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MINUTES OF THE MEETING

GOVERNING BOARD SOUTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

BROOKSVILLE, FLORIDA

MAY 21, 2013

The Governing Board of the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) met for its regular meeting at 9:33 a.m. on May 21, 2013, at the District's headquarters in Brooksville. The following persons were present:

Board Members Present

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

Board Member(s) Absent – None

Staff Members

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

Board's Administrative Support

Cara Martin, Board & Executive Services Manager
LuAnne Stout, Administrative Coordinator
Linda De Jonge, Senior Legal Assistant

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. Adams noted a quorum was present.

2. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

Mr. Rathke offered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. (Track 2 – 00:00/00:23, Track 3 – 00:00/1:30)

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 3 – 01:30/04:00)

3. **Additions/Deletions to Agenda**

Section 120.525, Florida Statutes, allows the District to change the published agenda for good cause shown, as determined by the presiding officer. Based upon that authority, the Chair has determined that good cause exists to make certain changes to the agenda. These changes are being made in order to permit the Governing Board to efficiently accomplish necessary public business at this meeting and to reflect the items on the agenda that have been requested or suggested to be deleted, revised, supplemented or postponed.

The item that had been added to the agenda was received by the District after publication of the regular agenda. The Board was provided with the information filed and the District staff's analyses of these matters. Staff has determined that action must be taken on these items prior to the next Board meeting. Therefore, it is the District staff's recommendation that good cause has been demonstrated and should be considered during the Governing Board's meeting.

Mr. Guillory noted there is one item added and one item deleted as follows:

CONSENT AGENDA – FINANCE/OUTREACH & PLANNING COMMITTEE

The following item is added for consideration:

- Adopt Resolutions to Identify New Slate of Officers for Financial Documents

REGULATION COMMITTEE

The following item is deleted from consideration:

- 16. Consider Any Recommended Water Shortage Orders

Mr. Maggard moved, seconded by Mr. Beruff, to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried unanimously. (Track 3 – 04:00/05:00)

4. **Employee Recognition**

The following staff members achieved the milestones for the period of April 1 to June 30, 2013, and were recognized before the Board. (Track 3 – 05:00/23:48)

MILESTONE	EMPLOYEE NAME	TITLE	BUREAU	OFFICE LOCATION
30 Years	Susie Holton	Senior Administrative Assistant	Operations & Land Mgt	Brooksville
	Jim Marshall	Senior Regulatory Field Tech	Regulatory Support	Brooksville
25 Years	Steve DeSmith	Prof Geologist/Engineer	Data Collection	Brooksville
	Rita Harrod	Business Process Analyst	Project Mgt Office	Brooksville
20 Years	David Carr	Staff Environmental Scientist	Water Resources	Brooksville
	Don Ellison	Senior Hydrogeologist	Water Resources	Brooksville

5. **Election of Governing Board Officers** (Video – 24:00)

In accordance with Board Policy 110-7, Board members participate in an election of officers. During this process, a Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer are elected. The newly elected officers assume their duties at the end of meeting. Chair Senft reviewed the procedure for nominations and voting.

Chair Senft opened the floor for Chair nominations. Mr. Maggard nominated Mr. Beruff. **Mr. Pressman moved to close nominations, and Mr. Adams seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously to close nominations and cast their ballots.** Mr. Guillory tallied the results. **Chair Senft announced a unanimous vote for Mr. Beruff's election as Chair.** (Track 2 – 12:00/17:26)

Chair Senft opened the floor for Vice Chair nominations. Ms. Closshey nominated Mr. Babb. **Mr. Adams moved to close nominations, and Mr. Pressman seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously to close nominations and cast their ballots.** Mr. Guillory tallied the results. **Chair Senft announced a unanimous vote for Mr. Babb's election as Vice Chair.**

Chair Senft opened the floor for Secretary nominations. Mr. Pressman nominated Mr. Maggard. Mr. Mann nominated Mr. Adams. **Ms. Closshey moved to close nominations, and Mr. Maggard seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously to close nominations and cast their ballots.** Mr. Guillory tallied the results. **Chair Senft announced a majority vote for Mr. Maggard.**

Chair Senft opened the floor for Treasurer nominations. Mr. Pressman nominated Mr. Adams. **Mr. Beruff moved to close nominations, and Ms. Closshey seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously to close nominations and cast their ballots.** Mr. Guillory tallied the results. **Chair Senft announced a unanimous vote for Mr. Adams' election as Treasurer.**

Chair Senft reminded the new officers there are documents for them to execute before leaving today. Ms. Donaldson noted that staff will be reviewing the Board's policies to address situations such as when officers were not confirmed by the Legislature and acclimation for only one nomination.

Chair Senft noted that the new chair will have staff poll Board members during the coming month to determine committee and liaison assignments. (Track 4 – 00:00/11:32)

6. **Public Input for Issues Not Listed on the Published Agenda** (Video – 11:33)
Chair Senft noted that no *Request to Speak* cards were submitted.

CONSENT AGENDA (Video – 35:46)

One item was added to the Finance/Outreach & Planning Committee: Adopt Resolutions to Identify New Slate of Officers for Financial Documents.

Regulation Committee

7. **Individual Water Use Permits (WUPs) Referred to the Governing Board**
 - a. **WUP No. 20011602.003 – McGinley Family, LP / McGinley Farm (Marion County)**

This is a renewal with modification of an existing permit for agricultural use. The modification includes a proposed well, removes 220 acres of sod, adds 880 acres of grain and 2,000 head of cattle, and includes an additional 75 acres of melons and 415 acres of peanuts. The project is located within Marion County, not within a Water Use Caution Area. Staff recommended the Board approve the proposed permit included in the Board's meeting materials as an exhibit.
 - b. **WUP No. 20003514.004 – Quail Creek Farms, Inc. & Lily Land LLC / Quail Creek Farms, Inc. (Hardee County)**

This is a renewal with modification of an existing water use permit for agricultural use. The water use on this site is for the irrigation and crop protection of 25 acres of existing citrus, 46.9 acres of proposed citrus, and 219.9 acres of proposed sod. The project is located in Hardee County and within the Southern Water Use Caution Area. Staff recommended the Board approve the proposed permit included in the Board's meeting materials as an exhibit.
 - c. **WUP No. 20005626.007 – Robert J. Barben / DeSoto City Grove (Highlands County)**

This is a renewal with modification of an existing permit for agricultural type use. The authorized quantities are an increase from those previously permitted, except for the decrease in the peak month quantity. The change in quantities is due to an adjustment in the irrigated acres from 408 acres to 415 acres of citrus; the crop

protection quantity was calculated on the system capacity of each well. The project is located in Highlands County and must comply with the recovery strategy within the Southern Water Use Caution Area. Staff recommended the Board approve the proposed permit included in the Board's meeting materials as an exhibit.

Resource Management Committee

8. **Authorize Submission of Preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Maps for the Braden River Watershed in Manatee and Sarasota Counties to the Federal Emergency Management Agency**

Staff recommended the Board authorize staff to submit the preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Maps for the Braden River watershed in Manatee and Sarasota counties to Federal Emergency Management Agency.

9. **Facilitating Agricultural Resource Management Systems (FARMS) – Revenue Agreement with the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS) for the FARMS Program**

Staff recommended the Board (1) approve the District/FDACS revenue agreement for \$100,000; (2) authorize the use of the FDACS revenue (\$100,000) to either replace ad valorem funding on FARMS projects previously approved by the Governing Board and completion of contract amendments with FARMS Program participants, and/or for new FARMS projects yet to be brought before the Governing Board for approval, as necessary, to use the state funds; and (3) authorize Executive to execute the agreement.

Finance/Outreach & Planning Committee

10. **Budget Transfer Report**

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

Add-On Item: Adopt Resolutions to Identify New Slate of Officers for Financial Documents

Staff recommended to the Board:

- (1) Authorize the new slate of officers to apply their signatures to the resolutions for financial documents.
- (2) Adopt Resolution No. 13-06 authorizing the signatures of the newly elected officers of the Governing Board of the District and the use of facsimile or manual signatures on all warrants or checks of the District.
- (3) Adopt the SunTrust Deposit Account Resolution and Authorization for Business Entities document to identify the new slate of officers and authorized signers on existing accounts.

General Counsel's Report

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

a. **Consent Order – Surface Water Activity - RMD Properties, LLC - Unauthorized Construction – Hardee County**

Staff recommended the Board approve the Consent Order, and authorize the initiation of litigation as necessary in order to obtain compliance with the Consent Order.

b. **Final Order – Petition for Declaratory Statement - Dina L. Bardin – Pasco County**

Staff recommended the Board approve the Final Order granting the Petition for Declaratory Statement filed by Dina L. Bardin, and issuing the following declaratory statements:

- (1) As of the date of the Final Order, the Property, as delineated by the boundaries in the Permit and as depicted on the maps attached to the Petition as Exhibits 4A and 4B, is not within the Hillsborough River Groundwater Basin.
- (2) As of the date of the Final Order and notwithstanding other provisions of law which may be applicable to Petitioner, Sections 373.219 and 373.223, F.S., and Rules 40D-2.091, 40D-2.301, 40D-2.331, 40D-2.801, and 40D-80.073, F.A.C., apply to Petitioner's particular set of circumstances as described in the Petition.

c. **Settlement – SWFWMD v. Elia Quintana-Alcocer, et al. (Parcel No. 20-503-177-P)**

On October 28, 2008, in connection with the Lake Hancock Lake Level Modification Project, the District's Governing Board adopted a Resolution authorizing the use of eminent domain to acquire an inundation easement to establish the Lake Hancock outfall control structure at an elevation of 100 NGVD (1929). The District filed a

petition in eminent domain to obtain an inundation easement over 4.77 acres of real property identified as Parcel 177-P and owned by Elia Quintana-Alcocer, et al. The District obtained title to the property in November 2010. The parties attended a pre-suit mediation on May 7, 2013. As a result of the mediation, the parties arrived at a contingent settlement, subject to approval by the District's Governing Board, whereby the District will pay the owner \$250,000 for the easement. Staff recommended the Board approve the settlement agreement whereby the District will pay the owner \$250,000 for the easement necessary for implementation of the Project.

12. **Rulemaking – Approve Changes to Proposed Environmental Resource Permitting Applicant's Handbook Volume II to be Incorporated in 40D-4.091, Florida Administrative Code, as Part of Statewide Environmental Resource Permitting**

Staff recommended the Board approve the District's proposed changes to Environmental Resource Permitting Applicant's Handbook Volume II to be adopted in 40D-4.091, F.A.C., and in the proposed statewide Environmental Resource Permitting rules.

Executive Director's Report

13. **Approve Governing Board Meeting Minutes**

- a. Regional Cooperative Funding Public Meeting – Northern Region – April 9, 2013
- b. Regional Cooperative Funding Public Meeting – Southern Region – April 10, 2013
- c. Regional Cooperative Funding Public Meeting – Tampa Bay Region – April 16, 2013
- d. Regional Cooperative Funding Public Meeting – Heartland Region – April 17, 2013
- e. Monthly Meeting – April 30, 2013

Staff recommended the Board approve the minutes as presented.

Mr. Beruff moved, seconded by Mr. Maggard, to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously. (Track 5 – 00:00/00:45)

Chair Senft relinquished the gavel to Regulation Committee Chair Beruff who called the Committee meeting to order. (Track 5 – 00:45/01:15)

REGULATION COMMITTEE (Video – 36:40)

Item 16 was deleted from consideration.

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

15. **Hydrologic Conditions Status Report**

Mr. Granville Kinsman, Manager, Hydrologic Data Section, noted that April historically marks the seventh month of the eight-month dry season and rainfall totals for the month show accumulations in the upper-end of the normal range in the northern and central regions, while they were above-normal in the southern region. Analysis of "partial" dry-season rainfall, District-wide, indicates October through April totals to be approximately 6.6 inches below the historic average. Rainfall during the month was regionally variable and associated with seasonally transitional weather systems (i.e., mix of cold front, sea breeze/convective thunderstorm activity). The District-wide 12-month rainfall accumulation improved, and shows a deficit of approximately 1.2 inches below the long-term historic average. The 24-month rainfall accumulation improved, and shows a deficit of 12.8 inches below the historic average. In response to above-normal to normal rainfall totals during April, hydrologic indicators showed mixed results. Streamflow conditions improved in the central and southern regions, while they continued to decline in the northern region. Aquifer levels improved in the southern region, while they declined in the northern and central regions. Regional lake levels continued to show declines, ending the month at below-normal levels in all regions of the District. The risk of wildfire remains high. NOAA climate models and forecasts are currently inconclusive regarding rainfall during the three-month period of May through July, predicting equal chances for normal or above/below-normal rainfall. (Track 6 – 00:00/07:45)

At Ms. Closshey's request, Mr. Warren Hogg, representing Tampa Bay Water, provided an update on usage, desalination plant status, reservoir renovation, and wellfield pumpage. (Track 6 – 07:45/11:48)

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

16. **Consider Any Recommended Water Shortage Orders**

This item was deleted from consideration.

17. **Statewide Consumptive User Permitting Activities Update** (Video – 48:40)

Mr. Darrin Herbst, Bureau Chief, Water Use Permit, said that, in April 2012, the District approved Initiation of rule development to amend the District's water use permitting rules in accordance with the Department of Environmental Protection's statewide effort to improve consistency between the Water Management Districts' consumptive/water use permitting programs. On May 22 at the Tampa Service Office and May 23 at the Brooksville Headquarters, the District will hold rule development workshops on the District's proposed rule revisions. Among other things, these workshops covered the amendment, repeal, or development of rules as needed to accomplish consumptive use permit consistency (CUPcon) goals.

Mr. Herbst provided a summary of the District's CUPcon activities. Staff anticipates bringing rule language to the Board for approval in July. (Track 7 – 00:00/06:40)

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

18. **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.

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

Committee Chair Beruff adjourned the Committee meeting (Track 8 – 00:00/00:12), and relinquished the gavel to Operations & Land Management Committee Vice Chair Maggard who called the Committee meeting to order.

OPERATIONS & LAND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (Video – 55:33)

24. **Declare Lands Surplus**

- a. **Tampa Bypass Canal Project, SWF Parcel Nos. 13-001-736S, 737S, 739S, 740S, 741S, 742S and 744S; 13-002-754S and 755S; 13-003-399S; and 13-004-316S and 317S**
- b. **Lake Tarpon Outfall Canal Project, SWF Parcel No. 16-001-153S**

Mr. Steven Blaschka, Real Estate Services Manager, Operations and Land Management Bureau, provided an update of the ongoing surplus land process. He said these properties have been previously presented to the public for comment and Board direction in accordance with guidelines provided by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.

Staff recommended the Board declare the parcels identified above are (1) no longer needed for District purposes, (2) no longer needed for conservation purposes, and (3) are surplus property.

At Chair Senft's request, Mr. Guillory provided an update on the status of the Bartow Service Office which has been declared surplus. He noted the District is in preliminary discussions with the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

Ms. Closshey moved, seconded by Mr. Beruff, to approve the staff recommendation to declare the parcels identified above are (1) no longer needed for District purposes, (2) no longer needed for conservation purposes, and (3) are surplus property.

Discussion ensued regarding the sale and appraisal of properties, and impact of ingress and egress to property value.

Motion carried unanimously. (Track 9 – 00:00/16:04)

25. **Consider Acquisition of Property within the Upper Saddle Creek Corridor Project, SWF Parcel No. 20-504-101** (Video – 75:50)

Mr. Steven Blaschka, Real Estate Services Manager, Operations and Land Management Bureau, said this is an information item. He said the purpose of this item is to request that the Board accept public comment and consider purchasing approximately 37.24 acres from Gary A. Schaller, et al., as part of the District's Upper Saddle Creek Corridor Project.

Discussion ensued regarding Polk County's interest, public access and maintenance responsibilities. (Track 10 – 00:00/06:42)

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.

26. **Recreation Ad Hoc Committee Update** (Video – 78:30)

Mr. Joe Quinn, Land Management Manager, Operations and Land Management Bureau, noted the Committee is scheduled to meet May 30 in the Tampa Service Office. He said the web page will go live today and the agenda is posted on the web calendar.

Routine Reports

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

27. **Structure Operations**

28. **Significant Activities**

Operations & Land Management Committee Vice Chair Maggard adjourned the Committee meeting (Track 11 – 00:01:47), and relinquished the gavel to Resource Management Committee Chair Babb who called the Committee meeting to order.

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (Video – 80:08)

Discussion Items

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

30. **Braden River Utilities/City of Sarasota Reclaimed Water Interconnect (N355) – Scope Change**

Mr. Ken Herd, Bureau Chief, Water Resources, said the construction of the original scope elements was completed in late 2012 and under budget, resulting in approximately \$438,454 remaining. After review by Braden River Utilities' engineering consultants, it was determined that an additional 1 million gallons per day (mgd) pump station will increase the project benefit by 0.50 mgd to a total of 2.0 mgd. The estimated cost (\$400,000) of the pump station is within the remaining balance of the existing project budget (\$438,454). This time extension and no-cost scope expansion adds the design and construction of a 1 mgd pump station; replaces the District project manager; updates District agreement language; extends project completion by 15 months from September 30, 2012 to December 31, 2013; and extends the contract period by one year, from June 30, 2013, to June 30, 2014. Since construction of the original scope elements has already been completed, the contract time extension is necessary for design and construction of the new pump station.

Staff recommended the Board approve the request for a change in scope of work to include an additional pump station to increase offsets and extend the contract period, with no change in budget, for the Braden River Utilities/City of Sarasota Reclaimed Water Interconnect project; and authorize Assistant Executive Director to execute the amendment.

Mr. Beruff moved, seconded by Chair Senft, to approve the staff recommendation.

Discussion ensued regarding the cost effectiveness of the pump station and benefit of additional resources in the Most Impacted Area of the Southern Water Use Caution Area.

Motion carried unanimously. (Track 12 – 00:00/08:59)

31. **District Project Management and the Project Management Office (PMO)** (Video 90:00)

Mr. Hammond said the PMO was created to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of how the District manages its project portfolio. He noted that today Resource Management Division manages over 450 projects within two bureaus and six sections. The intent of the PMO is to establish and support structured, transparent, accountable, consistent and sustainable practices that allow the District to effectively manage projects. By evaluating and refining current practices and mapping processes, the PMO will develop more efficient and effective project management tools that will allow a more consistent approach to managing District projects.

Mr. James Fine, Office Chief, Project Management Office, provided an overview of the District's project management and recently established PMO. Since its inception in November 2012, the PMO has accomplished several objectives which include improvements to the Cooperative Funding Initiative (CFI) project evaluation process, assistance to the Finance Bureau and Office of General Counsel in the development of new CFI agreement template language (Types I-IV), and development of a draft process to evaluate project status and an associated CFI guideline for cooperators. In an effort to better enhance the management of the District's project portfolio, the PMO has been evaluating Project Management Tracking Systems and instituting a General Engineering and Professional Services Master Agreement.

Mr. Maggard requested the Board receive progress updates at its meetings. Board members expressed their excitement in this process for managing the District's projects and contacts. (Track 13 – 00:00/18:00)

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

Submit & File Reports – None

Routine Reports

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

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

Resource Management Committee Chair Babb adjourned the Committee meeting (Track 13 – 18:00/18:12), and relinquished the gavel to Finance/Outreach & Planning Committee Chair Adams who called the Committee meeting to order.

FINANCE/OUTREACH & PLANNING COMMITTEE (Video – 107:18)

Discussion Items

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

36. **Revise Board Policy 120-1, Risk Management**

Ms. Lucy Petruccelli, Risk Manager, Human Resources and Risk Management Bureau, said staff has updated the District's *Risk Management and Safety* policy to ensure that an effective risk management and safety program is maintained. The District has a goal to review its major policies during this calendar year. The Auditor General has recommended and District staff concurs that the District can formalize its governance, communication, and monitoring processes over risk management activities.

Staff recommended the Board approve the revisions and execute Board Policy 120-1, *Risk Management*.

Discussion ensued regarding accuracy of benchmark data provided and requesting additional information for comparables to the other water management districts. Ms. Closshey requested that revisions to policies be shown in legislative format as well as final form.

Ms. Closshey moved, seconded by Chair Senft, to approve the staff recommendation. Motion carried unanimously. (Track 14 – 00:00/15:16)

37. **Independent Auditing Services Contract** (Video 122:45)

Mr. Daryl Pokrana, Finance Bureau Chief, said staff is requesting the Governing Board provide direction to renew the audit contract with KPMG for an additional year, or to re-bid the auditing services at this time. The audit for fiscal year 2011-12 was successfully completed in accordance with the contract, and the results were presented to the Governing Board at the March meeting, with one single audit finding reported.

Staff recommended no action by the Board, and staff will exercise the option to renew the Independent Auditing Services contract with KPMG for an additional year.

Mr. Babb moved, seconded by Ms. Closshey, to approve the staff recommendation. Motion carried unanimously. (Track 15 – 00:00/04:45)

38. **Financial Investments Ad Hoc Committee Report and Recommendations**

Committee Chair Adams said the Invitation to Negotiate was opened on April 25, 2013, receiving 12 replies. The Ad Hoc Committee received copies and conducted their evaluations. (Video – 127:22)

Ms. Closshey said that, on May 8, 2013, the Committee convened to rank the replies, determine the need for oral presentations and discuss the negotiation process. The Committee decided to award to two firms to provide investment advisory services and selected the three top firms, scheduling May 14, 2013, to conduct negotiations. The Committee scheduled a meeting at 9:00 a.m. prior to the Governing Board's monthly meeting on May 21, 2013, to select the firms for award and present the Committee's recommendation at the Board's monthly meeting.

Committee Chair Adams said the Committee recommends to (1) award Invitation to Negotiate No. 014-13, Investment Advisory Services to Public Trust Advisors and PFM Asset Management; and (2) authorize the Executive Director, or his designee, and enter into agreements with the recommended firms; and authorize the transfer of \$100,000 in the FY2012-13 budget from the Reclaimed Water Transmission and Distribution System project (N486) to Investment Advisory Services.

Mr. Babb moved, seconded by Chair Senft, to approve the Committee's recommendation. Motion carried unanimously. (Track 15 – 00:00/04:30)

Committee Chair Adams noted that the Committee, or its designee, will meet with the investment advisers to discuss proposed changes to the District's investment policy, and will recommend the adoption of the revised policy and the allocation of the District's investments to the advisers at a future meeting. Ms. Closshey expressed her appreciation to the respondents for participating in this process. (Track 15 – 04:30/06:23)

39. **Strategic Plan Regional Priorities Update** (Video 133:46)

Mr. Rathke said the purpose of the Strategic Plan is to provide direction for achieving the District's mission. The current Plan, which has served the District since November 2010, contains information about the District's mission, areas of responsibility, and broad outlines of goals and strategies. This effort will revisit the current Plan and make the appropriate changes and updates to ensure it aligns with present-day values and provides sound direction for addressing challenges for the next five years, FY2014-2018.

Mr. Rathke said the process has included coordination with the various divisions to review the current Plan's relevancy and technical accuracy, and define more focused priorities and objectives and the appropriate success indicators and business process changes necessary for meeting the water management challenges. In addition, local governments and advisory committee members were surveyed on water resource priorities for the next five years. The priorities identified by these groups were generally similar to those from staff.

Mr. Rathke provided an update to address recommended priorities and timeline for applying plan to the next cooperative funding process.

(Mr. Pressman left the meeting.)

Ms. Closshey moved, seconded by Chair Senft, to approve the concept presented and authorize staff to move forward with the process. Motion carried unanimously. (Track 17 – 00:00/10:47)

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.

40. **Legislative Update** (Video 144:17)

Mr. Rathke provided a brief update on budget items approved. (Track 18 – 00:00/01:00)

Routine Reports

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

41. **Treasurer's Report and Payment Register**
42. **Monthly Financial Statement**
43. **Monthly Cash Balances by Fiscal Year**
44. **Comprehensive Plan Amendment and Related Reviews**
45. **Development of Regional Impact Activity Report**
46. **Significant Activities**

Finance/Outreach & Planning Committee Chair Adams adjourned the Committee meeting (Track 18 – 01:00/01:18), and relinquished the gavel to Chair Senft.

GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT (Video – 146:05)

Discussion Items

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

Submit & File Reports – None

Routine Reports

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

48. **Litigation Report**
49. **Rulemaking Update**

Ms. Donaldson noted that the Board approved the last Lake Hancock purchase during today's meeting. (Track 19 – 00:00/00:54)

COMMITTEE/LIAISON REPORTS (Video 146:50)

The following items were provided in the Board's meeting materials or at the meeting.

50. **Joint Industrial and Public Supply Advisory Committees Meeting**

Ms. Closshey reviewed the summary provided.

Ms. Griffin commented on the Southwest Florida Regional Ecosystem Restoration Plan and the impetus to capture as much funding from the RESTORE Act associated with the BP/Deep Water Horizon Oil Spill. Last August/September the elected officials of the policy boards of Tampa Bay, Sarasota Bay, and Charlotte Harbor's Natural Estuary Programs approved a regional coordination effort in a comprehensive restoration plan. This plan is considered by the State of Florida and the Gulf Restoration Council to address priority projects that can be initiated within three to ten years and associated costs. She commended Ms. Jeanette Seachrist and Ms. Veronica Craw for their efforts to vet the projects.

51. **Other Liaison Reports** – None (Track 20 – 00:00/03:26)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT (Video 150:16)

52. **Executive Director's Report**
 - Mr. Guillory said the dashboard is continually changing as new items are being tracked such as water supply data.

- Mr. Guillory commented on the concept of regionalism and the Office of General Counsel has been working on a framework for a central Florida water alliance or cooperative. He said the framework for this regional entity will be brought to the Board in a few months.
- Mr. Guillory thanked Chair Senft for his leadership during the past year. (Track 21 – 00:00/02:00)

CHAIR'S REPORT (Video – 152:15)

53. Chair's Report

- Chair Senft noted that one significance of the alliance or cooperative is the wellfield located in the South Florida Water Management District. He said it is unique to allow water to cross district lines and will help about 17 communities with water supplies.
- Chair Senft noted that Messrs. Joerger and Tharp will be recognized for their service at future meetings.
- Chair Senft said the past year has been eventful with the executive director resigning; having a building flood and staff being displaced; and hiring a new executive director who developed a leadership team, streamlined staff, as well as creating the project management process. He said it has been an honor and a privilege to work with Mr. Guillory and the District's professional staff. (Track 21 – 02:00/05:12)

Chair Senft recessed the public hearing and relinquished the gavel to the incoming chair. Mr. Beruff said it has been two years of change in the District's history and he appreciated Chair Senft's leadership for the past two years.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chair Senft adjourned the meeting. (Track 21 – 05:12/06:54, Video – 156:53)

The meeting was adjourned at 12:09 p.m.