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MINUTES OF THE MEETING

GOVERNING BOARD SOUTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

BROOKSVILLE, FLORIDA

FEBRUARY 28, 2012

The Governing Board of the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) met for its regular meeting at 9:08 a.m. on February 28, 2012, at the District's headquarters in Brooksville. The following persons were present:

Board Members Present

H. Paul Senft, Chair
Hugh Gramling, Vice Chair
Douglas B. Tharp, Secretary
Albert G. Joerger, Treasurer
Jeffrey M. Adams, Member
Michael A. Babb, Member
Carlos Beruff, Member
Bryan K. Beswick, Member
Jennifer E. Closshey, Member
Neil Combee, Member
Randall S. Maggard, Member
Todd Pressman, Member
Judith C. Whitehead, Member

Staff Members

Blake C. Guillory, Executive Director
Laura J. Donaldson, General Counsel
David T. Rathke, Chief of Staff
Kurt P. Fritsch, Division Director
Mark A. Hammond, Division Director
Michael L. Holtkamp, Division Director
Alba E. Más, Division Director

Board's Administrative Support

LuAnne Stout, Administrative Coordinator
Linda De Jonge, Senior Administrative Asst.

Board Member(s) 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 Senft called the meeting to order and opened the public hearing. Mr. Tharp noted a quorum was present. (Track 1 – 00:00/01:17)

2. **Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation**

Chair Senft led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. Mr. Rathke offered the invocation.

Public Hearing

Chair Senft 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 Senft 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 Senft 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. (Track 1 – 01:17/05:47)

3. **Additions/Deletions to Agenda**

Mr. Guillory noted for the record that there are no changes to the meeting's agenda. (Track 1 – 05:47/05:50)

4. **Former Employee Recognition - Bill Bilenky, Richard Owen and Bruce Wirth**

Chair Senft recognized the contributions of Mr. Bill Bilenky, former General Counsel who recently retired but was not present. He then recognized Messrs. Bruce Wirth and Richard Owen, former deputy executive directors who recently retired from the District and were present in the audience. He acknowledged and commended these individuals' contributions, and presented each a plaque noting their service dates. Mr. Combee commended these former staff members for their services to the District. (Track 1 – 05:50/23:42)

5. **Public Input for Issues Not Listed on the Published Agenda**

Chair Senft noted that a number of speaker cards were submitted.

Mr. Chuck Echenique, Southwest Regional Director of the United Water Fowlers of Florida, requested the Board consider implementation of a recreational advisory committee (RAC) similar to the RACs at the St. Johns River and South Florida Water Management Districts.

Chair Senft said staff will investigate that consideration and requested Board members to advise if interested in such a committee. Mr. Gramling said staff has been researching a modified RAC and a proposal may be forthcoming. He noted there has been an informal stakeholders group providing input. Mr. Combee said he supports a RAC and recommended it be a Board-appointed group. (Track 2 – 00:00/05:20)

Mr. Kevin Love, resident of Brooksville and former District Land Manager, voiced his passion and concern for conservation land management. (Track 2 – 05:20/09:54)

Mr. Dennis Dutcher, President of the United Water Fowlers of Florida, provided information regarding RACs at the other agencies. He requested the creation of a RAC so that stakeholders have an opportunity to provide comment. (Track 3 – 00:00/03:17)

Ms. Casey Atkins, Secretary/Treasurer of the United Hunters of Florida, also requested the creation of a RAC and the opportunity for stakeholders to participate. (Track 4 – 00:00/00:27)

Mr. Bill Wilson, Director of the Florida Bow Hunters Council, said he represents a statewide organization of sportsmen who love the outdoors, and voiced support for a RAC and stakeholders having the opportunity to provide comment. (Track 5 – 00:00/00:55)

CONSENT AGENDA (Video – 39:00)

Regulation Committee

6. **Individual Water Use Permit (WUP) No. 20009052.009 – Ben Hill Griffin, Inc. / C & S Grove (Charlotte County)**

Staff recommended approving the proposed permit as included in the Board's meeting materials. This is an application for renewal of an existing water use permit for agricultural use. The permit is issued to Ben Hill Griffin, Inc. for irrigation of 1,350 acres of citrus. The project is located in Charlotte County, within the Southern Water Use Caution Area but approximately 40 miles southeast of the Most Impacted Area.

Resource Management Committee

7. 2012 Florida Department of Transportation Mitigation Plan

Staff recommended approving the District's 2012 Florida Department of Transportation Mitigation Plan. Pursuant to Section 373.4137, F.S., the District is required to develop a mitigation plan for wetland impacts associated with FDOT roadway projects.

8. Adoption of Resolution No. 11-21 for the Reallocation of Funds Appropriated by the State in Fiscal Years 2006 and 2008 – Water Protection and Sustainability Trust Fund

Staff recommended:

- (1) adopting Resolution No. 11-21 which reallocates \$170,900 in FY2006 and FY2008 Water Protection and Sustainability Trust Funds from the cancelled Charlotte County Reclaimed Water ASR (L215) to the ongoing Charlotte County Regional Reclaimed Water Expansion Phase 2 (H085) and reallocates \$43,541 in FY2006 Water Protection and Sustainability Trust Funds from the cancelled City of Bradenton Reservoir Expansion (H059) to the ongoing Peace River Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority's Regional Integrated Loop System Phase 1A Interconnect (H069);
- (2) authorizing staff to amend the respective agreements to add language that will allow the ongoing projects to utilize those funds; and
- (3) authorizing the Resource Management Division Director to execute those amendments.

9. Pasco County Overpass Road Reclaimed Water Transmission Main – Second Amendment

Staff recommended approving the second amendment to the existing agreement with Pasco County for the Overpass Road Reclaimed Water Transmission Main to:

- (1) modify the scope of work by removing the Watergrass development spur line and revising the pipeline alignment and length;
- (2) reduce the total cost of the project from \$1,592,000 to \$1,410,000 and reduce the District's funding commitment from \$800,080 to \$709,080 (\$700,920 District and \$8,160 WPSTF);
- (3) modify the project's completion date from March 15, 2012 to September 1, 2012, and the contract termination date from March 31, 2012 to September 30, 2012; and
- (4) authorize the Resource Management Division Director to execute the agreement.

10. Facilitating Agricultural Resource Management Systems (FARMS)

a. Bright Hour Trust (H567), DeSoto County

Staff recommended:

- (1) approving the Bright Hour Trust project for a not-to-exceed project reimbursement of \$582,672 with \$582,672 provided by the Governing Board;
- (2) authorizing the transfer of \$582,672 from fund 010 H017 Governing Board FARMS Funds to the H567 Bright Hour Trust project fund; and
- (3) authorizing the Resource Management Division Director to execute the agreement.

b. The Doc Applications, Inc. (H659), Polk County

Staff recommended:

- (1) approving the The Doc Applications, Inc project for a not-to-exceed project reimbursement of \$32,500 with \$2,351 provided by the Peace River Basin Funds and \$30,149 provided by the Governing Board;
- (2) authorizing the transfer of \$2,351 from fund 020 H017 Peace River Basin FARMS Funds, \$30,149 from fund 010 H017 Governing Board FARMS Funds to the H659 The Doc Applications, Inc. project fund; and
- (3) authorizing the Resource Management Division Director to execute the agreement.

c. Bethel Farms, LLLP (H661), Sumter County

Staff recommended:

- (1) approving the Bethel Farms, LLLP project for a not-to-exceed reimbursement of \$95,000 with \$47,500 provided by the Withlacoochee River Basin Fund and \$47,500 provided by the Governing Board;

- (2) authorizing the transfer of \$47,500 from fund 019 H017 Withlacoochee River Basin FARMS Fund, and \$47,500 from fund 010 H017 Governing Board FARMS Fund to the H661 Bethel Farms, LLLP project fund; and
- (3) authorizing the Resource Management Division Director to execute the agreement.

Outreach & Planning Committee

11. Approve 2012 Consolidated Annual Report

Staff recommended approving the 2012 Consolidated Annual Report and its transmittal. Section 373.036, Florida Statutes (F.S.), requires the water management districts to prepare a "Consolidated Water Management District Annual Report." The legislation requires the report be submitted by March 1 of each year to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Finance & Administration Committee

12. Budget Transfer Report

Staff recommended approving the Budget Transfer Report covering all budget transfers for January 2012.

Executive Director's Report

13. Approve Governing Board Minutes – January 31, 2012 Monthly Meeting

Staff recommended approving the minutes as presented.

Mr. Gramling moved, seconded by Mr. Tharp, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously. (Track 6 – 00:00/01:07)

Chair Senft relinquished the gavel to Regulation Committee Chair Beswick who called the meeting to order.

REGULATION COMMITTEE (Video – 39:25)

Discussion Items

14. Consent Item(s) Moved for Discussion

15. Hydrologic Conditions Status Report

Mr. Granville Kinsman, Manager, Hydrologic Data Section, noted that January historically marks the fourth month of the eight-month (October through May) dry season and provisional rainfall totals for the month were below-normal in all regions of the District. Rainfall received during the month was light, scattered and associated with several weak cold front systems moving through the District. Analysis of partial dry-season (October-January) rainfall indicates totals were below the historic mean in all regions of the District. The District-wide provisional 12-month rainfall deficit worsened and was approximately 7.0 inches below the long-term historical average, while the 24-month and 36-month deficits worsened to 8.9 and 11.8 inches, respectively, below the long-term averages.

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

Mr. Pressman requested information about Tampa Bay Water's pumpage for January. Ms. Más said that will be addressed in the next presentation. (Track 7 – 00:00/11:55)

16. Water Shortage Order No. SWF 2010-022 – Consider Current and Projected Conditions

Ms. Lois Sorensen, Demand Management Program Manager, noted that based on data available as of February 7, 2012, water resources are declining but public suppliers and other major water users are not reporting any major challenges due to drought impacts. She noted that the District's one water shortage order expires at the end of this month.

In response to Mr. Pressman's questions, Ms. Sorensen said that Tampa Bay Water is well within its permit at this point and has been withdrawing from the reservoir which reduces use of ground water.

Ms. Sorensen reviewed three options for the Board's consideration. (Dr. Joerger entered the meeting.)

Ms. Closshey moved, seconded by Mr. Gramling, to approve the staff recommendation to approve the Third Modification to Water Shortage Order No. SWF 2010-2022 to extend the current Phase I restrictions through June 30, 2012 and to approve Water Shortage Order No. SWF 2012-003, which enacts Phase III restrictions in Citrus, Hernando, Lake, Levy, Marion and Sumter counties. Motion carried unanimously. (Track 8 – 00:00/08:34)

17. **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.

18. **Southern Water Use Caution Area Quantities**
19. **Overpumpage Report**
20. **E-Permitting Metrics: Online vs. Paper Applications**
21. **Individual Permits Issued by District Staff**
22. **Resource Regulation Significant Initiatives**

Ms. Closshey requested pumpage information be included in the routine reports, as well as desalination. Mr. Gramling noted the Board had decided to see that information quarterly but during a water shortage situation, it is extremely appropriate to receive it monthly. Chair Senft voiced his agreement.

Resource Regulation Committee Chair Beswick adjourned the Committee meeting (Track 9 – 00:00/01:30) and relinquished the gavel to Operations & Land Management Committee Chair Babb who called the meeting to order. (Track 10 – 00:00/00:10)

OPERATIONS & LAND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (Video/Part I – 61:30)

Discussion Items

23. **Consent Item(s) Moved for Discussion**
24. **Hunting Opportunities on the Hálpata Tastanaki Preserve, Lake Panasoffkee Non-Wildlife Management Area (WMA), Weekiwachee Preserve, and Chassahowitzka River and Coastal Swamps**

Mr. Joseph P. Quinn, Manager, Operations and Land Management, said staff met with some of the hunting working group members to further narrow the list of lands for initial evaluation. Eight properties were identified for the initial evaluation: Hálpata Tastanaki Preserve, Lake Panasoffkee non-WMA lands, Weekiwachee Preserve, Chassahowitzka River and Coastal Swamps, Cypress Creek Preserve, Green Swamp West non-WMA lands, Green Swamp East non-WMA lands, and a portion of the Lower Hillsborough Wilderness Preserve. Mr. Quinn noted that staff received over 1,000 comments through various venues including emails, letters and various public meetings. In collaboration with Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC), staff developed draft final proposals for the subject four properties, which were presented at a public meeting on January 5, 2012, in Lecanto.

Mr. Quinn reviewed each of the four properties for consideration. He said he will present a recommendation for each property which includes (1) approving the proposed hunting scenarios as presented, (2) authorizing staff to amend the land use and management plans as necessary, and (3) authorizing the Division Director of Operations, Maintenance and Construction to execute the Wildlife Management Area (WMA) Agreements with FWC. (Track 10 – 00:10/12:55)

Mr. Rolando Garcia, FWC Regional Director, provided an overview of FWC's role and reviewed the recommendations. He distributed a frequently asked questions (FAQ) document for the Board's information.

Captain Jay Russel of the FWC provided information regarding enforcement within the hunt areas.

Dr. Jen Williams of the FWC provided assurance that listed species will not be endangered by the hunts and referred to the FAQ document.

Dr. Don Coyner of the FWC answered questions on success of hunters and wildlife populations.

Discussion ensued noting enforcement, public interest, purpose of changing hunting opportunities, FAQ information, hunt schedules, public safety, biological assessments, buffer zones, track number of game taken, controlling wildlife populations, involve users through a RAC, FWC user surveys, identify user groups who benefit to support costs, youth education, outdoor experience, types of hunts proposed, and hunter safety courses. (Track 10 – 00:12:55/01:02:22)

Committee Chair Babb noted that a number of speaker cards were submitted and requested that each speaker limit comments to two minutes.

Ms. Leslie Neuman, representing the Gulf Coast Conservancy, spoke in opposition to the hunting in the Weekiwachee Preserve.

Mr. Brad Rimbey, resident of Hernando County, spoke in opposition to hunting in the Chassahowitzka River area.

Mr. Dennis Dutcher, representing United Water Fowlers of Florida, spoke in favor of the hunting recommendations.

Ms. Lorraine Margeson, resident of St. Petersburg, spoke in opposition to the hunting because of concerns for the Florida Scrub Jay habitats.

Mr. Robert Griffith, resident of Homosassa, spoke in opposition to hunting on the Chassahowitzka River area.

Mr. Mike Fite, resident of Lutz, spoke in opposition to private vehicles being allowed access in the properties.

Ms. Mary Barnwell, resident of Tampa, spoke in opposition based on surveys and Weekiwachee projects, threatens bear population.

Mr. Derek Alkire, representing National Wild Turkey Federation, said he is a biologist and spoke in favor of the hunting recommendations.

Mr. Kevin Love, resident of Brooksville, spoke in opposition to the hunting recommendations.

Ms. Maureen George, representing the NRTC, spoke in opposition to the hunting recommendations.

Ms. Linda Allison, representing the CFC, spoke in opposition to the hunting recommendations.

Ms. Karen Turbeville, resident of Lakeland, spoke in opposition to the hunting recommendations.

Ms. Elizabeth Frank, representing Marion County Audubon, spoke in opposition to the hunting recommendations for the Hálpata Tastanaki Preserve.

Ms. Sandra Switzer, resident of Lakeland, spoke in opposition to the hunting recommendations.

Mr. Bill Wilson, representing the Florida Bow Hunters Council, spoke in favor of the hunting recommendations.

Mr. John Hood, representing Audubon, spoke in opposition to the hunting recommendations.

Ms. Janice Howie, representing the Nature Coast Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society (FNPS), spoke in opposition to hunting expansion.

Ms. Andrea Andersen, resident of St. Petersburg, spoke in opposition to the hunting recommendations.

Ms. Candace Arnold, resident of St. Petersburg, spoke in opposition to the hunting recommendations.

Ms. Katherine Roberts, representing the FNPS, spoke regarding surplus lands and in opposition to the hunting recommendations.

Mr. Richard Stauffer, representing the Nature Coast Chapter of FNPS, spoke in opposition to changes to the land designation for hunting.

Ms. Julie Wert, representing the FNPS, spoke in opposition to hunting on public lands.

Mr. Mac Davis, representing the Gulf Coast Conservancy, spoke in opposition to hunting recommendations for the Weekiwachee Preserve and Chassahowitza River area.

Ms. Nancy Kost, representing Citrus County Audubon, spoke in opposition to the hunting recommendations.

Mr. Charles Lee, representing Audubon of Florida, spoke regarding the Hálpata Tastanaki Preserve.

Dr. Truman Prevatt, representing the Back Country Horsemen of America, spoke in opposition to expanded hunting opportunities.

Mr. Chuck Echenique, representing the United Water Fowlers of Florida, spoke in favor of the hunting recommendations.

Mr. Phil Walters, resident of Tampa, spoke in favor of the hunting recommendations.

Mr. Eugene Kelly, representing the FNPS, spoke in opposition to the proposed expansion of hunting opportunities.

Mr. Robert Keim, resident of Bushnell, spoke in opposition to hunting on District lands.

Ms. Cindy Klein, resident of Crystal River, spoke in opposition to the hunting recommendations.

Ms. Hope Corona, resident of Homosassa, spoke in opposition to expansion of hunting on District lands.

Mr. Matthew Corona, resident of Homosassa, spoke in opposition to the hunting recommendations and stated fenced barriers are needed.

Mr. Bernard Berauer, resident of Homosassa, spoke in opposition to the hunting proposals for the Chassahowitzka River and Coastal Swamps area.

Mr. Jim Casselman, representing the United Hunters of Florida, Inc., spoke in favor of hunting access.

Ms. Linda Prescott, resident of Hernando Beach, spoke to hazards in her area due to vehicles and in opposition to hunting.

Mr. Phillip Eicher, resident of St. Petersburg, spoke in favor of the hunting recommendations for feral hog control. (Track 10 – 01:02:22/02:43:55)

Committee Chair Babb recessed the meeting at 12:53 p.m. to provide a lunch break. (Track 10 – 02:43:55/02:44:13; Video/Part I – 225:48) (Mr. Beruff left the meeting).

The meeting reconvened at 1:31 p.m. (Video/Part II – 00:00)

Committee Chair Babb opened the floor for Board discussion.

Dr. Joerger moved to approve the hunting proposals with no vehicular access. Mr. Combee seconded the motion.

Mr. Adams said he appreciated the speakers coming today and their professional demeanor. He said he supports staff and the concept of a RAC. Mr. Adams stated his position is to oppose the recommendations to expand hunting opportunities at this time.

Ms. Whitehead thanked the FWC for providing data but at this time she does not support the recommendations. She said she feels the land uses are not conducive for hunting at this time.

Messrs. Joerger and Combee withdrew the motion and second so that each property could be considered separately. (Track 11 – 00:00/08:35)

Mr. Quinn said, for the Lake Panasoffkee Non-Wildlife Management Area, staff recommends to allow hunting as proposed: foot access from CR514, 21 hunt days, and seven 3-day small game hunts; authorize staff to amend the Land Use and Management Plan for the Lake Panasoffkee to allow hunting as proposed; authorize staff to enter into agreement with FWC to manage hunting on this tract; and authorize the Division Director to execute agreement with FWC.

Mr. Combee moved, seconded by Mr. Gramling, to approve the staff recommendation as presented for the Lake Panasoffkee Non-Wildlife Management Area. Motion carried with Ms. Whitehead and Mr. Tharp voting in opposition. (Track 11 – 08:35/10:08)

Mr. Quinn said, for the Weekiwachee Preserve, staff recommends to allow hunting as proposed: northern portion -- Chassahowitzka WMA addition; and southern area -- foot/bicycle access, 30 hunt days, five 6-day archery hunts; authorize staff to amend the Land Use and Management Plan for the Weekiwachee Preserve lands to allow hunting as proposed; authorize staff to enter into agreement with FWC to manage hunting on this tract; and authorize the Division Director to execute agreement with FWC.

Mr. Gramling moved, seconded by Mr. Maggard, to approve the staff recommendation as presented for the Weekiwachee Preserve. Motion carried by majority vote (ayes: Combee, Gramling, Senft, Tharp, Joerger, Babb, Maggard). (Track 11 – 10:08/12:46)

Mr. Quinn said, for the Chassahowitzka River and Coastal Swamps property, staff recommends to allow hunting as proposed: northern portion as addition to Homosassa WMA, southern portion as addition to Chassahowitzka WMA, and central portion closed to hunting; authorize staff to amend the Land Use and Management Plan for the Chassahowitzka River and Coastal Swamps property to allow hunting as proposed; authorize staff to enter into agreement with FWC to manage hunting on this tract; and authorize the Division Director to execute agreement with FWC.

Dr. Joerger moved, seconded by Mr. Combee, to approve staff recommendation with increase of non-hunting area by approximately 50 percent for the Chassahowitzka River and Coastal Swamps property. Motion failed due to lack of a majority vote (ayes: Combee, Gramling, Joerger, Pressman, Babb). (Track 11 – 12:46/21:15)

Ms. Closshey moved, seconded by Mr. Tharp, to approve status quo for the Chassahowitzka River and Coastal Swamps property. Motion carried with a majority vote (ayes: Adams, Beswick, Whitehead, Tharp, Joerger, Closshey, Babb). (Track 11 – 21:15/21:30)

Mr. Quinn said, for the Hálpata Tastanaki Preserve property, staff recommends to allow hunting as proposed: Whooping Crane area in western portion and recreation/scrub area in eastern portion closed to hunting, and vehicular access to hunting portion allowed; authorize staff to amend the Land Use and Management Plan for the Hálpata Tastanaki Preserve property to allow hunting as proposed; authorize staff to enter into agreement with FWC to manage hunting on this tract; and authorize the Division Director to execute agreement with FWC.

Mr. Senft moved, seconded by Mr. Gramling, to approve the staff recommendation without vehicular traffic and designate northern access for the Hálpata Tastanaki Preserve. Motion failed due to lack of a majority vote (ayes: Combee, Gramling, Senft, Babb, Maggard). (Track 11 – 21:30/27:50)

Ms. Closshey moved, seconded by Mr. Tharp, to approve status quo for the Hálpata Tastanaki Preserve. Motion carried with a majority vote (ayes: Adams, Beswick, Whitehead, Tharp, Joerger, Closshey, Pressman). (Track 11 – 27:50/28:35)

Submit & File Report

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

25. **Surplus Lands Assessment Update**

Routine Reports

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

26. **Structure Operations**
27. **Significant Activities**

Resource Regulation Committee Chair Babb adjourned the Committee meeting (Track 11 – 28:35/29:32) and relinquished the gavel to Outreach and Planning Committee Chair Adams. Chair Senft noted that Mr. Adams requested the order of Committee consideration be changed. Committee Chair Adams called the meeting to order. (Track 12 – 00:00/00:46)

OUTREACH & PLANNING COMMITTEE (Video – 30:05)

Discussion Item

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

Submit & File Report

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

34. **Legislative Update**

Routine Reports

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

35. **Comprehensive Plan Amendment and Related Reviews**

36. **Development of Regional Impact Activity Report**

37. **Significant Activities**

In response to Mr. Tharp's question, Mr. Rathke said he has nothing new to report regarding legislative activities. Committee Chair Adams said Mr. Rathke may be able to provide an update later in the meeting once staff in Tallahassee contacts him.

Outreach and Planning Committee Chair Adams adjourned the Committee meeting and relinquished the gavel to Resource Management Committee Chair Gramling who called the meeting to order. (Track 12 – 00:46/01:57)

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (Video – 31:50)

Discussion Items

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

29. **Central Florida Water Resource Development Project Partnership**

Mr. Hammond noted that, in 2009, the Polk County Comprehensive Water Supply Plan (PCCWSP) was completed as a collaborative effort among Polk County and the South Florida and Southwest Florida Water Management Districts (WMDs). The Water Supply Plan identified a need to develop up to 28 million gallons per day (mgd) of additional supplies to meet the public supply needs through 2030. Conservation and a variety of alternative supply sources were identified to help meet the public supply needs, as traditional groundwater sources are limited. In November 2011 and January 2012, Polk County and District staff met to discuss the challenges of developing cost-effective alternative water supply options for the County and municipalities.

Mr. Gary Fries, Polk County Utilities Director, noted that Polk County faces many challenges since it is land locked without any large water basins. Polk County Utilities and the 17 municipal utilities within Polk County utilize the Upper Floridan aquifer as the principal source of water supply to meet 96 percent of existing water demands. Groundwater sources within Polk County are limited by the Southern Water Use Caution Area Recovery Strategy, Central Florida Water Initiative (formerly known as CFCA) interim rules, and other related rules and policies.

Mr. Fries provided an overview of current and potential projects. One of the alternative water supply projects identified in the water supply plan and being developed by the County is the Southeast Wellfield which is located within the South Florida WMD. Polk County requested assistance from the District in forming a partnership to help the County and municipalities develop cost-effective alternative water source options, such as the Southeast Wellfield project.

Discussion ensued with Mr. Fries answering questions and providing clarification.

Staff recommended authorizing staff to work with Polk County to develop a framework for the Central Florida Water Resource Development Project Partnership. The framework would be brought back to the Governing Board later this year for the Board's consideration.

Mr. Maggard moved, seconded by Dr. Joerger, to approve the staff recommendation. Motion carried unanimously. (Track 13 – 00:00/32:40)

Submit & File Reports – None

Routine Reports

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

30. **Minimum Flows and Levels**
31. **Watershed Management Program and Federal Emergency Management Agency Map Modernization**
32. **Significant Water Supply and Resource Development Projects**

Resource Management Committee Chair Gramling adjourned the Committee meeting and relinquished the gavel to Finance and Administration Committee Chair Joerger who called the meeting to order. (Track 13 – 32:40/32:56)

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE (Video – 64:50)

Discussion Items

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

39. **Bartow Service Office Options**

Mr. Lloyd Roberts, Bureau Chief, General Services, presented the options recommended by the Board's Bartow Service Office (BSO) Subcommittee which met at the BSO on February 13, 2012. The Subcommittee recommended to (1) sell the existing facility, preferably to another government agency; (2) relocate Bartow field staff to the Kent property (Lake Hancock) which is currently District owned; and (3) relocate balance of staff to leased space, preferably to space owned by another government agency in the local Bartow area.

Ms. Closshey moved, seconded by Mr. Babb, to approve the Subcommittee recommendation. (Track 14 – 00:00/04:27)

In response to questions, Mr. Roberts said staff will do the work to remodel the office which should be accomplished within the year. He noted that funds were budgeted for renovating the building and said staff will return to the Board regarding costs.

Motion carried unanimously. (Track 14 - 04:27/07:23)

Submit & File Reports – None

Routine Reports

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

40. **Treasurer's Report, Payment Register and Contingency Funds Report**
41. **Monthly Financial Statement**
42. **Monthly Cash Balances by Fiscal Year**

Finance and Administration Committee Chair Joerger adjourned the Committee meeting and relinquished the gavel to Chair Senft. (Track 14 – 07:23/07:30)

GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT (Video – 73:00)

Discussion Items – None

Submit & File Reports – None

Routine Reports

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

43. **Litigation Report**
44. **Rulemaking Update**

Ms. Donaldson provided a brief overview of activities relating to the Numeric Nutrient Criteria and noted that a report will be provided next month. She said the Litigation Report is a work in progress to track open enforcement cases. (Track 15 – 00:00/04:00)

COMMITTEE/LIAISON REPORTS (Video – 86:10)

45. **Industrial Advisory Committee Meeting**
Ms. Closshey briefly highlighted topics presented. (Track 15 – 04:00/04:56)
46. **Public Supply Advisory Committee Meeting**
Ms. Lou Kavouras, Bureau Chief, Board and Executive Services, provided this report. Ms. Closshey suggested these two committees continue to meet jointly when possible. Chair Senft questioned whether Bureau of Economic and Business Research (BEBR) numbers correlate with current Census information. Ms. Kavouras said staff will investigate and let the Board know the answer. (Track 16 – 00:00/03:08)
47. **Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council Meeting**
Mr. Pressman briefly highlighted topics presented.
48. **Other Liaison Reports** – None (Track 17 – 00:00/00:52)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT (Video – 81:40)

49. **Executive Director's Report**
 - Mr. Guillory noted this is the Board's first meeting back at District's headquarters. He thanked staff for all the excellent work that been done to restore the Board Room and building.
 - Mr. Guillory said that the organization's restructuring is basically done and now everyone is working to move forward in doing the works of the District.
 - Mr. Guillory said that a workshop will be held at the April Board meeting for bureau chiefs to make their presentations. (Track 18 – 00:00/01:45)

CHAIR'S REPORT (Video – 83:10)

50. **Chair's Report**

- Chair Senft noted that he, Mr. Combee and Mr. Guillory attended the Tiger Bay Club meeting yesterday. (Track 18 – 01:45/03:55)

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chair Senft recessed the public hearing and adjourned the meeting at 2:55 p.m. (Track 19 – 00:00/00:51, Video – 86:15)