting. If the speaker wishes to address the Board on an issue not on today's agenda, a speaker's card may be submitted for comment during "Public Input." Chair Beruff stated that comments would be limited to three minutes per speaker, and, when appropriate, exceptions to the three-minute limit may be granted by the Chair. He also requested that several individuals wishing to speak on the same issue/topic designate a spokesperson. (Audio – 00:00/03:40)

3. **Additions/Deletions to Agenda** (Video – 03:44)
Section 120.525, Florida Statutes, allows the District to change the published agenda for good cause shown, as determined by the presiding officer.

Mr. Beltran noted that there is one deletion to the agenda as follows:

REGULATION COMMITTEE – Discussion Items

31. Consider Water Shortage Order Recommendations

Mr. Maggard moved, seconded by Mr. Babb, to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously. (Audio – 03:40/04:35)

4. **Public Input for Issues Not Listed on the Published Agenda**
Chair Beruff noted that one *Request to Speak* card was submitted.

Ms. Karen Turbeville, resident of Lakeland and member of the Triple B Riding Club, spoke regarding the hunting item on the Board's December agenda. She voiced her concerns for the increase in the number of weekends that District lands are closed for public use due to hunting and its impact on passive user access. (Audio – 04:35/07:00)

CONSENT AGENDA (Video – 11:50)

Chair Beruff asked that, before the Board considers action on the Consent Agenda, whether there is anyone in the audience who wishes to address the Board regarding an item on the Consent Agenda. No one asked to address the Board.

Chair Beruff then asked the Board members if they have any other items which need to be removed from the Consent Agenda for consideration on the appropriate Committee's Discussion Agenda. No other items were moved by the Board.

Regulation Committee

5. **Individual Water Use Permit (WUP) Referred to the Governing Board – WUP No. 20002158.006 – C. R. Melear Corp. / Melear Barns 1 & 2 (Hardee County)**
Staff recommended the Board approve the proposed permit included in the Board's meeting materials.

Resource Management Committee

6. **2014 Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Mitigation Program Plan**
Staff recommended the Board approve the District's 2014 FDOT Mitigation Plan.
7. **Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Amendment for the River Tower Shoreline Restoration and Water Quality Improvement Program (W387)**
Staff recommended the Board (1) approve a contract amendment to the FDOT revenue agreement to add \$200,000 for the River Tower Shoreline Restoration and Water Quality Improvement Project, increasing the FDOT's contribution to \$300,000; and (2) authorize the Executive Director to execute the amendment.
8. **Five-Year Water Resource Development Work Program**
Staff recommended the Board approve the proposed revisions to the Five-Year Water Resource Development Work Program to be included in the *2014 Consolidated Annual Report*.

9. **Springs Initiative – Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) Revenue Agreement (P100)**

Staff recommended the Board authorize Executive to execute the revenue agreement with the FDEP.

10. **Confirm Approval of FY2014 Cooperative Funding Initiative Project – Magnolia Drive Outfall (N455)**

Staff recommended the Board confirm approval of the FY2014 Cooperative Funding Initiative project by the City of Clearwater for Implementation of Best Management Practices – Magnolia Drive Outfall.

11. **Facilitating Agricultural Resource Management Systems (FARMS)**

a. **Charlotte 650, LLC – Phase 2 (H704), Charlotte County**

Staff recommended the Board (1) approve the Charlotte 650, LLC – Phase 2 project for a not-to-exceed project reimbursement of \$427,000 with \$427,000 provided by the Governing Board; (2) authorize the transfer of \$427,000 from fund 010 H017 Governing Board FARMS Fund to the H704 Charlotte 650, LLC – Phase 2 project fund; and (3) authorize Executive to execute the agreement.

b. **C. Dennis Carlton, Sr. – Home Grove (H705), Hillsborough County**

Staff recommended the Board (1) approve the C. Dennis Carlton, Sr. – Home Grove project for a not-to-exceed project reimbursement of \$195,000 from 2009 State Appropriations; (2) authorize the transfer of \$195,000 from 2009 State Appropriations allocated to fund 010 H017 FARMS Funds to the H705 C. Dennis Carlton, Sr. – Home Grove project fund; and (3) authorize Executive to execute the agreement.

Finance/Outreach & Planning Committee

12. **Budget Transfer Report**

Staff recommended the Board approve the Budget Transfer Report covering all budget transfers for December 2013.

13. **Resolutions Requesting Encumbrance of Fiscal Year 2013-14 Budgeted Funds from the Water Management Lands Trust Fund (WMLTF)**

a. **Resolution No. 14-01 for Surface Water Improvement and Management (SWIM) Activities**

b. **Resolution No. 14-02 for Lake Hancock South Saddle Creek Restoration and Water Quality Treatment Project**

c. **Resolution No. 14-03 for Preacquisition, Management, Maintenance and Capital Improvements**

Staff recommended the Board (1) approve Resolution Nos. 14-01, 14-02 and 14-03 requesting the encumbrance of the District's FY2013-14 budget for SWIM Activities; Lake Hancock South Saddle Creek Restoration and Water Quality Treatment Project; and Preacquisition, Land Management, Maintenance and Capital Improvements within the WMLTF; and (2) authorize staff to request periodic reimbursements for FY2013-14 costs not to exceed \$3,158,406.

14. **Office of Inspector General – Auditor General Report 2014-082, Operational Audit of the Southwest Florida Water Management District**

Staff recommended the Board accept the external audit report and direct the Inspector General to appropriately file the document and follow-up on the reported recommendations in accordance with Board Policy.

General Counsel's Report

15. **Administrative, Enforcement and Litigation Activities that Require Governing Board Approval**

a. **Consent Order – Overpumpage Penalties – Rivercrest Community Development District – WUP No. 20010398.005 – Hillsborough County**

Staff recommended the Board approve the Consent Order and authorize initiation of litigation against Rivercrest Community Development District to enforce the terms of the Consent Order.

b. **Consent Order – Permit Condition Violation – W.I. Commercial Sabal Park, LLC (Sabal Park – Weldon Industries) – ERP No. 46014209.003 – Hillsborough County**

Staff recommended the Board approve the proposed consent order and authorize the initiation of litigation against W. I. Commercial Sabal Park, LLC if necessary to obtain compliance with the consent order.

c. **Interagency Agreement between the SJRWMD and the SWFWMD – Designation of Regulatory Responsibility – The Villages of Fruitland Park – Lake County**

Staff recommended the Board approve the Interagency Agreement between the SJRWMD and SWFWMD for Designation of Regulatory Responsibility for Environmental Resource Permits for The Villages of Fruitland Park in Lake County.

16. **Rulemaking** – None

Executive Director's Report

17. **Approve Governing Board Monthly Meeting Minutes – December 17, 2013**

Staff recommended the Board approve the minutes as presented.

Mr. Babb moved, seconded by Mr. Senft, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously. (Audio – 07:00/07:40)

Chair Beruff relinquished the gavel to Finance/Outreach & Planning Committee Chair Adams who called the Committee meeting to order.

FINANCE/OUTREACH & PLANNING COMMITTEE (Video – 82:20)

Discussion Items

18. **Consent Item(s) Moved for Discussion** – None

19. **Investment Strategy Quarterly Update**

The District's financial investment advisors, Messrs. Steve Alexander and John Grady, provided a quarterly update of the investment portfolio as required by Board Policy 130-3.

There being no questions and as recommended by staff, the Board accepted and placed on file the District's Quarterly Investment Reports for the quarter ended December 31, 2013. (Audio – 07:40/17:55)

20. **Information Technology Review and Analysis Update**

Dr. Steven Dicks, Bureau Chief, Information Technology, provided an overview of the Information Technology Bureau (ITB) and an update on the action items resulting from the 2012 Information Technology Review and Analysis. KPMG was selected through a competitive procurement process, and conducted the review between February and August 2012. As of January 7, 2014, 41 of the 47 observations have been completed, and the remaining six observations will be addressed by September 2014.

Committee Chair Babb noted that he has been working with Dr. Dicks during transition period in 2012 and he thanked staff for their efforts that resulted in reduced costs. (Audio – 17:55/25:20)

This item was presented for the Committee's information, and no action was required.

Mr. Dunbar spoke regarding the District's financial investment advisors and the changes made to the policy. He met with both advisors during the fourth quarter and was impressed with their planning process. He noted that the Board has benchmarks to watch for in the reports presented. (Audio – 25:20/28:00)

Submit & File Report – None

The following item was submitted for the Committee's information, and no action was required.

21. **2014 Consolidated Annual Report**

Routine Reports

The following items were provided for the Committee's information, and no action was required.

22. **Legislative Update**
23. **Treasurer's Report and Payment Register**
24. **Monthly Financial Statement**
25. **Monthly Cash Balances by Fiscal Year**
26. **Comprehensive Plan Amendment and Related Reviews**
27. **Development of Regional Impact Activity Report**
28. **Significant Activities**

Committee Chair Adams adjourned the Committee meeting, and relinquished the gavel to Regulation Committee Chair Mann who called the Committee meeting to order.

REGULATION COMMITTEE (Video – 12:45)

Item 31 was deleted from consideration.

29. **Consent Item(s) Moved for Discussion**

30. **Hydrologic Conditions Status Report**

Mr. Granville Kinsman, Manager, Hydrologic Data Section, said December historically marks the third month of the eight-month (October through May) dry season and rainfall totals for the month were normal in the northern region of the District, while they were below-normal in the central and southern regions. Analysis of the partial dry-season (October-December) rainfall indicates District-wide totals were 2.9 inches below the historic long-term average. Rainfall received during December was regionally variable, scattered and primarily associated with two cold front systems that moved through the District on December 14-15 and 29. The District-wide 12-month cumulative rainfall deficit increased to 2.3 inches below the long-term historical average, while the 24-month deficit improved to 4.3 inches below the long-term average.

In summary, Mr. Kinsman said there is north-to-south variation in rainfall; conditions trending downward which is normal for this time of year; and to date, no major supply concerns outside of Tampa Bay area. (Audio – 28:00/34:12, Video – 53:20)

This item was presented for the Committee's information, and no action was required.

31. **Consider Water Shortage Order Recommendations**
This item was deleted from consideration.

32. **Denials Referred to the Governing Board** – None

Submit & File Reports – None

Routine Reports

The following items were provided for the Committee's information, and no action was required.

33. **Overpumpage Report**
Ms. Griffin commended staff for their work with permittees to see improvement in this report.
34. **E-Permitting Metrics: Online vs. Paper Applications**
Ms. Más noted that this information is now available on the monthly dashboard so it will no longer be provided as a routine report. (Audio – 34:12/35:45)
35. **Individual Permits Issued by District Staff**
36. **Resource Regulation Significant Initiatives**

Committee Chair Mann adjourned the Committee meeting, and relinquished the gavel to Resource Management Committee Chair Babb who called the Committee meeting to order.

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (Video – 66:16)

Discussion Items

37. **Consent Item(s) Moved for Discussion** – None
38. **Braden River Utilities/City of Bradenton Reclaimed Water Interconnect – First Amendment Scope Change (N336)**

Mr. Jason Mickel, Water Supply Manager, Water Resources Bureau, said Braden River Utilities (BRU) has diversified its water resources through several past District co-funded and non-District funded reclaimed water and surface water projects. This project will provide reclaimed water to residential irrigation customers that currently use groundwater and surface water. The Governing Board approved \$750,000 in fiscal year (FY) 2012 through the Cooperative Funding Initiative cycle and another \$4,950,000 in FY2013 for an \$11,400,000 project to construct an interconnect between BRU irrigation system and the City of Bradenton's reclaimed water system.

Construction of the original scope elements started in March 2013. In July 2013, BRU informed the District the project would require routing and installation method changes, increased costs and time extensions due to unforeseen routing requirements in Manatee County right-of-ways. Also during July 2013, the City of Bradenton contacted BRU with an offer to increase reclaimed water supplies from 4.0 mgd to 5.0 mgd initially with a potential of an additional 1.0 mgd in the future. The increase in cost and the 1.0 mgd increase in reclaimed water supply results in an overall project cost-effectiveness of \$0.67/1,000 gallons.

Staff recommended the Board (1) approve the out-of-cycle funding request from Braden River Utilities; (2) approve the first amendment change in scope to modify project sizing, storage type, routing and construction methods; increase project flows and benefits; (3) increase the project budget by \$1,300,000 for a total District commitment of

\$7,000,000; (4) extend the project completion date from November 30, 2013, to June 30, 2014, and extend the contract period from June 30, 2014, to December 31, 2014; and (5) authorize the executive director or designee to execute the first amendment to the Braden River Utilities/City of Bradenton Reclaimed Water Interconnect project. (Audio – 35:45/39:40)

Discussion ensued regarding scope changes, unanticipated costs, multi-year projects, and budget planning for the Cooperative Funding Initiative process. Mr. Bob Simons, representing BRU, provided project information and answered questions from the Board.

Mr. Dunbar moved, seconded by Mr. Maggard, to approve the staff recommendation as presented. Motion carried unanimously. (Audio – 39:40/57:05)

Mr. Mickel noted that this item was project of the year for the American Society of Civil Engineers Suncoast Chapter 2013.

39. **South Venice Waterways Restoration – Scope Change (N565)**

Mr. Eric C. DeHaven, Bureau Chief, Resource Data and Restoration, noted that this is a fiscal year (FY) 2014 cooperative funding project with Sarasota County. The Board approved this project during the FY2014 Cooperative Funding Initiative (CFI) budget cycle and it was included in the approved FY2014 budget. Total project cost was \$600,000 with the District to provide 50-percent funding (\$300,000). Project elements focus on construction/restoration of approximately 17,000 linear feet of shoreline along a series of manmade canals. Construction elements include the removal of approximately 444 cubic yards of muck, removal of exotic vegetation, and replanting with native vegetation over 10 acres.

Sarasota County has determined that construction of the project as approved could not be completed for the amount of funding requested. Therefore, the County has requested the scope of the project be reduced to 7,500 linear feet of canals which equates to 3.4 acres of replanting. The County has also requested the ability to supplement the use of native plants with other plants that are well-suited for the site conditions.

Sarasota County also requested that the project scope include a \$25,000 pre/post biological monitoring program for the project area. In the original FY2014 CFI request, pre/post biological monitoring to document project success was to be done by South Venice residents, Sierra Club Water Sentinels, Mote Marine and County staff. District staff does not recommend including additional funds for a pre/post biological monitoring program as the original plan is effective and funding a formal monitoring plan will reduce funds available for construction.

The project, as originally approved by the Governing Board, had an overall ranking of High. The ranking of the cost effectiveness sub-category was also High due to an estimated cost per linear foot of shoreline restored at \$36. The revised cost based on the requested reduction to 7,500 linear feet is \$80 per linear foot. This cost is still reasonable compared to other completed shoreline restoration projects; therefore, the cost effectiveness ranking remains High and the overall project ranking remains High.

Staff recommended the Board approve change in the scope of work to reduce the length of shoreline constructed from 17,000 linear feet to 7,500 linear feet and the use of native or other plants that are well suited for the site conditions in the replanting plan. Staff does

not recommend reimbursing the County for the pre/post biological monitoring program as this will reduce funding available for construction. (Audio – 00:57:05/01:05:00)

Discussion ensued regarding the scope change, cost versus linear feet, pilot program success, local volunteers, and contractor work cost. Ms. Kelly Westover, representing Sarasota County, and Mr. Steve Swa, representing the local civic association, addressed questions from the Board.

Mr. Pressman moved, seconded by Mr. Senft, to approve the staff recommendation as presented. Motion carried unanimously. (Audio – 01:05:00/01:23:30)

40. **Surface Water Improvement and Management (SWIM) – Priority List Modification**

Ms. Jennette Seachrist, SWIM Program Manager, Natural Systems and Restoration Bureau, noted that in 1987, the Florida Legislature established the SWIM Act to require the five water management districts to maintain a priority list of water bodies of regional or statewide significance within their boundaries, and develop plans and programs for the improvement of those water bodies. Florida Statutes (373.453) require that the SWIM priority list be reviewed and updated every five years.

Ms. Seachrist said at its June 25, 2013 meeting, the Governing Board approved the SWIM priority list with no changes to the existing ten priority water bodies. As part of the approval, the Board requested staff evaluate the SWIM priority water bodies and report back in 2014 with recommendations to remove or add water bodies to better prioritize projects and funding.

Staff reviewed the current state of each priority water body, and recommended removing Banana Lake and adding Weeki Wachee River, Chassahowitzka River, and Homosassa River to the SWIM Program priority list. (Audio – 01:23:30/01:29:00)

Chair Beruff moved, seconded by Mr. Maggard, to authorize staff to initiate the process to modify the District's Surface Water Improvement and Management (SWIM) Program priority list to delete Banana Lake and add Weeki Wachee River, Chassahowitzka River, and Homosassa River. Motion carried unanimously. (Audio – 01:29:00/01:29:10)

Mr. Al Grubman, resident of Inverness, was in attendance to voice his support of the recommended changes to the SWIM Program priority list.

41. **Facilitating Agricultural Resource Management Systems (FARMS) – Premier Citrus, LLC – North & South Groves (H703), DeSoto County**

Mr. Beswick noted he has filed a *Conflict of Interest* for this item.

The District received a project proposal from Premier Citrus, LLC, for its 1,790-acre North & South Groves property located 18 miles southeast of Arcadia, in southeastern DeSoto County, within the Prairie Creek watershed and Southern Water Use Caution Area. This project will involve the construction and operation of two, four-acre reservoirs to collect tailwater and surface water from the property and surrounding watershed to offset Upper Floridan aquifer groundwater used for supplemental irrigation.

Staff recommended the Board (1) approve the Premier Citrus, LLC – North & South Groves project for a not-to-exceed project reimbursement of \$1,120,700.68 with \$966,876

provided by the Governing Board and \$153,824.68 from 2009 State Appropriations; (2) authorize the transfer of \$966,876 from fund 010 H017 Governing Board FARMS Fund, and \$153,824.68 from 2009 State Appropriations allocated to fund 010 H017 FARMS Funds to the H703 Premier Citrus, LLC – North & South Groves project fund; and (3) authorize Executive to execute the agreement.

Chair Beruff moved, seconded by Mr. Maggard, to approve the staff recommendation as presented. The motion passed and Mr. Beswick abstained from voting. (Audio – 01:29:10/01:30:05)

42. **Tampa Bay Estuary Program (TBEP) Update**

Ms. Holly Greening, TBEP Executive Director, provided a handout and brief presentation highlighting TBEP's activities; and recent joint efforts of the TBEP and Sarasota Bay and Charlotte Harbor National Estuary Programs regarding the federal RESTORE Act.

Board members thanked Ms. Greening for the tremendous ongoing and collaborative work. (Audio – 01:30:05/01:40:50)

This item was presented for the Committee's information, and no action was required.

Submit & File Reports – None

Routine Reports

The following items were provided for the Committee's information, and no action was required.

43. **Minimum Flows and Levels**

44. **Watershed Management Program and Federal Emergency Management Agency Map Modernization**

45. **Significant Water Supply and Resource Development Projects**

Resource Management Committee Chair Babb adjourned the Committee meeting and relinquished the gavel to Operations & Land Management Committee Chair Maggard who called the Committee meeting to order.

OPERATIONS & LAND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (Video – 62:35)

Discussion Items – None

Submit & File Reports – None

Routine Reports

The following items were provided for the Committee's information, and no action was required.

46. **Recreation Ad Hoc Committee Update**

47. **Structure Operations**

48. **Significant Activities**

Committee Chair Maggard noted he has been working with Mr. Frink regarding matters related to this Committee and thanked him and his staff for their efforts. (Audio – 01:40:50/01:41:35)

Operations & Land Management Committee Chair Maggard adjourned the Committee meeting, and relinquished the gavel to Chair Beruff.

GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT (Video – 101:20)

Discussion Items

49. **Consent Item(s) Moved for Discussion** – None

50. **Annual Sunshine Law Refresher**

Ms. Donaldson noted that new issues arise from time to time concerning Florida's open-government laws. For the information of current and newly-appointed Governing Board members, the District's Office of General Counsel provides orientation and other training concerning compliance with these laws, including this Annual Sunshine Law Refresher.

Ms. Carrie Felice, Senior Attorney, said it is the policy of the State of Florida that all government meetings where public business is transacted are to be noticed and open to the public. It is further the policy of the State of Florida that every person has the right to inspect or copy any public record made or received in conjunction with the official business of any government entity. Towards those ends, the District and the Governing Board are subject to Florida's open-government laws, including the Government-In-the-Sunshine Act and the Florida Public Records Act. Governing Board members have the personal responsibility to comply with these and other laws in the conduct of their official business, and failure to do so could result in both criminal and non-criminal penalties against them, as well as invalidation of official Board action. (Audio – 01:41:35/01:55:20)

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

Submit & File Reports – None

Routine Reports

The following items were provided for the Committee's information, and no action was required.

51. **Litigation Report**

52. **Rulemaking Update**

COMMITTEE/LIAISON REPORTS (Video – 103:27)

Written reports were provided for the Board's information.

53. **Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting**

Ms. Griffin provided highlights from the report.

54. **Well Drillers Advisory Committee Meeting**

55. **Other Committee/Liaison Reports**

Chair Beruff said that Mr. Moran has been enlisted to serve as the District's insurance and health insurance liaison. Mr. Moran said he has met with staff to learn the historical perspective of the District's practices which included software, daily efficiencies, and current benefit administration. He suggested exploring placing benefits administration under finance and payroll functions. He said the immediate need is that the State Auditor General audit report suggests bringing benefits up to market and competitive bidding as appropriate, as well as the District having an agent to be a third-party for value-added benefits. He said staff is extremely engaged in this process and helpful, and feel the need and urgency to improve systems. (Audio – 01:55:20/01:59:30)

Mr. Pressman thanked Messrs. Babb, Rathke and Moran for their efforts on behalf of the District for information technology, investments, and insurance concerns. He then addressed the comments regarding a balance of time for veterans using District lands. Mr. Pressman said he supports this phenomenal program which allows disabled veterans to enjoy the outdoors, and noted the volunteers are tremendous people. Several Board members were in agreement.

In response to Mr. Maggard's inquiry, Mr. Hammond said that the cost per gallon and linear foot is updated yearly based upon projects, and staff also continues to review for enhancements and improvements. (Audio – 01:59:30/02:02:35)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT (Video – 103:50)

56. **Executive Director's Report**

Mr. Beltran said the project management process is improving, and staff is working with cooperators. He said the District has changed its process, and he appreciates the Board's comments and guidance. Mr. Beltran thanked Ms. Greening for her presentation. He noted that he has discussed partnerships with TBEP that may assist the District in other areas. (Audio – 02:02:35/02:03:30)

CHAIR'S REPORT (Video – 120:50)

57. **Chair's Report**

a. **Employee Service Milestones**

This item provided a list of employees who have reached five-year increments in service to the District. This item was provided for the Board's information, and no action was required.

b. **Other**

Chair Beruff noted dates of upcoming Cooperative Funding Initiative regional meetings in February. (Audio – 02:03:30/02:04:35)

Chair Beruff recessed the public hearing.

Mr. Mann suggested the Board consider a field trip for the southern District since the February meeting is at the District's Sarasota office. Chair Beruff requested staff poll the Board to determine who is interested. Mr. Pressman suggested starting the February meeting at a later time on Tuesday. Chair Beruff said a time change will be determined by whether the field trip is Monday or Tuesday.

Since Chair Beruff needed to leave for a meeting, he relinquished the gavel to Vice Chair Babb.

At Mr. Senft's request, Mr. Warren Hogg, representing Tampa Bay Water, provided a brief update on the reservoir renovation.

There being no further business to come before the Board, **Vice Chair Babb moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Dunbar seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.** (Audio – 02:04:35/02:07:54, Video – 121:35)

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

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