

APPROVED

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

GOVERNING BOARD SOUTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

TAMPA, FLORIDA

NOVEMBER 29, 2011

The Governing Board of the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) met for its regular meeting at 9:00 a.m. on November 29, 2011, at the District's Tampa Service Office. The following persons were present:

Board Members Present

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

Staff Members

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

Board's Administrative Support

LuAnne Stout, Administrative Coordinator
Linda De Jonge, Senior Administrative Assistant

Board Member(s) Absent – None

A list of others present who signed the attendance roster is filed in the permanent records of the District. This meeting was available for viewing through internet streaming. Approved minutes from previous meetings can be found on the District's Web site (www.WaterMatters.org).

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Call to Order

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

2. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

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

Public Hearing

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

Chair Senft stated that anyone wishing to address the Governing Board concerning any item listed on the agenda or any item that does not appear on the agenda should fill out and submit a speaker's card. To assure that all participants have an opportunity to speak, a member of the public may submit a speaker's card to comment on agenda items only during today's meeting. If the speaker wishes to address the Board on an issue not on today's agenda, a speaker's card may be submitted for comment during "Public Input." Chair Senft stated that comments would be limited to three minutes per speaker, and, when appropriate, exceptions to the three-minute

limit may be granted by the Chair. He also requested that several individuals wishing to speak on the same issue/topic designate a spokesperson.

3. **Additions/Deletions to Agenda**

Mr. Guillory said for the record that there are no amendments to today's agenda. (Track 1 – 00:00/04:50)

4. **Employee Recognition**

The following staff were recognized for their years of service:

| MILESTONE | EMPLOYEE NAME | TITLE | DEPARTMENT | OFFICE LOCATION |
|-----------|-----------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| 25 Years | Dave Thompson | Storage Architect | Information Resources | Brooksville |
| | Della Haberle | Administrative Supervisor | Operations | Brooksville |
| | Lenora Williams | Staff Systems Administrator | Information Resources | Tampa |
| | Rand Frahm | Southern District Planning Mgr | Planning | Brooksville |
| 20 Years | Cheri Stallings | Business Analyst | Information Resources | Tampa |
| | Gloria Riley | Staff Business Analyst | Information Resources | Tampa |

Chair Senft welcomed the District's new General Counsel Laura Jacobs Donaldson who was observing the meeting from the audience. (Track 1 – 04:50/28:50)

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

Ms. Eileen Hart, resident of Odessa who lives near the Cosme-Odessa wellfield, expressed her concerns for recharge to the surficial aquifer.

Ms. Elise Minkoff, resident of Gulfport, thanked the Board for their action last month and staff for working with her engineer. She voiced her concerns regarding confusion about the Rocky Creek Lake Enhancement Project.

Mr. Scott Taylor, resident of Odessa, also thanked the Board and staff, and stated his concerns about the Rocky Creek Lake Enhancement Project.

Mr. Paul Crowell, resident of Odessa, also stated his concerns regarding the Rocky Creek Lake Enhancement project and reducing water diversion and flow. He requested this project be removed from the consent agenda until (1) a public meeting is held, (2) the north Tampa Bay study is completed, and (3) the environmental resource permit is completed and available for public review.

Mr. Hammond said staff anticipates coming to the Board in January regarding the Rocky Creek Lake Enhancement Project and holding the public meeting in early January.

Mr. Barry Edwards, resident of St. Petersburg, expressed his concerns for the Rocky Creek Lake Enhancement project and use of the term "enhancement" when perhaps the better term is "replenishment."

Chair Senft confirmed that this project will not be on the December Board agenda. (Track 1 – 28:50/48:10)

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Gramling requested Item 7 be moved for discussion on the Regulation Committee agenda.

Regulation Committee

6. **Notices of Change for Rules 40D-1.659, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), Forms and Instructions, and 40D-4.331, F.A.C., Modification of Environmental Resource Permits**
Staff recommended to approve the proposed notices of change for amendments to Rules 40D-1.659 and 40D-4.331, F.A.C., as originally published in the Florida Administrative Weekly on October 14, 2011.
7. **Individual Water Use Permit No. 20009791.008 – Citrus County Water Resources - Sugarmill Woods – Citrus County** – This item was moved for discussion on the Regulation Committee agenda.

Resource Management Committee

8. **Initiation and Approval of Rulemaking to Amend Rule 40D-8.624, F.A.C., to Adopt Minimum and Guidance Levels for Lake Wimauma in Hillsborough County**
Staff recommended to initiate and approve rulemaking to amend Rule 40D-8.624, F.A.C., to delete the previously adopted guidance level and add new guidance and minimum levels for Lake Wimauma as shown in the exhibit included in the Board's meeting materials.
9. **Authorize Submission of Preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)**
 - a. **Marion County – Blichton, Cotton Plant 1, 2, and 3, Martel, and State Road 200 Watersheds**
Staff recommended to authorize staff to submit the preliminary FIRMs for the Blichton, Cotton Plant 1, 2, and 3, Martel, and SR 200 watersheds in Marion County to FEMA.
 - b. **Sarasota County – Island of Venice Watershed**
Staff recommended to authorize staff to submit the preliminary FIRMs for the Island of Venice watershed in Sarasota County to FEMA.
10. **Acceptance of Land Donation – Regional Observation and Monitor Well Program (ROMP), SWF Parcel No. 10-020-001**
Staff recommended to accept the donation.
11. **Conveyance of Land, Agreement and Expenditure of Board Designated-Funds for Clean-up – Starkey Wilderness Preserve, SWF Parcel No. 15-010-047**
Staff recommended to (1) accept the conveyance; (2) approve the agreement with the FDOT; and (3) approve the expenditure of encumbered funds for restoration, clean-up and improvements.
12. **RV Griffin Reserve Land Use and Management Plan Update, SWF Parcel No. 20-223-131X**
Staff recommended to approve the RV Griffin Reserve Land Use and Management Plan.
13. **Non-Exclusive License Agreement to Sabal Ridge Apartments LTD for an Outfall System – Tampa Bypass Canal Project, SWF Parcel No. 13-003-397X**
Staff recommended to (1) approve the no-cost non-exclusive license agreement with Sabal Ridge Apartments LTD for SWF Parcel 13-003-397X; and (2) authorize the Operations, Maintenance & Construction Division Director to execute the non-exclusive license agreement.
14. **Non-Exclusive License Agreement to Hillsborough County for Outfall System – Tampa Bypass Canal Project, SWF Parcel No. 13-003-398X**
Staff recommended to (1) approve the no-cost non-exclusive license agreement with Hillsborough County for SWF Parcel 13-003-398X; and (2) authorize the Operations, Maintenance & Construction Division Director to execute the non-exclusive license agreement.

15. **Non-Exclusive Temporary Utility Easement to Progress Energy for Overhead Electric Service to Sawgrass Lake Project, SWF Parcel No. 16-560-140X**
Staff recommended to approve the temporary utility easement to Progress Energy Florida Inc., across SWF Parcel No. 16-560-140X.
16. **Facilitating Agricultural Resource Management Systems (FARMS)**
 - a. **Charlotte 650, LLC (H649), Charlotte County**
Staff recommended to (1) approve the Charlotte 650, LLC project for a not-to-exceed reimbursement of \$151,000 with \$75,500 provided by the Peace River Basin and \$75,500 provided by the Governing Board; (2) authorize the transfer of \$75,500 from fund 020 H017 Peace River Basin FARMS funds, and \$75,500 from fund 010 H017 Governing Board FARMS funds to the H649 Charlotte 650, LLC project fund; and (3) authorize the Resource Management Division Director to execute the agreement.
 - b. **Maassen Blueberries (H651), DeSoto County**
Staff recommended to (1) approve the Maassen Blueberries project for a not-to-exceed project reimbursement of \$53,246 with \$26,623 provided by Peace River Basin and \$26,623 provided by the Governing Board; (2) authorize the transfer of \$26,623 from fund 020 H017 Peace River Basin FARMS funds and \$26,623 from fund 010 H017 Governing Board FARMS funds to the H651 Maassen Blueberries project fund; and (3) authorize the Resource Management Division Director to execute the agreement.
 - c. **Orange Co., LP – JWCD, Phases 2 & 3 (H606), DeSoto County**
Staff recommended to (1) approve the Orange-Co, LP – JWCD, Phases 2 and 3 project for a not-to-exceed project reimbursement of \$737,912, with \$368,956 provided by Peace River Basin and \$368,956 provided by the Governing Board; (2) authorize the transfer of \$368,956 from fund 020 H017 Peace River Basin FARMS funds and \$368,956 from fund 010 H017 Governing Board FARMS funds to the H606 Orange-Co, LP – JWCD, Phases 2 and 3 project fund; and (3) authorize the Resource Management Division Director to execute the agreement.
 - d. **Jones Potato Farm, Inc., Phases 2 & 3 (H640), Manatee County**
Staff recommended to (1) approve the Jones Potato Farm, Inc. – Phases 2 and 3 project for not-to-exceed limit of \$769,448. Of this amount, the Manasota Basin will be requested to fund \$49,390 and the Governing Board will be requested to fund \$720,058; (2) authorize the transfer of \$49,390 from fund 021 H017 Manasota Basin FARMS funds and \$720,058 from fund 010 H017 Governing Board FARMS funds to 010 H640, Jones Potato Farm project fund; and (3) authorize the Resource Management Division Director to execute the agreement.

Finance & Administration Committee

17. **Budget Transfer Report**
Staff recommended to approve the Budget Transfer Report covering all budget transfers for October 2011.
18. **Revise Board Policy 130-9, Fund Balance**
Staff recommended to approve the revisions to Board Policy 130-9, Fund Balance, to meet the Governor's directive.

Executive Director's Report

19. **Approve Governing Board Minutes – October 25, 2011 Monthly Meeting**
Staff recommended to approve the minutes as presented.

Following consideration, **Mr. Gramling moved, seconded by Ms. Closshey, to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.** (Track 1 – 48:10/48:19, Track 2 – 00:00/01:13)

Chair Senft relinquished the gavel to Regulation Committee Chair Beswick who called the Committee meeting to order. (Track 3 – 0:00/00:15)

REGULATION COMMITTEE

Item 7 was moved from the Consent Agenda for discussion on the Regulation Committee agenda.

Discussion Items

20. **Consent Item(s) Moved for Discussion** (Track 3 – 00:15/00:52)

7. **Individual Water Use Permit No. 20009791.008 – Citrus County Water Resources - Sugarmill Woods – Citrus County**

Mr. Bobby Lue, P.E., Director, Brooksville Regulation Department, said this is a modification of an existing water use permit for public supply in Citrus County and provided background information. Ms. Más and Mr. Lue addressed questions and concerns by the Board. Discussion ensued regarding requirement exceptions, overpumpage, compliance, monitoring reports, conservation plan, enforcement, per capita, and reclaimed water use. Mr. Tharp requested and was provided a copy of the brochure developed by Citrus County.

Mr. Gramling moved to delay action on this permit until the January Board meeting and request the permittee attend the meeting to show how it plans to meet the goals. Mr. Pressman seconded the motion. Mr. Pepper noted that, if no action is taken by December 7, the permit defaults which will issue the permit for amount applied for with only reasonable conditions. **Mr. Gramling withdrew his motion and Mr. Pressman withdrew his second.** (Track 3 – 00:52/37:15)

Discussion ensued regarding the permit and the permittee's commitment to conservation. Ms. Closshey requested a report on the status and review of per capita and conservation programs across the District, and what triggers the designation of a water use caution area. Ms. Más said staff will provide a report to the Board.

Mr. Gramling moved to delay action on this item until later in the meeting and the permittee be contacted about an extension to the January Board meeting. Mr. Pressman seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (Track 3 – 37:15/46:50)

21. **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.

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

Resource Regulation Committee Chair Beswick recessed the Committee meeting and relinquished the gavel to Outreach and Planning Committee Chair Adams who called the Committee meeting to order. (Track 3 – 46:50/47:15)

OUTREACH AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

Discussion Item

27. Fiscal Year 2013 Works, Initiatives, and Cooperative Funding Projects

Committee Chair Adams requested Board members to write down their comments and questions for the end of the presentations.

The meeting recessed for a five-minute break. (Track 4 – 00:00/01:10)

Ms. Lou Kavouras, Chief, Board & Executive Services Bureau, said today's presentation is for discussion of options to establish an administrative process by which the Governing Board will review, rank, select and fund Works, Initiatives and Cooperative Funding projects for Fiscal Year (FY) 2013 and beyond. The process will include how the Board will allocate remaining, unobligated basin funds toward Works, Initiatives and Cooperative Funding Projects; and how future funding will be allocated for regional projects and activities. Ms. Kavouras reviewed the Board's organizational and public participation options. (Track 4 – 01:10/14:12)

Mr. Fritsch discussed the schedule, structure, and public participation options available for reviewing and ranking requests; what could the subcommittees evaluate and what was evaluated in the past; staff's input for the future—how can staff best prioritize the projects, how projects were prioritized in the past, and how could the Board allocate resources to best achieve District objectives and how resources were allocated in the past.

Mr. Fritsch noted that this item is presented for Board discussion and no action is required; however, in December or January, the Board will be asked to select its preferred administrative process for the FY2013 funding cycle. (Track 4 – 14:12/23:20)

Discussion ensued regarding funds remaining in the basins, cooperative funding dollars, returning unused funds to taxpayers, demand reduction, reserves, and Board structure options.

Ms. Closshey moved to approve the subcommittee structure of four regions. Mr. Gramling seconded the motion.

Discussion ensued regarding basin allocations, former basin board member participation, following watershed or aquifer boundaries, regionalism, and county line boundaries.

Motion carried unanimously. (Track 4 – 23:20/54:46)

Mr. Gramling moved to adopt the staff recommendation on the schedule for reviewing and ranking requests. Mr. Combee seconded the motion.

Committee Chair Adams said there are several requests to speak and opened the floor to receive public input.

Mr. Stuart McElhany, Marion County Assistant County Administrator, read into the record a letter from the Marion County Board of County Commissioners which supports the direction the Governing Board is taking regarding cooperative funding projects.

Mr. Mark Simpson, representing Manatee County Utilities Department, said he was in attendance to support establishment of methodology to continue local input on cooperative funding project selection.

Mr. Mike Britt, City of Winter Haven Natural Resources Director, said that, to achieve the program's objectives, the focus may need to be on new partnering options and incentives with new developments to meet goals.

Ms. Theresa Connor, Sarasota County Environmental Services Executive Director, said the basin board partnership was very successful and requested that same process be mimicked in the future.

Ms. Becky Ayeach, Environmental Confederation of Southwest Florida, noted she is also a member of the District's Environmental Advisory Committee. She said she would like the Board to consider a past practice that has been used – two members from each advisory committee volunteered to participate in an ad hoc committee, the meetings were publicly noticed, members numerically ranked the projects, and then recommendation made to Governing Board. (Track 4 – 00:54:46/01:11:40)

Committee Chair Adams called for a vote on the motion to adopt the staff recommendation on the schedule for reviewing and ranking requests. Motion carried unanimously. (Track 4 – 01:11:40/01:13:20) Mr. Tharp requested staff to email the schedule and four-region boundary map to the Board.

Ms. Closshey moved to create an advisory committee for specific purpose of reviewing the cooperative projects as an input to the Board and allow all the advisory committees to provide input for the cooperative funding requests, as well as solicit direct input from the chambers and other interested parties, and still hold the regional public committee meetings for the public to attend as listed on the approved schedule. (Track 4 – 01:13:20/01:15:27) Mr. Gramling seconded the motion and then withdrew his second after consideration. Motion died for lack of a second.

Mr. Gramling moved that the District solicit input from chambers of commerce, advisory committees, former basin board members, regional planning councils, and any other identified interested groups; and the regional subcommittee meetings be held in February and April. Mr. Combee seconded the motion. (Track 4 – 01:15:27/01:17:05) Discussion ensued regarding public input, feedback, and the evolving process that can be amended to meet needs. **Motion carried unanimously.** (Track 4 – 01:17:05/01:20:20)

Discussion ensued regarding soliciting input, input versus membership, public noticing, and written guidelines for consistency for all regions.

Ms. Closshey moved that the Board accept the staff recommendation to have the subcommittees evaluate only cooperative funding items. Mr. Gramling seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. (Track 4 – 01:20:20/01:29:32)

Mr. Gramling asked staff for suggestions and recommendations or alternatives regarding the remaining basin funds.

Mr. Fritsch said that Mr. Hammond will be returning to the Board with guidelines. Ms. Closshey asked for an updated historical distribution of funds. (Track 4 – 01:29:32/01:36:40)

Submit & File Report

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

28. **Legislative Update**

Routine Reports

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

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

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

31. **Speakers Bureau**

32. **Significant Activities**

Mr. Chet Bradshaw, resident of Bushnell, voiced his concerns with the permit application to build a berm at S-353 Structure in Citrus County.

Outreach and Planning Committee Chair Adams adjourned the Committee meeting and relinquished the gavel to Resource Management Committee Chair Gramling. (Track 4 – 01:36:40/01:41:55) (Messrs. Adams and Pressman left the meeting.)

The meeting recessed at 12:30 p.m. to provide a lunch break and reconvened at 1:10 p.m.

Resource Management Committee Chair Gramling called the Committee meeting to order.

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Discussion Items

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

34. **Hydrologic Conditions Status Report**

Mr. Granville Kinsman, Manager, Hydrologic Data Section, said the District is now one month into the eight-month dry season (October through May) and rainfall totals during October were at the upper-end of the normal range in the northern region and above-normal in the central and southern regions. Rainfall amounts during the month were unusually high for October, regionally variable and associated with the interaction of complex weather systems that included unseasonably early cold fronts and warm tropical moisture from the Atlantic Ocean and Caribbean Sea. Rainfall during the four-month wet season (June through September), although normal in all regions, was insufficient to significantly improve hydrologic conditions in some areas, including the northern region. District-wide, the provisional 12-month rainfall deficit improved but was approximately 1.9 inches below the long-term historical average, while the 24-month and 36-month cumulative rainfall deficits improved but were 2.3 inches and 8.6 inches, respectively, below long-term averages. (Track 4 – 01:41:55/01:47:47)

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

Submit & File Reports

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

35. **Report from the Scientific Peer Review for Gum Slough Spring Run and Staff Response**
36. **Evaluation of District Lands for Potential Hunting Opportunities**
37. **Surplus Lands Assessment Update**

Routine Reports

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

38. **Minimum Flows and Levels**
39. **Structure Operations**
40. **Watershed Management Program and Federal Emergency Management Agency Map Modernization**
41. **Significant Water Supply and Resource Development Projects**

Resource Management Committee Chair Gramling adjourned the Committee meeting and relinquished the gavel to Finance and Administration Committee Chair Joerger who called the Committee meeting to order. (Track 4 – 01:47:47/01:48:33)

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Discussion Items

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

43. **Development of Preliminary Fiscal Year 2013 Budget**

Mr. Fritsch provided an overview of the issues affecting budget development and a list of the general budget assumptions that will be used to prepare the District's preliminary budget for FY2013. The Florida Legislature has requested the water management districts submit preliminary FY2013 budget information for the Legislature's ad valorem cap-setting exercise in December 2011, prior to the start of the 2012 legislative session. Prior to the start of the session, the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has requested, on behalf of the Legislature, the water management districts submit preliminary budgets for FY2013 using prescribed budget templates. The templates require estimates of revenues and expenditures by expenditure category and by program activity, and an explanation of new budget issues and reductions.

Mr. Fritsch provided the Board with a list of options for the preliminary budget submittal. Following consideration, **Mr. Beruff moved to approve Option 3 of the staff recommendation to submit budget for projects at FY2012 levels, and reduce other budget areas by 10 percent to indicate the Governing Board's intention to reduce expenditures, yet allowing some flexibility in developing the tentative FY2013 budget; and increase cooperative funding budget levels to allow the Governing Board flexibility to fund requests by utilizing reserves if warranted based on FY2013 funding requests and prior years' commitments. Mr. Tharp seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.** (Track 5 – 00:00/27:13)

Chair Senft welcomed Mr. Greg Munson, Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Deputy Secretary for Water Policy and Ecosystem Restoration, who was observing the meeting from the audience.

Submit & File Report

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

44. **November 2011 Report on Workforce and Vendor Diversity**

Routine Reports

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

45. **Treasurer's Report, Payment Register and Contingency Funds Report**
46. **Monthly Financial Statement**
47. **Management Services Significant Activities**

Finance and Administration Committee Chair Joerger adjourned the Committee meeting and relinquished the gavel to Chair Senft. (Track 5 – 27:13/27:45)

GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT

Regarding Item 7, Mr. Pepper said Citrus County has waived the time clock so there is no need to reconvene the Regulation Committee.

Discussion Items – None

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** (Track 5 – 27:45/29:35)

COMMITTEE/LIAISON REPORTS

It was noted that copies of reports were provided to each Board member.

50. **Governing Board Surplus Lands Subcommittee Meeting**

Mr. Joerger provided a highlight of each topic discussed during the Subcommittee meeting and noted the dates of upcoming public meetings. Chair Senft noted that he spoke at the meeting to address misinformation. (Track 5 – 29:35/34:43)

Ms. Deborah Burton, Citrus County Water Resources, arrived for discussion of Item 7 and briefly addressed the Board and answered questions. Chair Senft said that a formal presentation will be scheduled for the January Board meeting.

51. **Joint Meeting of All Advisory Committees**

Mr. Tharp noted that he was impressed with the participation by the committee members. Ms. Closshey said she agreed with Mr. Tharp and members were appreciative of the information provided by staff. At Chair Senft's request, Ms. Kavouras briefly explained the advisory committee concept for Mr. Munson's information.

52. **Other Liaison Reports** – None
(Track 5 – 34:43/41:50)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

53. Executive Director's Report

- Mr. Guillory thanked the Board for moving forward with the Cooperative Funding Initiative, and Ms. Kavouras and Mr. Fritsch for their presentations.
- Mr. Guillory provided an update on the request for proposals for information technology consulting services and said proposals should be received in the next few weeks.
- Mr. Guillory said the January Board meeting is scheduled for the Brooksville Board Room but it is not guaranteed that the room will be complete. He suggested the Board consider meeting in the Tampa office just in case Brooksville is not ready. **Mr. Joerger moved to hold the January meeting in the Tampa Service Office. Mr. Beruff seconded the motion.** Mr. Joerger said he feels the Tampa office is more centrally located for Board members. Ms. Closshey suggested comparing the number of speaker cards received in Tampa versus the other locations. Ms. Whitehead noted that it is the issues that determine whether more of the public attends. **The motion carried with Ms. Whitehead, Mr. Combee and Mr. Tharp voting in opposition.** (Track 5 – 41:50/45:00)
- Mr. Guillory noted that several Board members requested an executive summary of the Board's meeting materials. He said Ms. Kavouras will prepare a summary for the December notebook.
- Mr. Guillory said that, due to the District's reorganization, the Board's committee structure may need review to include another committee. He said a recommended committee structure will be presented for discussion in December.
- Mr. Guillory noted that the voluntary separation package has been offered to staff and is open until January 6, 2012. He said the organization chart has been distributed to staff this week and he will provide an update at the December meeting.
- Mr. Guillory said there has been discussion about mitigation banking and potential legislation. Chair Senft recommended a presentation at the January or February Board meeting. (Track 5 – 41:50/49:00)

CHAIR'S REPORT

54. Chair's Report

- a. Central Florida Water Initiative (CFWI)
 - Chair Senft said the Board has a copy of an article in the *Orlando Sentinel* about the CFWI and he provided clarifying information.
- b. Other
 - Chair Senft said the Board will meet in the Tampa office in January, the Brooksville office in February and the Sarasota office in March. He said the Board may want to consider possible future changes at the March meeting.
 - Chair Senft said the Peace River Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority has completed Phase 3A of the interconnect project and presented the District with a plaque at a ceremony on November 2. He noted that several Board members were in attendance. (Track 5 – 49:00/52:30)

Chair Senft recessed the public hearing and adjourned the meeting at 2:10 p.m. (Track 5 – 52:30/52:52)

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