

APPROVED

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

**HILLSBOROUGH RIVER BASIN BOARD
SOUTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

Tampa, Florida

October 7, 2010

The Hillsborough River Basin Board of the Southwest Florida Water Management District convened for a regular meeting at 1:30 p.m. on October 7, 2010, at the Tampa Service Office.

Board Members Present

Hugh Gramling, Chair
Renee Gilmore, Vice Chair
John Nicolette, Member

Board Member Absent

George Burt, Member

Recording Secretary

Dianna Brass

Staff Members Present

Lou Kavouras	Sid Flannery
Bruce Wirth	Manny Lopez
Eric DeHaven	Jeremy McKay
Mark Hammond	Marty Kelly
Mike Holtkamp	Micki Renner
Roy Mazur	Jennette Seachrist
Eric Sutton	
Anthony Andrade	<u>Via Videoconference</u>
Maya Burke	Beth Putnam
Cori Cuttler	

A list of others who attended and signed the attendance roster is filed in the permanent files of the Basin. Compact disks of the audio and copies of materials and handouts are also filed in the permanent files of the District.

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call**

Chair Hugh Gramling called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. Ms. Dianna Brass, Administrative Supervisor, Boards and Executive Services, called the roll and noted a quorum was present.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag**

Chair Gramling led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

3. **Additions and Deletions to the Agenda**

Ms. Lou Kavouras, Deputy Executive Director, Outreach, Planning, Board Services and Ombudsman, advised there were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

4. **Consent Items:**

a. **Minutes of the August 5, 2010, Basin Board Meeting**

Approve the August minutes as presented.

b. **Facilitating Agricultural Resource Management Systems – Circle G Farm and Ranch, LLC (H613), Hillsborough County**

- (1) Approve the Circle G Farm and Ranch, LLC, project for a not-to-exceed project reimbursement of \$141,000 with \$70,500 provided by the Hillsborough River Basin Board and \$70,500 provided by the Governing Board;
- (2) Authorize the transfer of \$70,500 from fund 013 H017 Hillsborough River Basin Board FARMS funds, and \$70,500 from fund 010 H017 Governing Board FARMS funds to H613, Circle G Farm and Ranch, LLC, project fund; and
- (3) Authorize the Executive Director to sign the agreement.

- c. **Veteran's Park Lease Agreement with Hillsborough County – Tampa Bypass Canal SWF Parcel No. 13-002-751X**
(1) Approve the Veteran's Memorial Park Lease Agreement with Hillsborough County for Parcel 13-002-751X; and
(2) Authorize the Land Resources Director to execute the lease agreement and any amendment thereto.
- d. **Lower Hillsborough River Minimum Flows Recovery Plan – Reconfirm Approval of Cooperative Funding Agreement with City of Tampa to Implement the Blue Sink Project (H400)**
Reconfirm the Board's earlier approval to enter into a cooperative agreement with the City of Tampa to implement the Blue Sink Project and authorize the Executive Director to sign the agreement.

Following consideration, **Mr. Nicolette moved, seconded by Ms. Gilmore, to approve Consent Items 4.a., b., c. and d. Motion carried unanimously.**

The order of consideration was altered at this time.

5. **Discussion Items:**

b. **Utility Outreach Program**

Mr. Anthony Andrade, Senior Water Conservation Analyst, Resource Projects Department, presented an overview of the District's Utility Outreach Program. The program was established to work proactively with the local water supply utilities to help ensure a sustainable water supply for the future through reduction of per capita water use and expanded use of reclaimed water and other alternative sources. Mr. Andrade discussed the program's benefits, its tools and processes, and the outreach regional teams that coordinate with the utilities. A Utility Reference Manual was developed which provides a description of key District programs, the benefits to utilities and how to obtain further information. A copy of the manual was provided to each Board member and is available for viewing on the District's website.

This item was provided for the Board's information; no action was required.

a. **River Tower Shoreline Restoration Project (W387)**

Ms. Jennette Seachrist, P.E., SWIM Program Manager, Resource Data and Restoration Department, provided Board members an updated recap of the River Tower Shoreline Restoration Project. Using PowerPoint slides, she gave a detailed overview of the history of this project with goals of shoreline stabilization, water quality improvement and habitat enhancement. Responding to questions from Board members, Ms. Seachrist said the property was purchased by the City of Tampa with Hillsborough County Environmental Lands Acquisition and Protection Program funds. The property is fenced but open to the public during daylight hours. The City of Tampa plans to add park amenities as part of the Hillsborough River Greenway plan. Ms. Seachrist continued her presentation by explaining the feasibility, design and permitting costs and the preliminary estimated increase in construction costs under the new alternative design. She stated that funding is available for the full design in the Board's fiscal year (FY) 2011 budget. Staff will request funding from the City of Tampa and the Florida Department of Transportation and pursue grant funds to assist with the additional construction costs; if funding cannot be obtained from those sources, the Board will be asked for funds in its FY2012 budget. For the record, the revised staff recommendation was read:

- (1) Approve expanding the scope of the project to increase the water quality treatment component of the project and recognize that the total project cost estimate will increase by \$1,000,000, from \$1,532,000 to approximately \$2,532,000;
- (2) Approve amending the consultant agreement to add funds in the amount of \$102,788 for final design and permitting of the River Tower Shoreline Restoration Project; and
- (3) Authorize the Executive Director to sign the amendment.

Following consideration, **Mr. Nicolette moved, seconded by Ms. Gilmore, to approve the staff recommendation as stated above. Motion carried unanimously.**
(10:00/22:00)

c. **Fiscal Year 2010 Accomplishments**

Ms. Maya Burke, Staff Planner, referred to the Hillsborough River Basin Board FY2010 Accomplishments brochure provided to Board members. With the aid of slides, she reviewed completed projects and those that achieved significant milestones during FY2010. Ms. Burke discussed how the projects relate to the District's strategic initiatives, the primary areas of responsibility, and the Basin Board's budget priorities.

Ms. Burke introduced Mr. Manny Lopez, Senior Environmental Scientist, Resource Projects Department, who provided a detailed overview of the completed Hillsborough River State Park Stormwater Improvement Project (W383), a cooperative funding initiative with the Department of Environmental Protection and Florida Park Service. Ms. Kimberlee Tennille, Park Manager, was in attendance and addressed comments from Board members. She thanked the Board for participating in this showcase project.

Ms. Burke continued her presentation by describing a series of field trips scheduled for November. A flier with the tour dates and a brief synopsis was provided. Ms. Kavouras encouraged all Basin Board members to attend any or all of the tours. She said details will be provided shortly and RSVPs will be requested by October 15. Ms. Kavouras advised that additional copies of the Basin's Accomplishments brochure are available for those who are interested.

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

At this time, Chair Gramling recognized Ms. Devon Higginbotham and thanked her for attending today's meeting. Ms. Higginbotham's reappointment to the Board is pending action from Tallahassee.

d. **2012-2016 Strategic Plan Update**

Mr. Roy Mazur, P.E., Planning Director, gave an overview of staff accomplishments on the Strategic Plan update process. The goals of the 2012 update include revising the Natural Systems and Water Quality strategic initiatives, updating and graphically enhancing the Strategic Planning Scorecard and composing the final Strategic Plan document. An Annual Report will also be created and it along with the Strategic Plan will meet the statutory requirement allowing their use in lieu of a District Water Management Plan. Mr. Mazur listed several influential events and emerging issues that staff is tracking and the potential for adjustments in the Plan going forward. The Strategic Plan is scheduled to be presented to the Governing Board for acceptance at its November meeting. The Scorecard will be finalized in November, and the Annual Report will be presented as part of the Consolidated Report in January. Chair Gramling stated the

Governing Board is placing a stronger reliance on the Strategic Plan and commended the Planning staff on its efforts.

e. **Annual Update of the Long-Range Water Supply and Water Resource Development Funding Plan**

Mr. Bruce Wirth, Deputy Executive Director, Resource Management and Development, provided an update on the Basin's Long-Range Water Supply and Water Resource Development Funding Plan. He noted the completion of large alternative water supply projects which the Basin helped fund. The economic downturn has resulted in significant declines in projected water demands over the next 20 years, and no new similar large-scale projects are anticipated. Using graphs and charts, he reviewed historical use, projected demand and permitted quantities for utilities within Tampa Bay Water's service area and for the City of Lakeland and Polk County through 2030.

Mr. Wirth discussed the Basin's long-range funding plan projects over the next 20 years and associated funding. He reviewed ongoing projects, potential future projects and removed projects with associated quantities, costs and schedules. He explained the Board's expenditures and revenues and provided the assumptions used in evaluating the ability of the Basin to meet expenditure projections for alternative water supply, conservation, cooperative funding, SWIM and Basin initiatives at reduced funding levels. He said that the Basin appears in good financial shape to meet its commitments and readjustments will be made if necessary. Mr. Wirth noted that discussion is expected on whether the Governing Board or possibly the Basin Boards will fund land management and use activities.

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

6. **Reports:**

a. **Hillsborough River Interlocal Planning Board Technical Advisory Committee**

Ms. Cori Cuttler, Community and Legislative Affairs Program Manager, reported that the Committee is interested in shoreline restoration. She noted that Ms. Jennette Seachrist provided a presentation on the subject at the Committee's August meeting. In September, Ms. Stephanie Powers, Environmental Scientist, SWIM Section, addressed the Committee and discussed completed, ongoing and planned projects on the river.

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

b. **Governing Board Activities**

Chair Gramling advised that at its September meeting the Governing Board adopted its budget and a reduced millage rate, engaged in discussion with Tampa Bay Water's chairman and general manager regarding the desalination facility settlement agreement, approved referral of individual water use permits to the Board for agency action as necessary, delayed action on the District's Water Shortage Plan amendments, and heard an update on the Dover/Plant City cold protection management plan. A Board workshop was also held, and Chair Gramling listed the variety of topics discussed.

Following questions from Board members, Chair Gramling elaborated on the TBW discussion. Mr. Nicolette requested information on the amount of groundwater pumping relative to other TBW sources.

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

7. **Announcements**

Ms. Kavouras reviewed announcements on the agenda. Fliers for the October 23 *Get Outside!* event at Potts Preserve in Citrus County were provided. More details for the upcoming November Basin tours will be emailed shortly, and staff will request RSVPs by October 15. The scheduled November 4 Basin Board Education Committee meeting is cancelled. The next Basin Board meeting is set for Thursday, December 2, 2010.

8. **Adjournment**

No further business was brought before the Board. **Mr. Nicolette moved, seconded by Ms. Gilmore, to adjourn the meeting.** Chair Gramling adjourned the meeting at 3:02 p.m.

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