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Minutes of the Meeting

MANASOTA BASIN BOARD

Southwest Florida Water Management District

Sarasota, Florida

April 15, 2009

The Manasota Basin Board of the Southwest Florida Water Management District convened for a regular meeting on April 15, 2009, at 9 a.m., in the Sarasota Service Office, Sarasota, Florida.

Board Members Present

Patricia M. Glass, Co-Chair Ex Officio
Frank E. Strelec, Vice Chair
J. Mac Carraway, Secretary
Paul J. "Jack" Bispham, Member
Michael P. McCoy, Member

Staff Present

Lou Kavouras
Eric DeHaven
Michael Molligan
Terri Behling
Rand Frahm
Jennette Seachrist

Bruce Wirth
Roy Mazur
Ross Morton
Dianne Davies
Jeremy McKay

Members Absent

Albert G. Joerger, Co-Chair Ex Officio
Elizabeth "Betsy" O. Benac, Member
Dora Maria C. Thomas, Member

Via Video Conference

Mark Hammond

Recording Secretary

Phyllis Young

A roster of other attendees is filed in the permanent files of the Basin. Compact disks of the audio and copies of the materials and handouts, as set forth in full herein, are also filed in the permanent files of the Basin.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Co-Chair Glass called the meeting to order at 9 a.m. Ms. Phyllis Young, Senior Administrative Assistant, Boards and Executive Services, called the roll and noted a quorum was present. (CD 1/ Track 1)

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Co-Chair Glass led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. (CD 1/Track 1)

3. Additions and Deletions to the Agenda

Ms. Lou Kavouras, Deputy Executive Director, Outreach, Planning, and Board Services, reported that Agenda Item 4, the Oath of Office, was deleted from the agenda since no appointments for this Basin Board had been forthcoming from the Governor's office. (CD 1/ Track 1)

4. Oath of Office for Newly Appointed/Re-Appointed Board Members

This item was deleted from the agenda, as stated above.

5. Basin Activities Report and Agenda Review

Ms. Dianne Davies, Basin Planner, reported that this agenda item will be added to each Basin Board agenda, providing an opportunity for the Basin Planner to give an overview of relevant items on the agenda, information items, and other topics of interest. Ms. Davies presented this informational item, explaining how the items relate to the Board's Strategic Budget Priorities, the Strategic Plan, or other Board concerns. (CD 1/Track 1:16:13)

6. Consent Items:

After consideration, **Mr. Carraway moved, seconded by Mr. Strelec, to approve the following Consent Items:**

- a. **Minutes of the February 11, 2009, Meeting** – Approve the February minutes, as presented.
- b. **Fiscal Year 2009 Budget Amendment Related to Reallocation of Revenue from Water Management Lands Trust Fund (WMLTF) for Surface Water Improvement and Management Projects**
 1. Approve Resolution No. 73, Resolution to Amend the Fiscal Year 2009 Budget, of the Manasota Basin by a decrease of \$1,645,844 from \$23,973,594 to \$22,327,750 to reflect the reallocation of revenue from the WMLTF.
 2. Authorize the Executive Director to approve and execute agreements to add the WMLTF revenue to the Coastal Basin Beach Road Implementation of Best Management Practices (BMPs) project (W617) for \$121,875; Sarasota Bay Water Quality Management Plan project (W622) for \$75,000; Little Sarasota Bay Water Quality Management Plan project (W621) for \$75,000; Sarasota Bay Habitat Restoration project (W616) for \$60,000; Charlotte Harbor Water Quality Monitoring project (W521) for \$4,781; and Biennial Seagrass Mapping of Tampa Bay, Sarasota Bay, and Charlotte Harbor project (W331) for \$17,500.
- c. **Facilitating Agricultural Resource Management Systems**
 - i. **WCB Properties, LLC, Manatee County – H576**
 1. Approve the WCB Properties, LLC, FARMS project for a not-to-exceed project reimbursement of \$3,000 provided from State Appropriations;
 2. Authorize the transfer of \$3,000 from the 2003 State Appropriations allocated to Fund 021 H017 FARMS funds, to the H576 WCB Properties, LLC, FARMS project fund;
 3. Authorize the Executive Director to sign the agreement.
 - ii. **Gemstone Grove, LLC, Manatee County – H577**
 1. Approve the Gemstone Grove, LLC, FARMS project for a not-to-exceed project reimbursement of \$12,740 provided from State Appropriations;
 2. Authorize the transfer of \$12,740 from the 2003 State Appropriations allocated to Fund 021 H017 FARMS funds, to the H577 Gemstone Grove, LLC, FARMS project fund;
 3. Authorize the Executive Director to sign the agreement.
 - iii. **Lakeshore Knolls, LLC, Manatee County – H578**
 1. Approve the Lakeshore Knolls, LLC, FARMS project for a not-to-exceed project reimbursement of \$6,492, with \$1,623 provided by the Manasota Basin Board, \$1,623 provided by the Governing Board, and \$3,246 provided from State Appropriations;
 2. Authorize the transfer of \$1,623 from Fund 021 H017 Manasota Basin Board FARMS funds; \$1,623 from Fund 010 H017 Governing Board FARMS funds; and \$3,246 from the 2005 State Appropriations allocated to Fund 021 H017 FARMS funds, to the H578 Lakeshore Knolls, LLC, FARMS project fund;
 3. Authorize the Executive Director to sign the agreement.
- d. **Charlotte County Fourth-Grade Field Trip Program – W513**
 1. Authorize the transfer of \$15,949 from W507, Peace River Watershed Education, and \$9,000 from W547, Water Quality in the Peace and Myakka Basins, Charlotte Harbor, and Lemon Bay, to W513, Charlotte County Fourth-Grade Field Trip Program.
 2. Authorize the Executive Director to approve and execute an agreement with Charlotte Harbor Environmental Center for the Charlotte County Fourth-Grade Field Trip Program (W513) for the 2009–2010 school year.

Motion carried unanimously. (CD 1/Track 2)

7. **Discussion Items:**

a. **Election of Officers and Committee Representatives**

Election results were the following:

Vice Chair: Frank Strelec

Secretary: Mac Carraway

Basin Board Land Resources Committee:

Primary Representative: Frank Strelec

Alternate: Mike McCoy

Basin Board Education Committee:

Primary Representative: Mac Carraway

Alternate: Betsy Benac

Sarasota Bay Estuary Program Policy Board

Representative: Jack Bispham (CD 1/Track 2:16:11)

b. **Water Shortage Actions and Drought Messaging**

Mr. Michael Molligan, Communications Director, reported on current hydrologic conditions and recent emergency and water shortage actions the District has taken in response to the severe rainfall deficit. He used graphics to depict how the severity of the drought has worsened over the past 36 months and spoke of concerted efforts throughout the District to find alternative water sources and reduce existing demand for water. Public service advertising is being used extensively to promote water conservation.

Mr. Carraway praised the Governing Board for its analysis of the drought conditions and economic impact of additional restrictions, for breaking down the decisions, and taking the time necessary to make appropriate decisions on water restrictions without favoring any area.

This item was presented for the Basin Board's information; no action was required. (CD1/ Track 3)

c. **Fiscal Year 2010 Budget Preparation**

Mr. Bruce Wirth, Deputy Executive Director, Resource Management Division, began the budget discussion with comments to orient Board members on their first look at a preliminary budget for fiscal year (FY) 2010. He emphasized the importance of the Board's direction on funding levels of the various budget categories, including prioritization of Cooperative Funding proposals and other Basin projects. First-time cooperative funding proposals, after staff review, were tentatively ranked as 1A, High, Medium, or Low priority. Mr. Wirth explained that the cooperative funding project ranking was preliminary and further stated that the budget was prepared assuming ad valorem revenue at 15 percent below FY2009, which is estimated for planning purposes.

During this presentation, Co-Chair Glass passed the gavel to Vice Chair Strelec and temporarily left the meeting.

Other topics of brief discussion during this presentation included alternate funding options, the Basin's contingency and reserve funds, whether the Board should fund "medium" ranked projects, and the Basin's millage rate.

Co-Chair Glass returned to the meeting and retrieved the gavel from Vice Chair Strelec.

Mr. With continued the budget discussion by briefly reviewing the preliminary budget and new Cooperative Funding projects. He reminded members that State funding is

unknown at this time, staff continues to assess the real needs of the cooperators, and the budget process is in the beginning stages. Questions on projects should be directed to the Project Manager, Ms. Davies, Ms. Kavouras, or him.

Mr. Todd Boyle, Survey Division Manager/County Surveyor for Manatee County, addressed the Board to provide information on Cooperative Funding Project N151, North American Vertical Datum of 1998 (NAVD88) Vertical Control Densification. Major emphasis of the project is to help Manatee County move from a Class 6 to a Class 5 Community System Rating with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

Mr. Charlie Hunsicker, Director of Natural Resources for Manatee County, gave a status report on permitting and funding for the Ware's Creek project, on which construction is scheduled to begin in 2010. No funding was requested in the Basin's 2010 budget.

In June, staff will provide an updated ad valorem revenue estimate to the Basin Board and present a revised budget, based on the Board's input and further investigation by staff. At the August meeting, the Basin Board will vote on a final FY2010 millage rate and budget for recommendation to the Governing Board.

After discussion of using part of the Basin's H100 Water Supply and Resource Development reserves in order to bring a balanced budget to the June meeting, Mr. Wirth stated that several scenarios for using various amounts of the \$5.2 million currently in the H100 account would be presented for the Board's consideration at the June meeting. In closing, he emphasized the importance of Board members providing direction to staff regarding this and all budget issues.

This item was presented for the Board's information; no formal action was required. However, Board members were encouraged to contact staff to answer questions on projects and to provide direction to staff on developing the Basin's tentative budget. (CD 1/Track 4)

d. **2011- 2015 Strategic Plan Update**

Mr. Roy Mazur, Planning Director, addressed the Board to provide a progress report on the latest update to the Strategic Plan (Plan), which is replacing the District Water Management Plan. He reviewed background of the Plan, goals for the 2011 update, and progress being made, emphasizing that the goal is not to re-write the Plan, but to fine-tune existing content. Mr. Mazur's presentation included an explanation of the three-tiered approach of staff involvement and an Annual Work Plan Report, which is statutorily required when a District Water Management Plan is replaced.

Updates to the Strategic Plan will be provided periodically to the Advisory Committees, Basin Boards, and Governing Board, with approval anticipated by the Governing Board in October 2009.

This item was presented for the Board's information. Although no formal action was required, Mr. Mazur stated that Board members' input is appreciated. (CD 1/Track 5)

8. **Reports:**

a. **Basin Board Education Committee/Basin Board Land Resources Committee Meeting**

Mr. Carraway gave highlights of the March 16, 2009, joint meeting of the Basin Board Education and Basin Board Land Resources committees, which was held at Polk's Nature Discovery Center in Lakeland. Major focus was conservation lands, recreational opportunities on District lands, and a public opinion poll of the public's knowledge of

those two topics. A full report of the meeting was included as an exhibit in the meeting notebook.

This item was presented for the Board's information; no action was required. (CD/Track 6)

b. **Governing Board Activities**

Board members had been provided a written report of the March 31 Governing Board meeting, which was held at District headquarters in Brooksville. Main topics of discussion were a land exchange with the Sunwest Acquisition Corporation, enactment of Phase IV water restrictions in the Tampa Bay area, and reclaimed water aquifer recharge.

This item was presented for the Board's information; no action was required. (CD 1/Track 6:13)

9. **Announcements**

- Ms. Kavouras brought members' attention to announcements listed on the agenda.
- Additionally, she reported a dedication cutting ceremony on May 15 at the Peace River Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority facility in Arcadia.

10. **Adjournment** – When there was no further business to come before the Board, Co-Chair Glass thanked everyone for attending and adjourned the meeting at 11:27 a.m.

******INFORMATION ITEMS******

The items listed below were for the Board's information, intended to keep the Board apprised of completed projects, cancelled projects, and projects that have executed contracts and are ready to begin. These items did not require Board action.

1. City of Bradenton - Palmetto Reuse Interconnect Project (N087) – Withdrawal Notice
2. City of Bradenton – Manatee Agricultural Reuse Supply Interconnection Project (N088) – Withdrawal Notice
3. Optimizing Irrigation for Shade Tree Production (B265)
4. City of North Port Myakkahatchee Creek Water Treatment Facility RBF/RO Reliability Project (N082) – Execution Notice
5. City of North Port Reuse Storage Tank and Pump Station Project (N084) – Execution Notice
6. Tampa Bay Estuary Program Non-Federal Funding for Federal Fiscal Year 2009 Annual Work Plan (W027) – Execution Notice
7. City of Anna Maria - Implementation of BMPs Project (W226) – Execution Notice
8. Information Item – Charlotte Harbor National Estuary Program Fiscal Year 2009 Work Plan (W526) – Execution Notice

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