

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

GOVERNING BOARD SOUTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

BROOKSVILLE, FLORIDA

JUNE 23, 2015

The Governing Board of the Southwest Florida Water Management District (District) met for its regular meeting at 9:00 a.m. on June 23, 2015, at the District's Brooksville Headquarters. The following persons were present:

Board Members Present

Michael A. Babb, Chair
Randall S. Maggard, Vice Chair
Jeff Adams, Secretary
David W. Dunbar, Treasurer
H. Paul Senft, Member
Bryan Beswick, Member
Carlos Beruff, Member * Teleconference
George Mann, Member
Wendy Griffin, Member
Michael A. Moran, Member
Ed Armstrong, Member

Board Members Absent

Tommy Bronson, Member

Staff Members

Robert R. Beltran, Executive Director
Brian Armstrong, Assistant Executive Director
David T. Rathke, Chief of Staff
Karen West, Interim, General Counsel
Kurt Fritsch, Inspector General
John J. Campbell, Division Director
Ken Frink, Division Director
Mark A. Hammond, Division Director
Alba E. Más, Division Director

Board's Administrative Support

Cara Martin, Board & Executive Services Manager
Lori Manuel, Administrative 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 (Audio – 00:00)

1. Call to Order

Chair Michael Babb called the meeting to order and opened the public hearing. Vice Chair Adams noted a quorum was present.

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Vice Chair Maggard offered the invocation. Chair Babb led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Chair Babb 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 Babb 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 Babb 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. Oath of Office for Newly Appointed or Reappointed Board Members

Ms. Cara Martin, Board and Executive Services Manager, administered the Oath of Office for Board Member Senft, Vice Chair Maggard, Secretary Adams, Board Member Armstrong, and Board Member Moran.

4. 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.

**Resource Management Committee
*Consent Agenda***

Staff's Recommendation has changed:

9. Award Lake Hancock Hidden Lake Cattle Lease, SWF Parcel No. 20-503-255X, Invitation to Submit Offer (ITS) 1517

Staff recommends approval to award of the Lake Hancock Hidden Lake Cattle Lease to Brian Hamilton, D.B.A. H2 Cattle Company and execute the lease on behalf of the District.

The following item has been deleted:

**Resource Management Committee
*Consent Agenda***

15. Approval of Land Easement for the Pasco County Reclaimed Water Treatment Wetland & Aquifer Recharge – Site 1 Project (N666)

Other Changes:

Finance/Outreach & Planning Committee

Discussion Items

Item number 33. Legislative Update will be presented before Item number 32. Presentation of Fiscal Year 2015-16 Recommended Annual Service Budget (RASB). The Legislative Update will be presented first due to state funding impacts that will affect the RASB.

Chair Babb said there is good cause to amend the published agenda as allowed by Section 120.525, Florida Statutes. A motion was made to approve the amendments to the published agenda, as amended, which was seconded. The motion carried unanimously. (Audio 00:05:40)

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

Chair Babb noted at this time, the public is given an opportunity to comment on any topic not listed on the agenda. There were no *Request to Speak* cards submitted.

CONSENT AGENDA

Chair Babb asked that before the Board considers action on the Consent Agenda whether there is anyone in the audience who wishes to address the Board regarding an item listed on the Consent Agenda.

Chair Babb stated he received no *Request to Speak* cards for any agenda items.

Regulation Committee

6. Individual Water Use Permits Referred to the Governing Board

- a. WUP No. 20020500.000 – Barthle Brothers Ranch, LLC & Tampa Bay Water**
Staff recommended the Board approve the proposed permit.

Operations, Lands and Resource Monitoring Committee

7. Award Green Swamp Rock Ridge Road Cattle Lease, SWF Parcel No. 10-200-1280X, Invitation to Submit Offer (ITS) 1515

Staff recommended the Board approve the award of the Green Swamp Rock Ridge Road Cattle Lease to Brian Hamilton, D.B.A. H2 Cattle Company and execute the lease on behalf of the District.

8. Award Lake Hancock Eagle Lake Cattle Lease, SWF Parcel No. 20-502-113X, Invitation to Submit Offer (ITS) 1516

Staff recommended the Board approve the award of the Lake Hancock Eagle Lake Cattle Lease to Agri-Land Management, Inc., and execute the lease on behalf of the District.

9. Award Lake Hancock Hidden Lake Cattle Lease, SWF Parcel No. 20-503-255X, Invitation to Submit Offer (ITS) 1517

Staff recommended approval to award of the Lake Hancock Hidden Lake Cattle Lease to Brian Hamilton, D.B.A. H2 Cattle Company and execute the lease on behalf of the District.

10. Approval of Amendment to Withlacoochee River Electric Cooperative Utility Easement – Starkey Preserve – Jay B. Starkey Wilderness Park – SWF Parcel No. 15-010-032X

Staff recommended the Board approve the Amendment to Withlacoochee River Electric Cooperative Utility Easement - SWF Parcel 010-032X, and authorize the Board to execute the Amendment.

11. Approve Renewal of Management Agreement with Pasco County – Starkey Wilderness Preserve, Jay B. Starkey Wilderness Park – SWF Parcel No. 16-010-017X

Staff recommended the Board approve renewal of the Jay B. Starkey Wilderness Park Management Agreement with Pasco County - SWF Parcel No. 16-010-017X and authorize the Board to execute the agreement.

12. Approval of Joint Project Agreement with Sarasota County and the City of Northport for Construction of a Greenway Recreation Connector Bridge – Myakkahatchee Conservation Area – SWF Parcel No. 21-694 105X

Staff recommended the Board approve the Joint Project Agreement with Sarasota County and the City of Northport for construction of the trail bridge on the Carlton Ranch Fee tract - SWF Parcel No. 21-694-105X and authorize the Board to execute the agreement.

Resource Management Committee

13. Approve Memorandum of Understanding and Copyright Registration for the Integrated Hydrologic Model and the Integrated Northern Tampa Bay Model

Staff recommended the Board approve the Memorandum of Understanding and the registration of the copyright of the Code and Model.

14. Initiation and Approval of Rulemaking to Amend Rule 40D-8.624, Florida Administrative Code, to Adopt Revised Minimum and Guidance Levels for Lake Padgett in Pasco County (P256)

Staff recommended the Board:

- a. Accept the report entitled, "Proposed Minimum and Guidance Levels Based on Reevaluation of Levels Adopted for Lake Padgett in Pasco County, Florida," dated April 23, 2015.
- b. Authorize staff to make any necessary minor clarifying edits that may result from the rulemaking process and to complete report finalization.

- c. Initiate and approve rulemaking to amend Rule 40D-8.624, F.A.C., to replace the previously adopted minimum and guidance levels with the proposed minimum and guidance levels for Lake Padgett in Pasco County as shown in the Exhibit.

15. Approval of Land Easement for the Pasco County Reclaimed Water Treatment Wetland & Aquifer Recharge – Site 1 Project (N666)

~~Staff recommended the Board approve the draft land easement on the 4G Ranch for the Pasco County Reclaimed Water Treatment and Aquifer Recharge project, and authorize staff to move forward with third party review of the 30 percent design plans and cost estimate for the project.~~

16. FARMS – Windmill Farms Nurseries, Inc. – Phase 2 (H723), Hardee County

Staff recommended the Board:

- 1) Approve the Windmill Farms Nurseries, Inc. - Phase 2 project for a not-to-exceed project reimbursement of \$205,400.33, with \$189,065 provided by the Governing Board, and \$16,335.33 provided from state appropriations;
- 2) Authorize the transfer of \$189,065 from fund 010 H017 Governing Board FARMS funds, and \$16,335.33 from state appropriations allocated to fund 010 H017 FARMS funds to the H723 Windmill Farms Nurseries, Inc. - Phase 2 project fund;
- 3) Authorize the Assistant Executive Director to sign the agreement.

17. FARMS – Evans Ranch, LLC – Phase 2 (H725), Polk County

Staff recommended the Board:

- 1) Approve the Evans Ranch, LLC - Phase 2 project for a not-to-exceed project reimbursement of \$18,000 with \$18,000 provided by the Governing Board;
- 2) Authorize the transfer of \$18,000 from fund 010 H017 Governing Board FARMS funds to the H725 Evans Ranch, LLC - Phase 2 project fund;
- 3) Authorize the Assistant Executive Director to sign the contract amendment.

18. FARMS – Alico, Inc. – Crossing Grove (H726), DeSoto County

Staff recommended the Board:

- 1) Approve the Alico, Inc. - Crossing Grove project for a not-to-exceed project reimbursement of \$84,600 with \$84,600 provided by the Governing Board;
- 2) Authorize the transfer of \$84,600 from fund 010 H017 Governing Board FARMS fund to the H726 Alico, Inc. - Crossing Grove project fund;
- 3) Authorize the Assistant Executive Director to sign the agreement.

Finance/Outreach & Planning Committee

19. Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS) Replacement

Staff recommended the Board transfer \$285,000 previously approved for FY2014-15 software maintenance support and authorize the procurement of the replacement LIMS software and implementation services.

20. Lowboy Trailer Replacement

Staff recommended the Board authorize a FY2014-15 budget transfer of \$82,000 from Recurring Operating Expenses to be used for the procurement of a Lowboy Trailer.

21. Board Travel

Staff recommended the Board approve Governing Board travel.

22. Budget Transfer Report

Staff recommended the Board approve the Budget Transfer report covering all budget transfers for May 2015.

General Counsel's Report

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

- None

24. Rulemaking – None

Executive Director's Report

25. Monthly Meeting Minutes

Staff recommended the Board approve the May 19, 2015 meeting minutes.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously. (Audio – 00:06:18)

Chair Babb relinquished the gavel to Resource Management Committee Chair Senft who called the Committee meeting to order.

Resource Management Committee

Discussion

26. Consent Item(s) Moved for Discussion - None

27. Out-of-Cycle Request for Project Approval of Timber Oaks Stormwater Retention Facility (N736)

Mr. JP Marchand, Water Resource Bureau Chief, stated although this is an action item, staff is recommending the Board take no action.

Mr. Marchand provided a presentation which included: project location; history of flooding issues; progress made on the project to date; current funding status; funding request; map indicating the existing structure flooding; map indicating the potential reduction in flooding with proposed project changes; and a map outlining proposed reduction in street flooding with proposed project changes.

Mr. Marchand stated, under existing conditions, there are approximately 80 houses that experience flooding during a rainfall event. Under proposed project changes approximately 55 houses would no longer experience flooding during a rainfall event. The remaining houses would still experience some flooding, but to a lesser degree with the proposed project changes. This project would reduce street flooding in the project area.

Mr. Marchand stated at the Cooperative Funding meetings in February and April, the proposed project cost was approximately 13.4 million dollars for land and construction. The District would fund construction and Pasco County (County) would fund the design and the land. The District and the County's cost would be approximately 6.7 million dollars each. The District has budgeted three million dollars in the Fiscal Year 2016 budget. The County is requesting final approval of the funding for the project prior to closing on the land acquisition. The County has identified \$4.5 million for this project in their budget, but has not identified the funding source for the remaining \$6.75 million.

Board Member Dunbar asked if the funds that have been spent by the County are reflected in the total cost of 10.9 million dollars. Mr. Marchand responded in the negative.

Mr. Robert Johnson, URS AECOM, provided a presentation that included: historical flooding information for Timber Oaks; proposed improvements; benefits associated with these improvements; current progress; and information on public outreach.

Mr. Johnson explained that a Request for Information (RFI) has been issued. It is similar to a contractor bid process. Contractors will submit quotes to assist in determining if the project is feasible. No land will be purchased until a determination is made on the feasibility of the project.

Board Member Maggard asked how much of the flooding would be resolved. Mr. Johnson responded "up to the hundred year event."

Board Member Maggard asked if URS AECOM agrees with the District estimation of homes that will receive relief from this project and resolve some of the road flooding. Mr. John responded in the affirmative.

Mr. Johnson explained the Timber Oaks residents are contributing to this project through a Municipal Services Benefit Unit (MSBU) that has been set up. He stated the County would like to receive an out-of-cycle approval from the District.

Committee Chair Senft asked if the MSBU had been approved. Mr. David Goldstein, Pasco County Attorney, responded the first reading was approved and the final assessment is scheduled for September. The cost estimates are pending.

Committee Chair Senft asked the age of the homes in Timber Oaks. Mr. Johnson responded the subdivision was constructed in the 1970s.

Chair Babb asked for confirmation of the cost at approximately 13 million dollars. Mr. Johnson responded in the affirmative.

Board Member Beruff asked how the completed project will affect the Florida Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) floodplain information. Mr. Marchand responded he was not certain what the current FEMA firm map designated for that area. However, he stated it will reduce the actual flood elevation. The District is in the process of completing a watershed management plan (WMP). The first phase of the WMP, the watershed evaluation, was completed, the next phase will be the modeling that will be done for the Double Hammock watershed. This will identify FEMA floodplains. This project will be incorporated into that WMP.

Board Member Beruff asked if this will reduce flood insurance costs for some residents. Mr. Marchand responded this information will come from the watershed evaluation. Board Member Beruff asked if the formalization of the map amendments from FEMA would be included in the agreement. Mr. Marchand responded that would be part of the Double Hammock WSP, which should be completed when the construction is complete. Mr. Marchand suggested coordinating the completion of the modeling for the WSP and the project construction to include the final project in the floodplain delineation.

Board Member Beruff asked if the County will agree to make the necessary arrangements if the project goes over the budgeted amount presented. Mr. Goldstein responded the County is paying for the design, however, construction share will be funded through the MSBU. Mr. Clark Hobby, attorney representing Timber Oaks residents, responded the residents will be assessed the full cost for the County's portion. Mr. Goldstein responded there is a 20 percent contingency on the estimated cost, but does not indicate any credit as a result of the sale of any fill dirt. This may bring the project cost down.

Board Member Griffin asked what the final results were from phase one and phase two testing, what use will the fill be suitable for, and was it considered in the original calculations. Mr. Johnson responded there has been numerous soil and groundwater sampling done at the site. There will

be areas that will need remediation. There will be over 300 hundred thousand yards available for sale. The cost benefit is unclear at this time.

Committee Chair Senft stated he received several "Request to Speak" cards.

Ms. Joyce Gallagher, President of Timber Oaks Home Owners Association, stated support for the project.

Board Member Mann asked about the reference to the possibility of reduced flood insurance costs. Ms. Gallagher responded there has been no communication to the residents regarding this.

Mr. Clark Hobby, attorney representing some residents of Timber Oaks, stated support for the project. Mr. Hobby stated this is a public health and safety issue. Mr. Hobby provided some historical information regarding the flooding and the impasse for emergency services during flooding events.

Vice Chair Maggard asked if there is any consideration for the 25 homes that are not benefitting from the project. Mr. Hobby responded in the negative. Flooding will be reduced for the 25 homes. There are some areas that flooding cannot be eliminated entirely. The focus has been to reduce the flooding to allow passable roads during flooding events.

Board Member Dunbar asked about the emergency services benefiting from this project. Mr. Hobby responded there is current litigation regarding this issue. He indicated the emergency services will benefit and it is his opinion they have no meritorious claim.

Board Member Dunbar expressed concern if the project costs come in at a greater amount, the property assessment cost may go from 112 dollars to 180 dollars per home. Mr. Hobby responded the RFI would present the highest costs. Discussion ensued.

Chair Babb asked why the District funds are being requested at this time since the County has not identified their source of funding. Mr. Goldstein responded the residents are seeking an answer. Discussion ensued.

Board Member Beruff made a motion to approve a conditional commitment subject to the County's budget. Committee Chair Senft asked the motion be delayed until the other persons who completed "request to speak" cards have their opportunity. Board Member Beruff agreed.

Ms. Eileen Dunn, resident of Timber Oaks, stated support for the project.

Ms. Nancy Jenkins, stated support for the project. She addressed the concerns of the County identifying their source of funding. She felt confident in the County's ability to obtain those funds.

Mr. Ken DeGennaro, resident and Vice President of Spanish Gates HOA, stated opposition for the project. He provide a presentation identifying the wells in the Spanish Gate development and the potential area of contamination and sinkhole development.

Mr. Lawrence Duhlquest, resident of Spanish Gates, stated opposition for the project.

Vice Chair Maggard asked about the word "potential" referenced in a contamination report completed for the County. Mr. Hammond responded the County has completed the testing to identify contaminated soils. Vice Chair Maggard asked if staff is confident of this process. Mr. Hammond responded in the affirmative.

Committee Chair Senft asked if there are any intersections that were previously flooded that allow access to Spanish Gate.

Mr. Goldstein responded the residents would have to access the intersection of Ranch Road and Ponderosa intersection, which does flood, to allow travel to U.S. 19. He stated there another route, however, he considered it to be a more circuitous route. He stated the project doesn't just affect access roads it also addresses use of the amenities used in the Timber Oaks development which includes Spanish Gates.

Mr. Stoolard Pickrell, P.G., consultant for Timber Oaks, stated support for the project. Mr. Pickrell addressed the soil concerns.

Mr. Wayne Murphy, resident of Timber Oaks, stated support for the project.

Mr. John Cadieut, resident of Timber Oaks, stated support for the project.

Mr. Chuck Novak, resident of Timber Oaks, made comments regarding the Timber Oaks development.

Mr. Ronald Wyzlic, resident of Timber Oaks, stated support for the project.

Board Member Beruff readdressed his motion to support moving forward contingent on the finalization of the funding from the County. The motion was seconded by Board Member Moran.

Treasurer Dunbar asked for clarification on the motion. Board Member Beruff clarified the motion will include the County's requirement to match funding at fifty percent of the 13 million dollars presented by the staff.

Chair Babb stated he would like the motion to include that no funds are expended by the District until the lawsuit brought by Spanish Gates is resolved and the project is completed according to technical specifications required by the District.

Mr. Goldstein responded the County does not want to be required to match 13 million dollars if the project costs come in lower. Treasurer Dunbar responded the motion will include up to 50 percent of the maximum amount of 13 million dollars.

Board Member Beruff clarified his motion and stated the District will fund up to 50 percent of the project, not to exceed 13 million dollars.

Board Member Beruff withdrew his original motion. Board Member Moran withdrew his second.

Board Member Griffin expressed concern of any preliminary approval of this project until the County resolves their issues.

Treasurer Dunbar asked for clarification on the funding cycle for these funds. Mr. Hammond responded there is approximately three million dollars in the FY2016 budget and the staff will budget an additional 3.6 million dollars in FY2017 contingent upon the Board's approval. If the Board takes no action at this meeting, this item will be brought back. Discussion ensued.

Executive Director Beltran asked when this item would return to the Board, if no action were taken at this meeting. Mr. Hammond responded funds are included in the FY2016 budget based on the Tampa Bay Region recommendation in April 2015; the Governing Board is scheduled to approve its FY2016 budget at the September 2015 budget hearing. Discussion ensued.

Board Member Beruff asked the reason for staff's recommendation of no action. Mr. Hammond responded the lack of committed funding from the County is staff's concern.

Vice Chair Maggard stated in addition to the concern regarding the non-committed funding, there are other concerns that include if the necessary funding is not obtained the residents funding will increase and the pending lawsuit from Spanish Gate has not been resolved.

Chair Babb asked if the County is acceptable to staff's recommendation of no action. Treasurer Dunbar added the County should feel confident of the District's show of commitment to this project with the approval of the FY2016 budget that will be approved in September. This budget will include the 3 million dollars allocated for this project. Mr. Goldstein responded the County was requesting conditional approval but will still move forward with the project.

Board Member Moran asked to explain how the original motion submitted did not address the concerns discussed. Mr. Hammond responded the staff's initial recommendation in the June Governing Board packet changed as a result of continuing to evaluate information from the County. Discussion ensued.

General Counsel Karen West stated the Board's cooperative funding policy requires cooperators to identify sources of matching funding. The County has not provided this information. She added the Board can vote to waive this policy if they choose.

A motion was made to accept staff's recommendation of no action. The motion was seconded. Motion carried with a majority of ten votes and one nay (Audio - 01:39:40)

28. Scope Change for the Auburndale - Florida Polytechnic University Reclaimed Water Storage and Transmission Project (N536)

Staff recommended the Board approve the change in scope for the project and an increase in total project cost of an additional \$300,000 with the District's increased share not to exceed \$150,000, and approve adding \$150,000 to the FY2016 Recommended Annual Service Budget.

A motion was made to accept staff's recommendation. The motion was seconded. Motion carried unanimously. (Audio - 01:43:35)

Submit & File Reports - None

Routine Reports

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

29. Minimum Flows and Levels Status Report

30. Significant Water Supply and Resource Development Projects

Chair Babb relinquished the gavel to Finance Chair Dunbar who called the Committee meeting to order. (Audio 01:46:12)

Finance/Outreach & Planning Committee

Discussion

31. Consent Item(s) Moved for Discussion - None

33. Legislative Update

Ms. Colleen Thayer, Public Affairs Bureau Chief, provided a presentation. She stated the Governor approved an approximately 78.7 billion dollar budget, but indicated approximately 46 million dollars in projects were vetoed. Ms. Thayer provided an overview of the projects that were approved and the vetoes that affected the District. Projects that were approved included: land acquisition

funding; land management to water management districts; dispersed water management; conservation easement for Heritage Lake in Pasco County; springs better management practices; and water projects. Vetoes of projects included: Dade City stormwater project; DeSoto County water extension project; Madeira Beach project; Pithlachascotee project; Sarasota County Philippi Creek project and the Zephyrhills fire protection water line project.

Ms. Thayer addressed Senate Bill (SB) 2516A which passed. This bill provided for the implementation of the water and conservation constitutional amendment. She also addressed SB 2512A related to health insurance subsidies which passed. This bill is related to healthcare subsidies provided to retirees. The rate was set at 1.66 per pay period for retirees. As a result, the District may see an increase in healthcare costs of approximately 30 thousand dollars.

Ms. Thayer addressed legislation 33A-taxation that passed regarding the tax cut package.

Vice Chair Maggard asked if the legislation regarding the water committee passed. Ms. Thayer responded in the negative.

Treasurer Dunbar asked about the impact on the District's budget. Mr. Campbell responded it was too early to determine the impact.

This item was provided for the Committee's information and no action is required.

32. Presentation of Fiscal Year 2015-16 Recommended Annual Service Budget

Mr. John Campbell, Management Services Director, provided a presentation which included: goals and outcomes; expenditures by category; proposed budget changes; expenditures by program; expenditures by area of responsibility; revenues by source; and budget development calendar.

Mr. Campbell stated the total budget is 166.7 million dollars which is a 400 hundred thousand dollar increase or zero percent increase from FY2015. The recurring or operating budget has increased half a million dollars or one percent. This represents approximately 25 percent of the projected ad valorem revenue increase which is budgeted at roll back with two percent new growth or half of the projected two percent new growth rate in the projected ad valorem revenue. There are no new full-time positions (FTEs) or merit increases in this budget. Operating expenses are down approximately 900 hundred thousand dollars or six percent from FY2015. Contracted services for operational support and services has increased approximately 100 thousand dollars. This is attributed to the five year evaluation of several minimum flows and levels. Operating capital outlay has increased approximately 300 thousand dollars which is attributed to field equipment sinking fund. The non-recurring portion of the budget is at 56 percent. Contracted services has increased approximately nine percent. This is attributed to the hydrologic investigation in Polk County. District grants have decreased approximately ten percent which includes ten million dollars for Polk Partnership. Cooperative funding projects have decreased approximately 13 percent. Fixed capital outlay has increased approximately 7.8 million dollars which reflects the Florida Forever Trust funds which were previously appropriated to the district to purchase lands.

Board Member Maggard stated a discussion needs to occur on how much is required for sufficient reserve funds. Board Member Mann asked what the statutory minimum requirement is. Treasurer Dunbar responded the District and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection are not in agreement regarding this issue. Discussion ensued. Mr. Campbell outlined the projected reserves. There is currently 213 million dollars in reserves and 8.1 million dollars budgeted in FY2016. This would leave a remaining projected balance of 205 million dollars in reserve. This is subject to change based on the proposed budget changes. Discussion ensued.

Staff recommend the Board authorize staff to prepare the Standard Format Tentative Budget Submission for FY2015-16 based on the recommended annual service budget as presented, adjusted for any modifications made by the Governing Board on June 23 and changes in estimated ad valorem revenue based on the July 1 certifications of taxable value.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the staff's recommendation. Motion carried unanimously. (Audio – 02:16:45)

Submit & File Reports – None

Routine Reports

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

- 34. **Treasurer's Report and Payment Register**
- 35. **Monthly Financial Statement**
- 36. **Monthly Cash Balances by Fiscal Year**
- 37. **Comprehensive Plan Amendment and Related Reports**
- 38. **Development of Regional Impact Activity Report**
- 39. **Significant Activities**

Committee Chair Dunbar adjourned the Committee meeting, and relinquished the gavel to the Regulation Committee Chair Moran, who called the Committee meeting to order. (Audio – 02:17:10)

Regulation Committee

Discussion

- 40. **Consent Item(s) Moved for Discussion** - None
- 41. **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 is required.

- 42. **Overpumpage Report**
- 43. **Individual Permits Issued by District Staff**

Committee Chair Moran adjourned the Committee meeting, and relinquished the gavel to the Operations, Lands and Resource Monitoring Committee Chair Maggard, who called the Committee meeting to order. (Audio 02:17:38)

Operations, Lands and Resource Monitoring Committee

Discussion

- 44. **Consent Item(s) Moved for Discussion** - None
- 45. **Hydrologic Conditions Report**

Mr. Granville Kinsman, Hydrologic Data Manager, provided a presentation on the hydrologic conditions status report. He stated rainfall conditions have been dry, as expected. The 12-month rainfall conditions are mostly normal. However, rainfall in the northern counties has declined. Rainfall in the southern counties is in the normal range and normal to above normal in the central counties.

Lake conditions in the District have displayed a slight decline. Lakes within the Tampa Bay and Polk Upland areas have improved. Northern lakes and the Lake Wales Ridge lakes remain below-normal.

All four of the major river systems are still within their normal ranges, but declining. The Alafia River fluctuated but has declined. The Bill Young Reservoir and the Peace River Water Supply Authority are at normal levels. The conditions are considered favorable for a stronger than normal El Niño cycle which can diminish storms that may develop in the Atlantic. The three-month forecast indicates temperatures will be above normal during the summer with above normal rainfall expected. Temperatures during the winter season are expected to be cooler.

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

Submit & File Reports – None

Routine Reports

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

46. Structure Operations

47. Significant Activities

Committee Chair Maggard adjourned the Committee meeting. (Audio - 02:23:33)

General Counsel's Report

Discussion Items

48. 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 is required.

49. Litigation Report – June 2015

50. Rulemaking Update – June 2015

Committee/Liaison Reports

51. Other Committee/Liaison Reports

No committee reports were presented.

Executive Director's Report

52. Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Beltran commended staff's efforts as related to the budget. He specifically addressed staff's ability to develop efficiencies in the budget.

Chair's Report

53. Other

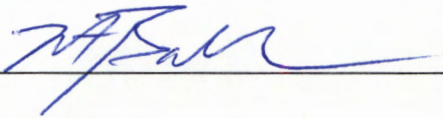
54. Employee Milestones

Chair Babb noted staff employees who have reached five-year increments in service to the District. He recognized staff members who have reached 25-year milestones, and thanked them for their service. This item was provided for the Board's information, and no action was required

The next Governing Board meeting is scheduled for July 28 in Tampa. The August 25 and September 29 meetings are also scheduled in Tampa.

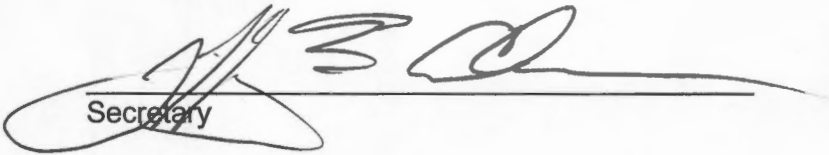
There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 11:25.



Chair

Attest:



Secretary

