

A P P R O V E D

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

**GOVERNING BOARD
SOUTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

BROOKSVILLE, FLORIDA

APRIL 27, 2010

The Governing Board of the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) met for its regular meeting at 9:00 a.m. on April 27, 2010, at the District's headquarters in Brooksville. The following persons were present:

Board Members Present

Todd Pressman, Chair
Ronald E. Oakley, Vice Chair
Hugh Gramling, Secretary
Jeffrey M. Adams, Member
Carlos Beruff, Member
Bryan K. Beswick, Member
Jennifer E. Closshey, Member
Neil Combee, Member
Albert G. Joerger, Member
H. Paul Senft, Member
Douglas B. Tharp, Member
Judith C. Whitehead, Member

Staff Members

David L. Moore, Executive Director
William S. Bilenky, General Counsel
Lou Kavouras, Deputy Executive Director
Richard S. Owen, Deputy Executive Director
Eugene A. Schiller, Deputy Executive Director
Bruce C. Wirth, Deputy Executive Director

Board's Recording Secretary

LuAnne Stout, Administrative Coordinator
Tahla Paige, Senior Administrative Assistant

Board Member(s) Absent

Maritza Rovira-Forino, Member

A list of others present who signed the attendance roster is filed in the permanent files 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

1. **Call to Order**

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

2. **Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation**

Chair Pressman led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. Mr. Bilenky offered the invocation.

Public Hearing

Chair Pressman 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 Pressman 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 Pressman 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.

3. Additions/Deletions to Agenda

Mr. Moore noted there were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

4. Oath of Office for Appointed Board Members

Ms. Kavouras administered the Oath of Office to Chair Todd Pressman who was reappointed to a term beginning April 1, 2010 and ending March 1, 2014.

Ms. Kavouras also administered the Oath of Office to newly appointed Board Member Jeffrey M. Adams who was appointed by Governor Crist to a term beginning April 1, 2010 and ending March 1, 2014. Mr. Adams will serve as Co-Chair of the Pinellas-Anclote River Basin Board. (Track 1 – 00:00/05:35)

At this time, the order of consideration was altered slightly.

6. Public Input for Issues Not Listed on the Published Agenda

Chair Pressman noted that a member of the public submitted a request to speak.

Mr. David Gore, resident of Polk County, read a prepared statement into the record regarding water resources and information requests he has submitted to the District.

Mr. Moore noted that Mr. Gore extensively participated in water use caution area meetings dating back to the 1980s and has addressed the Board numerous times. He said Mr. Gore's point is well taken that a lot of the water table has been drained and it needs to be restored where possible. Two items are on the agenda today that address restoration and preservation: the Lake Hancock project and an acquisition in Sarasota.

Board members expressed their appreciation of Mr. Gore's comments. (Track 1 – 05:35/12:55)

5. Employee Recognition

Mr. Moore recognized staff members who have achieved milestones of 20 years or greater. He also introduced the two newest members of the management team. The two retirees were recognized by their department directors and presented their retirement plaques. (Track 1 – 12:55/32:40)

	Employee Name	Title	Department	Office Location
Retirement	Rick McCleery	District Ombudsman	Com. & Leg. Affairs	Brooksville
	Frances Sesler	Senior Administrative Assistant	Executive	Brooksville
30 Years	Randy Hinkle	Field Coordinator	Operations	Tampa
25 Years	Terry Burrell	Senior Field Technician	Operations	Brooksville
	Sam Chehab	Senior Professional Engineer	Tampa Regulation	Tampa
20 Years	Mike Bartlett	Structure Controls Analyst	Operations	Brooksville
	Karen Frazier	Accounts Payable Supervisor	Finance	Brooksville
	Ralph Kerr	Senior Prof. Geologist/Engineer	Brooksville Regulation	Brooksville
Promotion	Darrin Herbst	Water Use Regulation Manager	Tampa Regulation	Tampa
New Hire	Claire Muirhead	Water Use Regulation Manager	Sarasota Regulation	Sarasota

Consent Agenda

Item 15 was moved to the Resource Management Committee Discussion Items agenda.

Regulation Committee

7. **Approve Changes to Proposed 20-Year Permit Rules in Response to Comments from the Joint Administrative Procedures Committee**
Staff recommended to approve the changes described in this recap and authorize staff to complete the rule adoption process.
8. **Approve Well Construction Permitting Delegation Agreements with Manatee and Sarasota Counties, and Initiate and Approve Rulemaking to Incorporate the Agreements by Reference in Rule 40D-1.002, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.)**
Staff recommended to approve the Well Construction Permitting Agreement between SWFWMD and Manatee County and the Well Construction Permitting Agreement between SWFWMD and Sarasota County, and approve initiation of rulemaking to incorporate the agreements by reference in Rule 40D 1.002, F.A.C.

Resource Management Committee

9. **Non-Exclusive License Agreements with Florida Gas Transmission Company for a 36-inch Natural Gas Pipeline – Edward Medard Park, Alafia River Corridor and Starkey Wilderness Preserve, SWF Parcel Nos. 11-100-150X, 11-709-144X and 15-010-058X**
Staff recommended to accept the appraisals of the proposed non-exclusive license agreements between the District and FGT; approve license agreements between the District and FGT for SWF Parcel Nos. 11-100-150X, 11-709-144X and 15-010-058X; and authorize the Land Resources Director to execute the license agreements.
10. **Appraisal, Purchase and Sale Agreement and Conveyance of Surplus Lands – Chito Branch Reserve, SWF Parcel No. 11-709-142S**
Staff recommended to accept the appraisal; approve the purchase and sale agreement; and convey the parcel to Betty DeHart.
11. **Non-Exclusive Utility Easement to Tampa Electric Company (TECO) for a 230-Kilovolt Overhead Transmission Line – Tampa Bypass Canal, SWF Parcel No. 13-004-315X**
Staff recommended to accept the appraisal; approve the Purchase/Sale Agreement; authorize the Land Resources Director to execute the Purchase/Sale Agreement; and authorize conveyance of the non-exclusive utility easement for SWF Parcel No. 13-004-315X to the TECO.
12. **First Amendment to the Agreement with Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission for the Flying Eagle Wildlife Management Area, SWF Parcel No. 19-484-111X**
Staff recommended to approve the amendment to the agreement with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission for the Flying Eagle Wildlife Management Area, SWF Parcel No. 19-484-111X.
13. **Amendment to Conservation Easement – Myakka State Forest, SWF Parcel No. 21-708-108**
Staff recommended to approve the Amendment to the Conservation Easement on SWF Parcel No. 21-708-108.
14. **Approve Rule Amendment to Correct Weeki Wachee River System Minimum Flow Rule**
Staff recommended to approve the rule amendment shown in the exhibit and authorize staff to complete the rulemaking process to correct the formula.
15. **Authorize Submission of Preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Maps for the Cypress Creek Watershed in Pasco County to the Federal Emergency Management Agency**
This item was moved for consideration on the Resource Management Committee Discussion Items agenda.
16. **Lower Hillsborough River Minimum Flows Recovery Plan – Approval of Cooperative Funding Agreement and Amendment with the City of Tampa**
Staff recommended to approve the following cooperative agreement and amendment to a cooperative agreement with the City of Tampa for the Recovery of the Lower Hillsborough

River, based on a 50/50 cost share between the Hillsborough River Basin Board and the Governing Board; approve a cooperative funding agreement with the City of Tampa for an Investigation of Storage or Additional Supply Options for a total of \$100,000 with the Governing Board's and the Basin Board's share not to exceed \$25,000 each, and authorize the Executive Director to execute the agreement; and approve an amendment to a cooperative funding agreement with the City of Tampa for the Sulphur Springs Lower Weir Project and the transfer of \$82,303 in FY2010 funds from Project H400 to Project H401 for a total agreement cost of \$493,546 with the Governing Board's and the Basin Board's share not to exceed \$116,152 each, and authorize the Executive Director to execute the agreement.

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

a. **OrangeCo-Bermont Groves – Charlotte County**

Staff recommended to approve the OrangeCo, LP – Bermont Grove project for a not-to-exceed project reimbursement of \$75,000 with \$18,655 provided by the Peace River Basin Board, \$18,655 provided by the Governing Board, \$37,690 provided from State Appropriations; authorize the transfer of \$18,655 from fund 020 H017 Peace River Basin Board FARMS funds, \$18,655 from fund 010 H017 Governing Board FARMS funds, \$4,041 from the State Appropriations allocated to fund 020 H017 FARMS funds, and \$33,649 from the State Appropriations allocated to fund 010 H017 FARMS funds, to H593, OrangeCo, LP project fund; and authorize the Executive Director to execute the agreement.

b. **Bethel Farms Phase II – DeSoto County**

Staff recommended to approve the Bethel Farms Phase II project for a not to exceed reimbursement of \$120,000, with \$30,000 provided by the Peace River Basin Board, \$30,000 provided by the Governing Board, and \$60,000 provided from State Appropriations; authorize the transfer of \$30,000 from fund 020 H017 Peace River Basin Board FARMS funds, \$30,000 from fund 010 H017 Governing Board FARMS funds, \$14,549 from the State Appropriations allocated to 010 H017 FARMS funds and \$45,451 from the State Appropriations allocated to 020 H017 FARMS funds, to H601 Bethel Farms Phase II project fund; and authorize the Executive Director to execute the agreement.

c. **Carl Little – Hillsborough County**

Staff recommended to approve the Carl Little project for a not to exceed reimbursement of \$12,000 with \$3,000 provided by the Hillsborough River Basin Board, \$3,000 provided by the Governing Board, and \$6,000 provided from State Appropriations to the Governing Board; authorize the transfer of \$3,000 from fund 013 H017 Hillsborough River Basin FARMS funds, \$3,000 from fund 010 H017 Governing Board FARMS funds, and \$6,000 from State Appropriations allocated to fund 010 H017 FARMS funds, to the H600 Carl Little project fund; and authorize the Executive Director to execute the agreement.

d. **Francis White Strawberries – Hillsborough County**

Staff recommended to approve the Francis White Project for a not-to-exceed project reimbursement of \$187,500 with \$46,875 provided by the Alafia River Basin Board, \$46,875 provided by the Governing Board, \$93,750 provided from State Appropriations to the Governing Board; authorize the transfer of \$46,875 from fund 011 H017 Alafia River Basin Board FARMS funds, \$46,875 from fund 010 H017 Governing Board FARMS funds, \$93,750 from the State Appropriations allocated to fund 010 H017 FARMS funds, to H598 Francis White Strawberries project fund; and authorize the Executive Director to execute the agreement.

e. **Ben Hill Griffin – Polk County**

Staff recommended to approve the Ben Hill Griffin, Inc. project for a not-to-exceed project reimbursement of \$10,000 with \$2,500 provided by the Peace River Basin Board, \$2,500 provided by the Governing Board, and \$5,000 provided from State Appropriations; authorize the transfer of \$2,500 from fund 020 H017 Peace River Basin Board FARMS funds, \$2,500 from fund 010 H017 Governing Board FARMS funds, and \$5,000 from the State Appropriations allocated to fund 010 H017 FARMS

funds to H602 Ben Hill Griffin, Inc., project fund; and authorize the Executive Director to execute the agreement.

Finance & Administration Committee

18. **Budget Transfer Report**

Staff recommended to approve the Budget Transfer Report covering all budget transfers for March 2010.

19. **Fiscal Year 2010 Annual Service Budget – Second Amendment**

Staff recommended to approve Resolution No. 10-05, Second Amendment of the Fiscal Year 2010 Annual Service Budget, to increase the District's combined FY2010 modified budget by \$5,700,000. The individual amendments by Fund are as follows: General Fund – increase budget by \$384,720; Special Revenue Fund, Manasota Basin – decrease budget by \$384,720; and Capital Projects Fund, Florida Forever/Save Our Rivers – increase budget by \$5,700,000.

20. **Office of Inspector General – Six-Month Progress Report on Audit Plan and Proposed Amendment to Fiscal Year 2010 Audit Plan**

In accordance with Board Policies 140-1 and 140-3, staff recommended to accept the progress reports and approve the amended audit plan as provided in the Board's meeting information.

General Counsel's Report

21. **Compliance Agreement – Aloha Utilities, Inc., WUP No. 20003182.005, Pasco County**

Staff recommended to approve the proposed Compliance Agreement.

22. **Settlement Agreement – SWFWMD v. Louis M. Perez, et al, Case No. 2009-CA-010077, 10th Judicial Circuit – Lake Hancock Project, SWF Parcel No. 20-503-163P – Polk County**

Staff recommended to approve the Settlement Agreement in the total amount of \$225,000.

23. **Agency Report – Florida Power & Light (FPL) Company – DeSoto Next Generation Solar Energy Center – Site Certification Application No. PA10-56, DOAH Case No. 10-0543-EPP**

Staff recommended to approve the Agency Report and proposed conditions for certification of the FPL DeSoto Next Generation Solar Energy Center.

Executive Director's Report

24. **Approve Resolution 10-06, Commending Sallie Parks for Her Service as a Member of the Southwest Florida Water Management District Governing Board**

Staff recommended to approve Resolution No. 10-06, commending Ms. Sallie Parks.

25. **Approve Governing Board March 30, 2010 Meeting Minutes**

Staff recommended to approve the minutes.

Mr. Tharp expressed his appreciation of the District's Inspector General Kurt Fritsch and for his outstanding report that his office has met its objectives. Following consideration, **Mr. Oakley moved, seconded by Mr. Tharp, to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.** (Track 2 – 00:00/01:26)

Chair Pressman relinquished the gavel to Regulation Committee Chair Senft.

Regulation Committee

Discussion Items

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

27. **January 2010 Freeze Event Update**

Mr. Owen provided an overview of staff's actions during the past month in response to the January frost-freeze event in eastern Hillsborough County that resulted in about 750 dry well complaints and numerous sinkholes. He noted that no action is required by the Board.

Mr. Owen said the first public workshop was held on February 17, 2010 in Plant City and a summary of the information is available on the District's web site. He said three technical work sessions were scheduled and topics include: March 24, 2010 – funding, well

construction standards, and allocation of dry well mitigation responsibility; April 21, 2010 – potential cap on new frost/freeze protection quantities, increasing alternative means for frost/freeze protection, and optimizing water use for frost/freeze protection; and, May 18, 2010 – enhancing communication during a freeze event, expanding data collection, and local government coordination and land use planning. He noted that future activities include additional technical work sessions and public workshops, Governing Board monthly status reports, well construction standards reported at the June 2010 Governing Board meeting, and other recommendations brought to the Governing Board in Fall 2010.

Mr. Owen said a summary of recommendations are (1) to lessen the potential for sinkholes and well complaints during future freeze events, a reduction in groundwater quantities used for freeze protection is necessary; (2) limiting groundwater quantities such that during future events groundwater levels would stay at or above 10 feet National Geodetic Vertical Datum (NGVD) at monitor well DV-1 would reduce the potential for sinkholes and well complaints; and (3) a cap on additional groundwater for freeze protection will prevent the problem (sinkholes, dry wells) from worsening and is necessary to sustain reductions. He noted that the District addresses regional concerns through regulatory tools and cooperative funding. Mr. Moore said it is ultimately the Governing Board's decision for the final recommendations. He noted that dialogue will continue for the next six or seven months about preventing an increase in groundwater usage for frost/freeze events and reducing quantities over time. (Track 3 – 00:00/14:27)

Mr. Ken Weber, Water Use Program Director, Strategic Program Office, provided an overview of the District's technical approach to address a cap and a possible reduction area within the Dover/Plant City area. He showed the regional maximum drawdown based on monitor well data, noting that the Dover area showed the most severe drawdown during the January 2010 freeze event. He reviewed the daily temperatures and the timing of well complaints and sinkhole reports, which points out the correlation between temperature and aquifer drawdown, and that the event can be viewed as having two phases. The first phase is January 3 through January 8 where temperatures and drawdown significantly dropped but few well complaints and sinkhole reports were noted. The second phase began about January 9 and extending to about January 23, during which temperatures and drawdown dropped again after some recovery in temperatures January 8. During this period, the majority of well complaints and sinkhole reports were received. This second phase corresponds to the period where aquifer levels in well DV-1 near Dover dropped below 10 feet above sea level. Mr. Weber reviewed how the freeze events of 2009 and 2001 showed a maximum aquifer level lowering at well DV-1 approximately 10 feet less than in 2010, with a large number of well complaints and some sinkholes reported. He noted that there were published reports concerning the freeze events in 1985 and 1977, indicating that freeze pumpage during those events caused sinkholes and well failures. He then discussed the groundwater flow modeling that was done to simulate the pumpage during the event, and that the model can be used to evaluate the effect of potential reductions in freeze pumpage. Mr. Weber noted that a 20-percent reduction over the investigation area resulted in aquifer levels at well DV-1 remaining at approximately 10 feet above sea level, the level at which the majority of well complaints and sinkhole reports were received. He then showed the modeled freeze-event drawdown compared to the locations of the well complaints and reported sinkholes. In summary, Mr. Weber stated that a reduction in freeze pumpage is needed to reduce the likelihood of well issues and sinkholes, and that limiting pumpage to that which results in aquifer levels above 10 feet mean sea level at well DV-1 is the staff's view at this time. He stated that, in staff's view, a cap on additional freeze protection quantities within the modeled five-foot drawdown contour is needed to prevent the problem from worsening and to sustain the needed reductions. (Track 3 – 14:27/28:00)

Discussion ensued regarding information collected, well construction, pump depth, historic trends, cumulative impacts to water levels, drought affect, adding monitor wells, ground flow modeling, sinkholes occurrence, well metering, and tailwater recovery. (Track 3 – 00:28:00/01:14:47)

Mr. Owen summarized the topics discussed which included a potential cap on frost-freeze groundwater quantities in the affected area, potential alternatives to groundwater and optimizing efficiency of use during frost-freeze events. To reduce the risk of future problems in the affected area, the District is considering placing a limit on any new groundwater quantities for frost-freeze protection and over time implementing alternative freeze-protection techniques to reduce the amount of groundwater being used. Data gathered during the most recent freeze shows that most of the dry well and sinkhole complaints occurred once the aquifer dropped below 10 feet above sea level at monitor well DV-1. District staff is integrating the complaint and aquifer level data to develop a predictive tool that can be used before future freezes. Staff is considering rule language that will expand the existing Facilitating Agricultural Resource Management Systems (FARMS) program to be available to address frost-freeze withdrawal problems. Two of the efforts to address water use efficiencies during frost-freeze events include investigating the possibility of refining the Florida Automatic Weather Network (FAWN) program to provide freeze alerts to farmers and installing automatic meter reading devices for any permit having frost-freeze quantities in the affected area. (Track 4 – 00:00/07:50)

Discussion ensued regarding tailwater recovery system opportunities, local ordinances requiring well upgrades, funds restricted for public purpose, well pump lifecycle, FARMS, and possible cost sharing to assist farmers. (Track 4 – 07:50/27:40)

Mr. Owen reviewed a map showing where staff would recommend expansion of the existing standards. He then reviewed a table showing the status of well complaints resolved and unresolved. He noted that well repairs not being addressed by the appropriate permittees are being processed as permit violations. The cost for wells outside the mitigated area paid by the District is \$68,546. Ms. Alba E. Más, Director, Tampa Regulation Department, noted the cost figures are estimates and she will provide Ms. Closshey with current costs for unresolved cases. (Track 4 – 27:40/31:52)

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

28. **Denials Referred to the Governing Board**

There were no requests for applications or petitions referred to the Governing Board for final action.

Submit & File Report

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

29. **Individual Permits Issued by District Staff**

Routine Reports

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

30. **Southern Water Use Caution Area Quantities**

31. **Overpumpage Report**

32. **Resource Regulation Significant Initiatives**

(Track 4 – 31:52/32:55)

Regulation Committee Chair Senft relinquished the gavel to Resource Management Committee Chair Joerger.

Resource Management Committee

Item 15 was moved from the Consent Agenda for consideration as a Discussion Item.

Discussion Items

33. Consent Item(s) Moved for Discussion

15. Authorize Submission of Preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Maps for the Cypress Creek Watershed in Pasco County to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

Mr. Mark A. Hammond, Director, Resource Project Department, said staff is requesting the Board authorize submission of preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) for the Cypress Creek watershed in Pasco County to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The floodplain information for the watersheds was prepared by the District's consultants, Parsons Water and Infrastructure, Inc. (Engineering Firm of Record), and reviewed by District and County staff, and then reviewed by the District's independent peer review consultant, Brown and Caldwell. The District's Environmental Resource Permitting (ERP) Advisory Group members (consultant and development community) were invited to attend the presentations of the floodplain information to the peer review consultant, and provided opportunities to review and comment on the watershed model and floodplain information.

Public workshops were held on March 18 and April 2, 2009, for the Cypress Creek Watershed for the public to review and comment on the floodplain information. The floodplain information was also made available through the District's website. Approximately 13,025 affected property owners were notified of the workshops by mail; 357 attended the workshops and 380 property owners contacted District staff by phone or email. The preliminary floodplain information is ready to be formatted to meet FEMA's mapping specifications and submitted to FEMA. Following submittal of the preliminary FIRMs, FEMA will conduct its own technical review, take public input, and allow for a 90-day appeals period during the adoption process. Depending on public input, the FEMA process can take one to two years.

Staff recommended to authorize staff to submit the preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Maps for the Cypress Creek watershed in Pasco County to FEMA. Mr. Oakley said he met with some of the homeowners and their issues can be resolved by staff. He said staff has done a great job in this process. **Mr. Oakley moved, seconded by Mr. Gramling, to approve the staff recommendation as presented. Motion carried unanimously.** (Track 5 – 00:00/03:20)

34. Hydrologic Conditions Status Report

Mr. Granville Kinsman, Manager, Hydrologic Data Section, said March historically marks the sixth month of the eight-month dry season and provisional rainfall totals for the month show accumulations in the upper-normal or above-normal range in all regions of the District. Analysis of dry-season rainfall shows October through March totals to be above the historic mean in all regions of the District. Rainfall during the month was regionally variable and associated with the passage of a series of cold front systems moving across the District. The provisional 12-month District-wide rainfall accumulation indicates that rainfall conditions have shifted from deficit into surplus conditions and now shows a surplus of approximately 7.11 inches above the long-term average. The 24- and 36-month cumulative rainfall deficits continue to linger but showed good improvement during March, ending the month approximately 3.79 and 11.21 inches, respectively, below the historic average. In response to the high rainfall totals, all hydrologic indicators showed improvement during March, with regional groundwater levels and streamflow conditions in regional index rivers ending the month within the normal or above-normal range of historic values. Regional lake levels improved, ending the month within the annual normal range in the Tampa Bay region but remained at below-normal levels in the Northern, Polk Uplands and Lake Wales Ridge regions. Staff will continue to closely monitor conditions in

accordance with the District's updated Water Shortage Plan, including any necessary supplemental analysis of pertinent data. (Track 5 – 03:20/11:24; Track 6 – 00:00/01:19)

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

35. **Construction Management Services for the Lake Hancock Outfall Treatment Project**

Mr. Wirth provided introductory comments and briefly outlined the events leading up to today's presentation. He thanked Mr. Beruff for his involvement and insight in this process. (Track 7 – 00:00/02:13)

Mr. Eric DeHaven, Director, Resource Development and Restoration Department, said staff is recommending the Board approve amending the consultant agreement with Parsons Water & Infrastructure, Inc., to add a total of \$1,260,000 for bidding services, construction management services, system start-up and operation assistance, and contingency funding for the Lake Hancock Outfall Treatment Project. He briefly reviewed the consultant scope and budget, and noted that the project scope includes five tasks. Tasks 1 and 2 are complete, and staff is currently working on the 90-percent design and permitting (Task 3). When costs were last presented, the construction services budget totaled slightly over \$1.4 million. The total project cost estimate is \$28.5 million.

The Project will provide significant water quality benefits to the Peace River and Charlotte Harbor. The District is responsible for operation of maintenance of the Project over its 50-year project life. Given the significant capital investment and maintenance responsibility, staff recommends the District procure outside construction management services to ensure the critical elements of the project are properly constructed. The estimated costs for these services, including contingency is not to exceed \$1,167,000. This is a reduction of \$233,000 from the Construction Engineering and Inspection Services cost estimate (\$1.4 million) presented to the Board in December 2009. The specific objective of the Project is to utilize large-scale constructed wetlands to reduce annual nitrogen loads up to 27 percent from flow discharging from Lake Hancock. The wetland treatment system is planned to be constructed within an abandoned former waste phosphatic clay disposal area located immediately south of the lake on the District's Old Florida Plantation property. Lake water will be pumped through three wetland cells totaling approximately 1,008-acres. The treated water will ultimately discharge into Lower Saddle Creek, which begins below the District's structure and runs along the west and south sides of the proposed treatment area.

Mr. DeHaven said the objective of construction management (CM) is to perform oversight of construction contractor to ensure project is constructed as designed. This means personnel, of the appropriate technical ability, watching and documenting the construction process performed by the contractor to ensure that process meets technical specifications. CM can be thought of as an insurance policy to protect the District's investment and reduce risk. There are a variety of options to performing CM: use of internal staff (the District is not in the business of performing this type of work (no electrical engineers, etc.); outsourcing has two options: secure independent consulting services (such as Parsons), and a construction contractor securing construction management services as a part of the construction bid. The second outsourcing option has potential cost-savings associated because the CM services are obtained under a low-bid environment. Oversight would then be performed by a consultant, hired directly by the contractor, which might be detrimental to the District interests, especially on higher risk elements where the staff would prefer greater arms-length independence of the CM team.

Mr. DeHaven said the approach taken by staff and reflected in the recommendation to the Board blends all of these options: use of internal staff, securing independent consultant and performing CM as a part of the construction bid. He then reviewed the elements of risk considered by staff: financial, environment, safety and public accountability. Mr. DeHaven noted that, as a result of these efforts and Mr. Beruff's involvement, staff has

been able to reduce the CM budget by about 10 percent or \$170,000. He said staff will submit the permit application in May 2010, release the request for bid by December 2010, and construction should begin in 2011 through 2013. Mr. DeHaven said it is important to note that the funds requested are a not-to-exceed amount and are an estimate. He said staff will continue to investigate all available options to reduce cost on this project, not only with regard to CM, but in regard to construction costs with appropriate recognition of project risks.

Staff recommended to approve amending the consultant agreement to add \$1,260,000 for bidding services, construction management services, system start-up and operation assistance, and contingency funding for the Lake Hancock Outfall Treatment Project. Requested funds for this item are available in the existing project budget. (Track 8 – 00:00/17:10)

Mr. Beruff said he thanked staff for working with him. He said he has been involved in over \$350 million of vertical and horizontal construction in his career. He noted that, although he may not know anything about the science, he respects staff's recommendations on this project and agrees that it is a good project. He said he met with staff shortly after he joined the Board and visited the project site. Mr. Beruff said his concern relates to the three engineering disciplines—structural, environmental and electrical—and the costs involved. He consulted with experts he knows and who volunteered to review the project. He said the staff, the District and the municipalities are all hampered by the Consultants Competitive Negotiation Act (CCNA). He noted that he serves on the Airport Authority for Sarasota-Bradenton International Airport and attends the monthly meeting of the Council of Governments. He said he wanted to be on this Council to meet with local city managers who have been professional government administrators for most of their careers to learn their views about the CCNA statutory process.

Mr. Beruff said his concern is the construction engineering/inspection services and mobilization costs for a total of \$1,260,000. He noted that an engineer has designed this project and now the recommendation is to have the same engineer be the inspector for the project he designed. He noted there is an inherent conflict since the engineer may not readily admit there is a design flaw as the project progresses; there will be bonds in place and liability covered should there be a problem. Mr. Beruff said that, if the construction engineering and inspection services part of the bid are awarded to an outside party, CCNA requirements do not have to be met because it would not be the District's problem. He said he suspects this project should cost \$700,000 to \$750,000 instead of \$1,260,000. He noted the contract would be bonded, the design engineer has his own policy, and the third party would have insurance and bonds to cover risk. Mr. Beruff said his concern is that an independent set of eyes should be reviewing the project design, and be an impartial party to both the contractor and the design engineer. (Track 8 – 17:10/30:23)

In response to Mr. Combee's question, Mr. DeHaven said Parsons designed the project and there is not a separate request for bid for construction management services. Mr. Combee asked whether there is an independent review such as peer review. Mr. DeHaven said peer review was done of the construction management budget and associated costs.

Mr. DeHaven said the same argument can be made between the contractor and the construction management hired by the contractor. District staff would like to have greater arms length with regard to the construction contractor and construction management team. With regard to Parsons being the design engineer as well as construction management engineer, this is a fairly common method for this type of project, especially as initially formulated. The South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) has been using separate contractors for design, construction management and construction. Also,

SFWMD does so many of these type projects that it has developed internal staff dedicated to construction management. (Track 8 – 30:23/33:12)

In response to Chair Pressman's inquiry, Mr. Beruff said, if the Board feels there is merit to the advice he received, the item can be tabled to next month and he'll invite the consultants to attend May's meeting. He suggested that the line item for these services be sent out for bid and if the Board does not like the bids received, the Board can approve Parsons doing the work. Mr. Combee agreed that, in these economic times, there may be ways to take a different approach and save money. Mr. Beruff said the key is how the project is bid.

Mr. Senft said the District will not know if the project works until it is completed and functions for awhile. He agrees with the need for an independent, third-party inspection and perhaps the Board should table this item. He suggested bidding for a third-party supervision of the project. Mr. Wirth clarified that CCNA requirements would have to be met for this type of service. Mr. Beruff said he is suggesting to separately bid the services—this is not unique, it works and it saves dollars. (Track 8 – 33:12/40:50)

Ms. Closshey moved to postpone this item from further discussion and allow staff the opportunity to work with Mr. Beruff and return to the May meeting with a report on what the proposed action plan and time table would be. She said she appreciates Mr. Beruff's involvement, and encouraged staff to take advantage of Mr. Beruff's expertise and to understand his point of view as the Board attempts to refine how it integrates the best practices of all the members' capabilities. **Mr. Combee seconded the motion.** (Track 8 – 40:50/41:47)

Chair Pressman asked for clarification from Mr. Beruff regarding project tasks and costs. Mr. DeHaven said the District does want to take advantage of good construction costs due to the economy. Chair Pressman agreed that more time is needed to review the information and have more discussion.

Committee Chair Joerger reiterated the motion on the floor is to postpone this item to a time certain. He suggested that perhaps staff should brief the Board on the CCNA process and/or other processes. Mr. DeHaven said it is methods of construction management—do it as part of the construction bid, as an independent third party, or as currently proposed with the design consultant. Mr. Beruff said this is strictly putting it out for bid and making the construction engineering and inspection services a line item in the bid. He said it is not atypical for a contract like this to have different components—a team is put together.

Mr. Gramling amended the motion to exclude the \$27,457 bidding services line item and allow that to be voted on as a separate item. Mr. Combee seconded the amended motion. The amended motion carried unanimously. (Track 8 – 41:47/48:13)

Committee Chair Joerger said the Board needs to vote on the amended motion to table this agenda item to a time certain, have staff provide a briefing on CCNA and/or construction bid processes, and move forward with bidding services at a cost of \$27,457. He called the question and it carried unanimously.

Mr. Gramling moved, seconded by Mr. Beruff, to approve spending \$27,457 for bidding services. Motion carried unanimously. (Track 8 – 48:13/50:45)

Mr. Moore noted that the schedule is to go to bid in December 2010 due to design completion and permit application approval. (Track 9 – 00:00/01:17)

At this time, the meeting recessed to provide a lunch break and reconvened at 1:10 p.m.

Resource Management Committee Chair Joerger recused himself from Item 36 since he participated in the negotiation and the Sarasota Conservation Foundation represents Sarasota County. He relinquished the gavel to Committee Vice Chair Beruff.

36. **Memorandums of Understanding with Sarasota County, Appraisals, Purchase/Sale Agreement, Amend Florida Forever Work Plan and Resolution Requesting Funds – Myakka Conservation Area, SWF Parcel Nos. 21-599-105C and 21-599-106C**

Mr. Eric Sutton, Director, Land Resources Department, provided a presentation and said the Myakka Conservation Area and the RV Griffin Reserve/Lower Peace River Corridor are currently two separate regionally significant public land conservation areas within the Myakka River and Peace River watersheds. The Myakka Conservation Area consists of State, District and Sarasota County conservation landholdings totaling approximately 95,000 acres. More specifically, the landholdings that make up the current core conservation area are Myakka River State Park; T. Mabry Carlton, Jr. Memorial Reserve; numerous lands purchased by Sarasota's Environmentally Sensitive Lands Protection Program (ESLPP); and the District's Myakka Prairie, Myakka State Forest, Deer Prairie Creek and Myakkahatchee Creek projects. The RV Griffin/Lower Peace River Corridor consists of District conservation lands totaling over 11,840 acres and includes the Lewis Longino Preserve, RV Griffin Reserve and Deep Creek Preserve.

If approved, the proposed Walton and Longino ranch acquisitions would add 7,698 acres and provide a critical link between these two regional conservation areas, creating a contiguous ecological core of over 114,500 acres. The parcels are characterized by improved pasture interspersed with extensive depression marshes, wet prairies, sloughs, pine flatwoods and hardwood hammock. In addition to the protection of water supplies, water quality and natural flood protection, the parcels provide critical habitat for a wide array of aquatic, terrestrial and avian wildlife species, many state or federally protected. The completion of this ecological corridor within the Myakka Conservation Area will ensure ecological connectivity on a regional scale; where native wildlife, hydrological and ecological processes can occur unimpeded across the landscape. Additionally, the acquisition completes a critical link in the regional recreational greenway network, providing the public with an uninterrupted network of hiking, multi-use and paddling trails stretching from the mouth of the Myakka River at Charlotte Harbor, north to the Myakka River State Park and east to the Peace River. The District's management will consist only of the annual inspection to monitor compliance with the terms of both conservation easements. The property owners will remain responsible for management costs such as fencing, prescribed burning, exotic species control, road maintenance and security for the area encumbered by the conservation easements.

In order to accomplish this acquisition, a budget amendment is required and was approved earlier in the meeting on the Finance and Administration Committee Consent Agenda (Fiscal Year 2010 Annual Service Budget – Second Amendment). Funds for the acquisitions are available from the Florida Forever Trust Fund. In order for funds to be released from the Trust Fund by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, a resolution signed by the Governing Board must accompany the request.

Staff recommended to:

- (1) Accept the assignments to purchase conservation easements for SWF Parcel Nos. 21-599-105C (Walton Ranch) and SWF Parcel No. 21-599-106C (Longino Ranch), totaling approximately 7,698 acres for a total cost to the District of \$25,887,420, subject to adjustment after final survey;
- (2) Authorize the Land Resources Director to execute Memorandums of Understanding with Sarasota County to define the parameters of an acquisition partnership for SWF Parcel Nos. 21-599-105C and 106C;
- (3) Accept the appraisals;
- (4) Amend the Florida Forever Work Plan to designate an inholding on the Longino Ranch as "proposed less-than-fee acquisition";

- (5) Authorize the Land Resources Director to execute an amendment to the 2002 Longino Perpetual Conservation Easement (SWF Parcel No. 21-599-102C) allowing for a recreational trail, if necessary;
- (6) Approve the resolution requesting funds;
- (7) Designate the parcels as having been acquired for conservation purposes; and
- (8) Authorize any other instruments determined by the Office of General Counsel to be necessary for acquisition of SWF Parcel Nos. 21-599-105C and 106C.

Following consideration, **Ms. Closshey moved, seconded by Mr. Senft, to approve the staff recommendation as presented.** (Track 10 – 00:00/15:10)

Mr. Gramling noted that all pasture grasses are exotics. Mr. Sutton said it is referenced in the easement that invasive exotics outside of standard pasture grasses may not be planted. In response to Mr. Gramling's question, Mr. Sutton said landscaping for the residences will be contained to property around the house and exotics could be included.

Mr. Combee said he will not support the acquisition because of today's economy. He said the District should be surplus property and past acquisitions should be reviewed for possible surplus. He noted that most local governments are experiencing financial crises. Mr. Combee asked how will the trail be established and is it the County's or District's discretion. Mr. Sutton responded that the trail has been decided and negotiated to be along the southern area.

Ms. Closshey asked for clarification that the funds are Florida Forever and can those funds be used for other Florida Forever type acquisitions that are pre-approved. Mr. Sutton said these are Florida Forever funds and are past year allocations. He said, since the funds are leveraged and bonded, covenants limit utilization. In response to Ms. Closshey's inquiry, Mr. Schiller said the funds had been designated for this purchase and can only be used for this acquisition. Ms. Closshey stated that she supports acquisition because it fits into the statewide Florida Forever plan and provides significant conservation to the ecosystems within the District.

Mr. Combee reiterated that times have changed and he feels the funds should be reserved for more appropriate purposes. Mr. Moore clarified that flexibility for Florida Forever funds encourages up to 50 percent of state land acquisition funds for water supply development. He said the District has used these funds to buy land associated with the Tampa Bay reservoir and some of the other districts are using it for projects other than land acquisition. Mr. Combee clarified there may come a time that, if the funds had been used for other projects, it would have freed up money for other District operations.

Mr. Joerger provided a brief history of the Myakka conservation core area which began about 90 years ago. He said this is another leg of the economic development stool with the underlying fee that the County's keeping to launch a recreation and ecotourism based economy. He noted this will link Sarasota and Manatee counties with DeSoto County for a regional project. In response to Mr. Tharp's question relative to the timing, Mr. Sutton said it is an unusual situation and may be considered a one-time opportunity to keep the properties intact. Mr. Joerger noted that the Walton family patriarch is about to transition his estate and doing so will cause the ranch to be liquidated. In response to Ms. Closshey's question, Mr. Sutton said the first Sarasota County referendum to fund the acquisition was in 1998 and a second one in 2005.

In response to Mr. Beruff's question, Mr. Sutton said the Walton tract is \$6,000 an acre and the Longino tract is \$3,743 an acre. Mr. Beruff said he has reviewed the information approved by Sarasota County, and this acquisition fulfills the County's mission started in 1998 to provide a corridor from east to west. He also discussed this acquisition with a former senator who had a contract on the Walton property in 2005 to acquire and annex it into the City of North Port at \$8,000 an acre. Mr. Beruff stated staff has negotiated a good

price for the property from an economic point of view. He noted that he agrees with Mr. Combee that the District has lands that could be surplus and should be analyzed.

Mr. Gramling called the question. **Motion to approve the staff recommendation carried with Mr. Combee voting in opposition. Mr. Joerger recused himself earlier from voting.** (Track 10 – 15:10/34:19)

Committee Vice Chair Beruff relinquished the gavel to Committee Chair Joerger.

37. **Expansion of Feral Hog Control Program on District Lands**

Mr. Kevin W. Love, Land Manager, Land Resources Department, provided a status report on the feral hog problem on District lands including environmental impacts, past and recent control efforts, and their effect in reducing hog populations and associated resource damage. Feral hogs are by far the most destructive exotic animal species on District lands. Through its high adaptability to all Florida habitats, high reproductive rate and lack of natural predators, the species has become overabundant on all District lands, despite the District's best control efforts to date. Its proclivity to root up large areas of soil daily in search of food disrupts natural habitats, surface flows, causes erosion and provides vectors for exotic plant invasion. It competes with native species for food and habitat and carries diseases that are transmittable to humans, native wildlife and domestic livestock. Since 1995, Procedure 61-9, *Control of Terrestrial Exotics on District-owned Lands (Flora and Fauna)*, has guided staff in the implementation of this program, which includes contracted trapping, public wildlife management area hog hunts and special District-administered hog hunts. With the reintroduction of special hog hunts in FY2009, 2,314 feral hogs were removed from District lands, a 250 percent increase from FY2008 reductions. However, all indicators suggest that additional control efforts are necessary to reduce and maintain populations and associated environmental damage to acceptable levels.

Mr. Love said efforts to expand control include a five-year hog control contract with the U. S. Department of Agriculture, two temporary full-time employees (80-percent hog control), develop and implement performance tracking, and work with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission to improve control on wildlife management areas. Recent efforts have also been made to research and develop new alternatives such as sterilization, with mixed results. Some options are being developed as part of the FY2011 budget development.

Mr. Gramling commented on the devastation caused by the feral hogs he witnessed on the McNeil tract. In response to Mr. Beruff's question, Mr. Love said a decision has not been made regarding the two temporary positions. (Track 11 – 00:00/11:24)

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

Submit & File Report

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

38. **Update on Agreement for the Management and Operation of the RV Griffin Reserve between the District and the Peace River/Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority – SWF Parcel No. 20-223-131X**
39. **Proposed Minimum Flow Updates Prior to Submission for Scientific Peer Review for Chassahowitzka River System**

Routine Reports

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

40. **Florida Forever Funding**
41. **Minimum Flows and Levels**
42. **Structure Operations**

43. **Watershed Management Program and Federal Emergency Management Agency Map Modernization**
44. **Significant Water Supply and Resource Development Projects**
 - Mr. Wirth said the District's comments have been submitted to the Environmental Protection Agency for the establishment of numeric water quality standards. He noted that the Board will receive a final copy of the submittal in a few days.
(Track 12 – 00:00/01:21)

Resource Management Committee Chair Joerger relinquished the gavel to Secretary/Assistant Treasurer Gramling.

Finance and Administration Committee

Discussion Items

45. **Consent Item(s) Moved for Discussion** – None
46. **Annual Employment and Vendor Diversity Report**

Mr. Schiller provided introductory comments, and noted for 20 years the District has incorporated diversity awareness and behavior into its culture. In 2009, the District was recognized on multiple fronts for its achievements in both workforce and vendor diversity, including outreach, diverse student internships, minority business involvement and workforce commitment.

Ms. Elaine M. Kuligofski, Director, Human Resources and Risk Management, said the annual report to the Governing Board reflects the District's vendor and employment diversity management philosophy and provides a progress report on the key activities and statistics from calendar year 2009. Since the District's first Diversity Management Plan was approved in 1995, the District has implemented and maintained aggressive outreach efforts to recruit diverse applicants for employment as well as diverse vendors to provide goods and services to the District. The District's diversity management strategies promote an environment that creates a level playing field for persons of diverse background to participate in employment and vendor opportunities; values the contributions of each individual toward meeting overall water management objectives; and reflects, serves and incorporates the interests of the diverse communities within our region.

Staff recommended to accept the Annual Report on Employment and Vendor Diversity at the District. Following consideration, **Mr. Tharp moved, seconded by Mr. Senft, to approve the staff recommendation as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**
(Track 13 – 00:00/13:45)

Submit & File Report

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

47. **Fiscal Year 2011 Budget Update**
48. **Fiscal Year 2010 Second Quarter Financial Report**

Routine Reports

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

49. **Treasurer's Report, Payment Register, and Contingency Reserves**
50. **Management Services Significant Activities**
 - Mr. Gramling said tax collections are at 91.3 percent for the fiscal year.
 - Mr. Schiller noted that staff will submit the proposed budget for fiscal year 2011 in June.
(Track 13 – 13:45/17:43)

Secretary/Assistant Treasurer Gramling relinquished the gavel to Outreach and Planning Committee Chair Tharp.

Outreach and Planning Committee

Discussion Items

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

52. **"Get Outside!" April 10 Deep Creek Preserve Event Highlights**

Mr. Michael Molligan, Director, Communications Department, provided an overview of the "Get Outside!" activities on April 10, 2010, at the Deep Creek Preserve in DeSoto County. Family-friendly activities included guided nature hikes, scavenger hunts, boat tours, an equestrian display, live animal presentations from Lowry Park Zoo, large equipment displays and other activities that promote protection of land and water resources. Board members expressed their appreciation for staff's efforts. (Track 14 – 00:00/06:32)

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

53. **Legislative Update**

Mr. David Rathke, Director, Community and Legislative Affairs Department, briefly reviewed the progress of state legislation related to water and natural resources, current legislative activities, District priorities, and budget forecasts. (Track 15 – 00:00/07:00)

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

Submit & File Report

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

54. **Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council Future of the Region Awards**

Routine Reports

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

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

56. **Development of Regional Impact Reviews**

57. **Speakers Bureau**

58. **Significant Activities**

(Track 15 – 07:00/07:21)

Outreach & Planning Committee Chair Tharp relinquished the gavel to Chair Pressman.

General Counsel's Report

Discussion Items

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

Submit & File Reports – None

Routine Reports

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

60. **Litigation Report**

61. **Rulemaking Update**

(Track 16 – 00:00/00:30)

Committee/Liaison Reports

62. **Industrial Advisory Committee Meeting**

Ms. Closshey said the meeting was held on April 20, 2010. She noted that Mr. Fred Crabill, Southeast Environmental Solutions, was elected Chair and Mr. Jeff Stewart, Mosaic Fertilizer LLC, was elected Vice Chair. The Committee meeting included presentations on the frost/freeze protection update, hydrologic conditions/drought update

and water shortage restrictions, establishment of numeric water quality standards for nutrients update, and an overview of the 2010 Regional Water Supply Plan. The next meeting is scheduled for July 20, 2010 in the Tampa Service Office. (Track 16 – 00:30/03:00)

63. **Public Supply Advisory Committee Meeting**

Mr. Senft said the meeting was held on April 20, 2010. He noted that Mr. Warren Hogg, Tampa Bay Water, was elected Chair and Mr. Todd Petrie, Marion County Utilities, was elected Vice Chair. The Committee meeting included presentations on the frost/freeze protection update, hydrologic conditions/drought update and water shortage restrictions, establishment of numeric water quality standards for nutrients update, and an overview of the 2010 Regional Water Supply Plan. The next meeting is scheduled for July 20, 2010 in the Tampa Service Office. (Track 16 – 03:00/04:40)

64. **Well Drillers Advisory Committee Meeting**

Mr. Oakley said the meeting was held on April 21, 2010. The Committee meeting included presentations on pump shut-off switches/devices technology, 2010 Regional Water Supply Plan update, Dover construction standards, Arkla Terra Superfund Site, Highlands County delegation of its well construction program responsibilities, Manatee and Sarasota County delegation agreements renewal, and Hillsborough County coordination with pump requirements. The next meeting is scheduled for July 21, 2010 in the Tampa Service Office. (Track 16 – 04:40/07:50)

Chair Pressmen reported that the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council met on April 12, 2010. He said there was substantial discussion regarding electric vehicles and how they will affect the local economy. He said there was a presentation on the constitutional amendment known as “Hometown Democracy” and the Council voted on a resolution in opposition to this amendment. He noted there also was a report on how some jurisdictions and local governments are implementing concepts of the One Bay visioning. (Track 16 – 07:50/08:35)

Executive Director's Report

52. **Executive Director's Report**

- Mr. Moore said he thanks Mr. Tharp and a number of Basin Board members who attended the habitat restoration tour on April 23. He noted the District has a number of staff who have spent their careers effectively restoring that entire eastern shore of Tampa Bay and beyond. Mr. Tharp commented on Mr. Brandt Henningsen's passion for restoration and encouraged Board members to attend the next tour.
- Mr. Moore said Ms. Whitehead and Mr. Tharp attended the Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority's workshop held in Ocala. He said the Authority is discussing future opportunities for development of local supplies. Ms. Whitehead said she appreciated Mr. Moore being there and Mr. Sonny Vergara for facilitating the workshop.
- Mr. Moore noted he recently met with Mr. Jerry Seeber, Tampa Bay Water (TBW), and learned that TBW is considering the possibility of capturing more flood waters and is evaluating the feasibility of expanding the existing potable water reservoir.

(Track 17 – 00:00/05:55)

Mr. Senft said there is discussion of calling the Orlando and Tampa regions a “super region” to work on issues together. He said he and Mr. Combee represent Polk County which is located in both regions. He said Orlando's region is called MyRegion.org and has established water as a priority for the future since water is critical to growth. Mr. Senft noted that Mr. Moore serves on MyRegion.org, as well as the St. Johns River and South Florida Water Management District Executive Directors. He commented on the great cooperation occurring between Tampa and Orlando.

Chair's Report

52. Chair's Report

- Chair Pressmen thanked the Board members for participating in the District's meeting and outreach activities during the month.
- Chair Pressman said he and Mr. Moore have been working toward the next project on the horizon—aquifer injection and withdrawal. He said it has been discussed with Tampa Bay Water and its member government officials to come to an understanding that this is the project of the future and a memorandum of understanding is being developed.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Board unanimously approved adjourning the meeting. (Track 17 – 05:55/10:11)

The meeting was adjourned at 2:49 p.m.