

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

GOVERNING BOARD SOUTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

BROOKSVILLE, FLORIDA

OCTOBER 25, 2016

The Governing Board of the Southwest Florida Water Management District (District) met for its regular meeting at 11:00 a.m. on October 25, 2016, at the District's Brooksville Office. The following persons were present:

Board Members Present

Randall S. Maggard, Chair
Bryan K. Beswick, Secretary
Ed Armstrong, Treasurer
H. Paul Senft, Member
George W. Mann, Member
Kelly S. Rice, Member
John Henslick, Member
Michelle Williamson, Member
Mark Taylor, Member

Staff Members

Brian J. Armstrong, Executive Director
Amanda Rice, Assistant Executive Director
David T. Rathke, Division Director
Karen E. West, General Counsel
Kurt P. Fritsch, Inspector General
John J. Campbell, Division Director
Ken L. Frink, Division Director
Mark A. Hammond, Division Director
Alba E. Más, Division Director

Board Members Absent

Jeffrey M. Adams, Vice Chair
Michael A. Moran, Member
Michael A. Babb, Member

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 Maggard called the meeting to order and opened the public hearing. Secretary Bryan Beswick stated a quorum was present.

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Board Member Taylor offered the invocation. Chair Maggard led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

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

Chair Maggard 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 "Request to Speak" 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 Maggard 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. Employee Recognition

Chair Maggard recognized employees who have reached at least 20 years of service with the District and thanked them for their service. The following staff were recognized: Diana Burdick and Barbara Matrone.

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

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.

Board Member Kelly Rice asked the following item be moved from Consent to Discussion:

Operations, Lands and Resource Monitoring Committee

18. Approve Reduction of Cattle Lease Rates and First Amendment to Cattle Lease SWF Parcel Nos. 20-502-113X, 20-503-255X and 10-200-1280X

Staff recommended the Board approve reduction of cattle lease rates and first amendment to Cattle Lease SWF Parcel Nos. 20-502-113X, 20-503-255X and 10-200-1280X.

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

Chair Maggard noted at this time, the public is given an opportunity to comment on any topic not listed on the agenda.

Chair Maggard stated he received nine Request to Speak cards.

Mr. David Ballard Geddis, Jr., spoke against the constitutional authority of the Board.

Mr. Chester Bradshaw spoke against the issuance of Water Use Permit (WUP) 20576.00.

Ms. Karen West, General Counsel, explained the administrative challenge has been closed and the petitioners have voluntarily withdrawn their petitions and the permit has been issued. She stated there is no basis for the Board to reopen this issue.

Ms. Louise Maier spoke against the issuance of WUP 20576.00.

Mr. Brent Wood spoke against the issuance of WUP 20576.00.

Mr. Dale Swain spoke against the issuance of WUP 20576.00.

Mr. Martin Van Luven spoke against the issuance of WUP 20576.00

Ms. Ellen Dugan spoke against the issuance of WUP 20576.00. She provided copies to the Board of an October 2016 magazine article addressing the permit.

Mr. Ken Werremeyer, declined to speak, however his blue card reflected he was against the issuance of WUP 20576.00.

Ms. Linda Wood spoke against the issue of the issuance of WUP 20576.00.

Ms. Gerry Van Luven declined to speak, however her blue card reflected she was against the issuance of WUP 20576.00.

Board Member Kelly Rice asked that staff respond to issues that were raised during this meeting.

Treasurer Armstrong asked what the District's authority is as related to this issued permit. Ms. West responded there was no basis to re-evaluate the permit. She stated this process has followed all appropriate procedures.

Chair Maggard asked if anything has changed since this item was addressed at previous Board meetings. Ms. West responded in the negative. She stated that she made an informal request to staff to review information that Mr. Bradshaw had provided. Ms. West stated staff determined the information Mr. Bradshaw produced was not germane to any issues with regard to the water use requested. She stated this information was conveyed to Mr. Bradshaw. Board Member Senft asked if staff had placed any response in writing. Ms. West responded in the negative.

Chair Maggard requested that staff respond to the items that were presented today. Ms. West stated that in principle that is considered conducting a hearing. She stated the permittee would need to be afforded the opportunity to respond to allegations. She stated the permittee is entitled to due process rights.

Treasurer Armstrong expressed concern regarding setting a precedent in continuing to address this permit.

Board Member Senft clarified the information he is requesting would be utilized to assist him if he is contacted by a constituent.

Chair Maggard asked what is allowable by the Board to request information without creating a situation that is considered a formal hearing. Ms. West responded that the Board is acting as the decision maker and behaving in a hearing capacity by requesting staff to formally respond to questions.

Board Member Rice clarified that he is not requesting a formal hearing. He would like to ensure that the information submitted with the application is accurate.

Board Member Senft expressed concerns that this may be a broader issue that staff may want to give consideration. It raises the possibility of a scenario of a bottled water applicant obtaining a permit for under 500,000 gallons per day (gpd).

Board Member Henslick stated that individual Board Members are not precluded from speaking to staff to obtain answers to any questions. However, he was in agreement that this item should not be presented at a Board meeting for discussion. Chair Maggard agreed with this statement.

Board Member Williamson asked Ms. Más if this permit was issued with conditions. Ms. Más responded in the affirmative.

Chair Maggard stated this permit has been through the appropriate processes and the Board does not feel the need to address it any further. He thanked the audience for attending.

CONSENT AGENDA

Chair Maggard 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 Maggard 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 00:05:33)

Finance/Outreach & Planning Committee

6. Approve Strategic Plan 2015-2019

Staff recommended the Board approve the Strategic Plan 2015-2019.

7. Annual Review of Board Policy 130-3, District Investment Policy

Staff recommended the Board approve and accept the recommendation for no modifications to Board Policy 30-3, District Investment Policy.

8. Budget Transfer - Watermatters Website Consulting Services

Staff recommended the Governing Board transfer \$150,000 previously approved in the FY2017 budget for B817 MFL Re-Evaluations - Springs Systems, and authorize the procurement of consulting services and associated software to redesign the *WaterMatters.org* website on a modern web content management framework compatible with the District's technology architecture.

9. Budget Transfer Report

Staff recommended the Board approve of the Budget Transfer Report covering all budget transfers for September 2016.

Resource Management Committee

10. Minimum Flows and Levels Priority List and Schedule Update

Staff recommended the Board approve the Minimum Flows and Levels Priority List and Schedule and Reservations List and Schedule for submission to DEP for review and approval as required by Chapter 373, F.S.

11. Springs Initiative – FY2016-17 Florida Department of Environmental Protection Springs Projects

Staff recommended the Board approve the six spring's improvement projects with state funding through the Florida Department of Environmental Protection funding.

12. Authorize Submission of the Cypress Creek Watershed Management Program Update in Hillsborough County to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (N404)

Staff recommended the Board Authorize submittal of the preliminary FIRMs for the Cypress Creek watershed in Hillsborough County to FEMA.

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

Staff recommended the Board:

- A. Accept the report entitled, "Proposed Minimum and Guidance Levels for Lake Merrywater in Hillsborough County, Florida."
- 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 approved Minimum and Guidance Levels with the proposed Minimum and Guidance Levels for Lake Merrywater in Hillsborough County as shown in the Exhibit.

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

Staff recommended the Board:

- A. Accept the report entitled, "Proposed Minimum and Guidance Levels for Crooked Lake in Polk County, Florida."

- 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 approved Minimum and Guidance Levels with the proposed Minimum and Guidance Levels for Crooked Lake in Polk County as shown in the Exhibit.

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

Staff recommended the Board:

- A. Accept the report entitled, "Proposed Minimum and Guidance Levels for Lake Lowery in Polk County, Florida."
- 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 include the proposed Minimum and Guidance Levels for Lake Lowery in Polk County as shown in the Exhibit.

16. Initiation and Approval of Rulemaking to Amend Rule 40D-26.021, 40D-26.091 and 40D-26.101, Florida Administrative Code, to Replace the Facilitating Agricultural Resource Management Systems (FARMS) Program Model Farms Economic Update, June 2009 with an Updated Study

Staff recommended the Board:

- 1) Authorize staff to make any necessary minor clarifying edits that may result from the rulemaking process.
- 2) Initiate and approve rulemaking to amend Rules 40D-26.021, 40D-26.091 and 40D-26.101, F.A.C., to replace the Facilitating Agricultural Resource Management Systems (FARMS) Program Model Farms Economic Update, June 2009 publication with the Model Farms Economic Study - Final Report, March 2016., and to allow the District to fund a project where the cost/benefit is comparable to the Model Farms Costs.

Regulation Committee

17. Individual Water Use Permits Referred to the Governing Board

a. WUP No. 20008219.002 - Damon W Sandlin/Damon & Sharon Sandlin (Levy County)

Staff recommended the Board approve the proposed permit attached as an exhibit.

Operations, Lands and Resource Monitoring Committee

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Staff recommended the Board approve reduction of cattle lease rates and first amendment to Cattle Lease SWF Parcel Nos. 20-502-113X, 20-503-255X and 10-200-1280X.

19. Approve Sale of Surplus Lands – Lake Hancock (LH-1B), SWF Parcel No. 20-503-252S

Staff recommended the Board approve:

- Accept the Offer
- Approve the Contract for Sale and Purchase
- Approve the transfer of all mineral interests to the Buyer
- Authorize execution of the instruments necessary to convey the property

General Counsel's Report

20. Administrative, Enforcement and Litigation Activities that Require Governing Board Approval - None

21. Rulemaking

a. Initiation and Approval of Rulemaking to Amend Rule 40D-2.091, F.A.C., to Revise Form LEG-R.053.00, Flow Meter Post-Installation Information Reimbursement Form

Staff recommended the Board approve final rule language and authorize the initiation of rulemaking to amend Rule 40D-2.091, F.A.C., to revise Form LEG-R.053.00, Flow Meter Post-Installation Information Reimbursement Form, and authorize staff to make any necessary clarifying or technical changes that may result from the rulemaking process.

Executive Director's Report

22. Approve Tentative FY2016-17 Budget Public Hearing Minutes - September 13, 2016

Staff recommended the Board approve minutes as presented.

23. Approve Governing Board Meeting and Final FY2016-17 Budget Public Hearing Minutes - September 27, 2016

Staff recommended the Board approve minutes as presented.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously. (Audio 00:52:13)

Chair Maggard relinquished the gavel to the Finance/Outreach & Planning Committee Chair Armstrong. (Audio 00:52:30)

Finance/Outreach & Planning Committee

Discussion

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

25. Investment Strategy Quarterly Update

Mr. John Grady, provided a presentation on the investment strategy quarterly update as of September 30, 2016. Mr. Grady outlined the Growth Domestic Product (GDP) for the quarter. He stated GDP growth during the 2nd quarter was slightly higher than 1st quarter, although the second quarter of 1.4% was almost half of expectations.

Mr. Grady stated job growth has slowed considerably since the June jobs report of 271 thousand jobs created with just 156 thousand jobs created in September. The Quits/Layoff ratio maintained the positive trend through May. Almost twice as many workers quit, presumably for better job opportunities in most cases, than were laid off.

Mr. Grady stated inflation remained below the Fed Target of 2% in June, maintaining a steady rate over the last several months between 1.39% and 1.69%. The median housing price reached record levels in June 2016. He stated the affordability index suggests that housing is becoming more expensive than the 2012–2013 timeframe. Mortgages continue to perform well with significantly lower rates of delinquency and foreclosure than experienced during the housing crisis.

Mr. Grady stated unemployment increased slightly to 5.0% in September. Less educated unemployment is much higher at 8.5%, while college educated unemployment is much lower at 2.5%.

Mr. Grady presented the quarterly investment report for the period ended September 30, 2016. This presentation included: a dashboard view of each of the managed portfolios; a dashboard view of the liquidity portfolio; a dashboard view of the managed 1-3 year portfolio; a dashboard view of the 1-5 year portfolio; and a dashboard view of the aggregate public trust portfolio.

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

Staff recommended the Board accept and place on file the District's Quarterly Investment Reports for the quarter ended September 30, 2016.

26. Fiscal Year 2018 Business Plan Update

Mr. James Fine, Project Management Office Chief, provided a presentation that included: the goal and focus of the business plan; the Strength, Weakness, Opportunity and Threat (SWOT) analysis; FY2017 accomplishments; governing budget metrics; list of drivers that facilitate opportunities for change; outline of the District's changing workforce and how human resources is planning; chart of generational workforce turnover from October 2015-August 2016; projected staff turnovers; skill set loss based on potential retirements; projected population growth; water resource challenges; cooperative funding initiative trend; regulatory drivers; potential legislative changes; potential resource needs based on drivers by areas of responsibilities; governing budget metrics effects; and list of next steps.

Mr. Fine stated the District will continue to adapt the Business Plan to fully support the Board's direction contained in the Strategic Plan

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

Due to an early departure from the Board meeting, Chair Maggard requested the Operations, Lands and Monitoring Committee be convened to address Item 18 that was moved from Consent to Discussion.

Committee Chair Armstrong temporarily adjourned the Finance Committee meeting and relinquished the gavel to the Operations, Land and Resource Monitoring Committee Chair Beswick who called the Committee meeting to order. (01:13:08)

**Operations, Land and Resource Monitoring Committee
*Discussion***

44. Consent Item(s) Moved for Discussion

Approve Reduction of Cattle Lease Rates and First Amendment to Cattle Lease SWF Parcel Nos. 20-502-113X, 20-503-255X and 10-200-1280X

Mr. Ken Frink, Operations, Lands and Resource Monitoring Committee Director, provided background information regarding this item. He stated a per acre lease rate reduction was renegotiated and presented to the lessees. Mr. Frink indicated the offer was accepted by the lessees.

Board Member Rice expressed concerns regarding renegotiating the leases versus rebidding them.

Board Member Senft spoke in support of the renegotiation based on the understanding the price that was renegotiated was still above average price.

Board Member Henslick reiterated Board Member Senft's understanding and spoke in support of the renegotiation.

Chair Maggard stated the concerns raised by Board Member Rice were considered in the negotiations, however, other factors that were also considered included the positive relationships that have been maintained with the lessees.

Board Member Taylor spoke in support of the renegotiation.

Treasurer Armstrong suggested, based on Board Member Rice's concerns, the District be more deliberate in the future regarding these types of contracts.

Staff recommended the Board approve reduction of cattle lease rates and first amendment to Cattle Lease SWF Parcel Nos. 20-502-113X, 20-503-255X and 10-200-1280X.

A motion was made and seconded to approve staff's recommendation. Motion carried with seven votes in favor and two against. (Audio 01:24:57)

45. Surplus Lands Update and Review of Annutteliga Strategy

Before this item was presented, Chair Maggard requested Committee Chair Beswick to allow the Land Committee to vet a process to maximize the surplus benefits of this property for the District. Chair Maggard asked that the process be presented at a future Board meeting.

At this time, Chair Maggard passed the gavel to Secretary/Committee Chair Beswick to chair his committee and the remainder of the Governing Board meeting. (1:27:00)

Ms. Carmen Sanders, Land Resources Manager, informed the Board a contract has been executed with a licensed broker to market and sell the Green Swamp property.

Ms. Sanders provided a presentation that included: the status on current surplus inventory and the amount of acres and parcels associated with each category; information on surplus land sales which indicated acres sold, if any properties are under contract or if an offers have been received; strategy accomplishments for Annutteliga Hammock; and the next steps associated with the Annutteliga Hammock.

This item is submitted for the Board's information. No action is required.

46. Hydrologic Conditions Report

Mr. Granville Kinsman, Hydrologic Data Manager, presented the hydrologic conditions report. He explained most regions experienced normal rainfall for the month of September, and that the June through September rainy season was normal, except for very dry conditions in Sumter County. Groundwater levels are within the normal range in northern counties, above-normal in the central counties and in the upper-normal range in southern counties. Lake levels in the northern region have started to decline, while Tampa Bay lakes, Polk Upland lakes, and Lake Wales Ridge lakes have all continued to rise. The Withlacoochee River is within the normal range, while the Hillsborough, Alafia and Peace Rivers remain in the upper range of normal. The Bill Young Reservoir is full and Peace River Reservoir is now at a record high capacity. The Climate Prediction Center is forecasting below normal rainfall for November through January. November is the end of the tropical storm season.

This routine report provided information on the general state of the District's hydrologic conditions, by comparing rainfall, surface water, and groundwater levels for the current month to comparable data from the historical record. This item was presented for the Board's information, and no action was required.

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

Submit & File Reports – None

Routine Reports

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

47. Structure Operations

48. Significant Activities

Committee Chair Beswick adjourned the meeting and relinquished the gavel to the Finance, Outreach and Planning Committee Chair Armstrong who reconvened the Committee meeting to order. (Audio 1:38:18)

Finance/Outreach & Planning Committee

Discussion

27. Development of Preliminary Fiscal Year 2018 Budget

Mr. John Campbell, Director of Management Services, provided a presentation which included: budget metrics; recurring budget assumptions; non-recurring budget assumptions; predicting new growth; chart depicting millage rate versus investment in projects; revenue assumptions; and the FY2018 budget calendar.

Mr. Campbell outlined the budget metrics. He stated there will be an estimated eight percent increase for insurance benefits costs, which is consistent with the last four years.

Mr. Campbell outlined the recurring budget versus actual expenditures from 2010 thru 2016, explaining that since 2010 both the recurring budget and actual expenditures have decreased by 34 percent. These savings have provided the District with the opportunities to fund more projects including cooperative funding projects which benefits the economy and the environment.

Mr. Campbell outlined the adopted millage rate versus investment in projects from FY2010 through FY2017, explaining that the District has reduced its millage rate over 45% in the last seven years

Mr. Campbell outlined revenue budget assumptions, which included: ad valorem; permits and license fees; interest received from investments; and state and trust fund appropriations.

Staff recommended the Board accept the general budget assumptions as outlined in the October 25, 2016 budget presentation for development of the District's preliminary FY2018 budget.

A motion was made and seconded to approve staff's recommendation. Motion carried unanimously. (Audio 01:49:17)

28. Fiscal Year 2017 Annual Audit Plan

Mr. Kurt Fritsch, Inspector General, stated that in accordance with District Governing Board Policies 140-1 and 140-3 and Sections 373.079(4) and 20.055, Florida Statutes, the inspector general is required to submit a proposed audit plan for review and approval by the Governing Board's Finance, Planning and Outreach Committee. Through approval of the plan, the Board directs the inspector general's functional activities and authorizes the inspector general to act. The plan also identifies the inspector general's annual production goals in accordance with Board Policy 710-2.

Mr. Fritsch reviewed the responsibilities associated with this Annual Audit Plan.

Staff recommended the Board approve the FY2017 Annual Audit Plan as presented in the exhibit.

A motion was made and seconded to approve staff's recommendation. Motion carried unanimously. (Audio 01:52:25)

29. 2016 Employee Evaluation for the Inspector General

Committee Chair Armstrong informed the Board that copies of the performance evaluation for the Inspector General were distributed for their approval.

It was noted that each Board member independently provided input on the inspector general's performance in anticipation of Governing Board approval of the annual employee evaluation;

the executive director provided input on the 2016 administrative performance of the inspector general; and with this input, the Governing Board treasurer drafted the inspector general's 2016 evaluation.

Staff recommended the Board approve the 2016 employee evaluation of Inspector General Kurt Fritsch.

A motion was made and seconded to approve staff's recommendation. Motion carried unanimously. (Audio 01:53:03)

Submit & File Reports

30. Self-Funded Health Insurance Plan

Routine Reports

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

31. Treasurer's Report and Payment Register

32. Monthly Financial Statement

33. Monthly Cash Balances by Fiscal Year

34. Comprehensive Plan Amendment and Related Reviews Report

Committee Chair Armstrong adjourned the meeting and relinquished the gavel to the Resource Management Committee Vice Chair Senft called the Committee meeting to order. (Audio 01:53:26)

Resource Management Committee

Discussion

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

Submit & File Reports

36. Proposed Minimum Flow for the Crystal River / Kings Bay System Prior to Independent Scientific Peer Review Update

Routine Reports

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

37. Minimum Flows and Levels Status Report

38. Significant Water Resource and Development Projects

Committee Vice Chair Senft adjourned the meeting and relinquished the gavel to the Regulation Committee Chair Senft who called the Committee meeting to order. (Audio 01:54:24)

Regulation Committee

Discussion

39. Consent Item(s) Moved for Discussion – None

40. Denials Referred to the Governing Board

District Rule 40D-1.6051, Florida Administrative Code, provides that if District staff intends to deny a permit application, the applicant will be advised of the opportunity to request referral to the Governing Board for final action.

Under these circumstances, if an applicant or petitioner requests their application or petition be referred to the Governing Board for final action, that application or petition will appear under this agenda item for consideration. As these items will be presented at the request of an outside party, specific information may not be available until just prior to the Governing Board meeting.

Submit & File Reports

41. Dover/Plant City Water Use Caution Area Flow Meter and Automatic Meter Reading (AMR) Equipment Implementation Program

Ms. Alba Más informed the Board that Regulation staff is now responsible for overview of this program.

Routine Reports

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

42. Overpumpage Report - October 2016

43. Individual Permits Issued by District Staff - October 2016

Committee Vice Chair Senft adjourned the meeting and relinquished the gavel. (Audio 01:55:16)

General Counsel's Report

Discussion

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

Ms. West, General Counsel, provided an update to the Board that the District was served with a complaint by Tony's Roasted Pepper for trespass, injunction against continuing trespass, inverse condemnation and a Bert Harris Private Property Rights action. Staff is currently reviewing and preparing a motion for dismissal.

Submit & File Reports - None

Routine Reports

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

50. October 2016-Rulemaking Update

51. October 2016-Litigation Report

Committee/Liaison Reports

52. Well Drillers Advisory Committee

A written report was provided to the Board Members from the October 12, 2016 meeting.

53. Environmental Advisory Committee

A written report was provided to the Board Members from the October 18, 2016 meeting.

54. Other Committee/Liaison Report

Executive Director's Report

55. Executive Director's Report

Mr. Brian Armstrong, Executive Director, introduced the new Assistant Executive Director, Amanda Rice. Ms. Rice is a professional engineer with over 20 years water resource experience. Ms. Rice was previously with Tampa Bay Water for 18 years.

Mr. Armstrong stated copies of his FY2016-17 goals have been provided to the Board. He outlined his goals as follows: implement and monitor the Strategic Plan; continue to pursue District process improvements, gain efficiency and ensure customer service; and develop and implement a longer-term vision that exemplifies our core values for future District leadership, business support and increased organization sustainability.

Chair's Report

56. Chair's Report

The November 13, December 15 and the January 24 Board meetings will be in the Tampa office.

57. Other

58. Employee Milestones

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

The meeting was recessed at 1:59 p.m.

Chair

Attest:

Secretary

