

# Approved

## Minutes of the Meeting

### MANASOTA BASIN BOARD

Southwest Florida Water Management District

Sarasota, Florida

July 25, 2007

The Manasota Basin Board of the Southwest Florida Water Management District convened for a regular meeting on July 25, 2007, at 1:03 p.m. in the Sarasota Service Office, Sarasota, Florida.

#### **Board Members Present**

Patricia M. Glass, Co-Chair Ex Officio  
Thomas G. Dabney, Co-Chair Ex Officio  
Elizabeth "Betsy" O. Benac, Vice Chair  
Richard H. Meyers, Member  
J. Mac Carraway, Secretary  
Frank E. Strelec, Member  
Paul J. "Jack" Bispham

#### **Member Absent:**

Dora Maria C. Thomas

#### **Governing Board Member Present**

Sallie Parks

#### **Staff Members Present**

Bruce Wirth	Lou Kavouras
Gregg Jones	Eric DeHaven
Cathy Linsbeck	Mark Hammond
Don Ellison	Anthony Andrade
Beth Putnam	Terri Behling
Dianne Davies	

#### **Recording Secretary**

Phyllis Young

A list of others who were present and signed the attendance roster 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 1:03 p.m. and called the roll. Deputy Executive Director Lou Kavouras, Outreach, Planning, and Board Services, 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. Kavouras stated there were no additions or deletions to the agenda. (CD 1/Track 1)

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

Ms. Young administered the Oath of Office to reappointed Board Members Betsy Benac and Mac Carraway and to newly appointed Board Member Jack Bispham. (CD 1/Track 1)

#### 5. **Consent Items:**

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

- a. **April 11, 2007, Meeting Minutes** - Approve the April minutes, as published in the meeting notebook.
- b. **Annual Calendar of Meeting Dates** - Approve the Fiscal Year 2008 Basin Board meeting schedule, as presented in the Summary Agenda.
- c.. **Revised Operating Agreement between the District and the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services for the Facilitating Agricultural Resource**

**Management Systems Program and Revisions to District Procedure** - Recommend the Governing Board approve and authorize the Executive Director to sign the revised District/FDACS/FARMS Operating Agreement, Procedure 13-9, and the Funding Contract.

- d. **Appraisals and Purchase/Sale Agreement, Myakka Prairie Project** - Recommend the Governing Board accept the appraisal, approve the Purchase/Sale Agreement, accept the terms of the cooperative agreement for the Farm and Ranch Land Protection Program between the District and the Commodity Credit Corporation working through the Natural Resources Conservation Service, and designate SWF Parcel No. 21-199-109C as having been acquired for conservation purposes.
- e. **Robinson Preserve Environmental Restoration**  
Recommend the Board approve the transfer of \$1.5 million, of which \$750,000 is from the Basin Board's Terra Ceia Isles Habitat Restoration (W348), to Robinson Preserve Environmental Restoration (W393).
- f. **Board Encumbrances:**
  - i. **Facilitating Agricultural Resource Management Systems (FARMS) Program** - Approve the encumbrance of up to \$678,501, or the remaining dollars available, from the FY2007 budget minus the \$75,000 FDACS reimbursable funds that are no longer available, for future year FARMS projects.
  - ii. **FARMS Well Back Plugging Program**  
Approve the encumbrance of up to \$18,000, or the remaining dollars available, from the FY2007 Well Back Plugging Program budget for future well back plugging projects.
  - iii. **Design and Permitting of the Terra Ceia Boat Ramp, Tampa Bay Estuarine Ecosystem Project** - Recommend Governing Board approval to encumber \$75,000 for the design and permitting of the Terra Ceia Boat Ramp, SWF Parcel No. 21-728-126X.
  - iv. **Peace River/Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority Integrated Regional Loop System - Phase 2** - Approve the encumbrance of \$547,500, without a contract, for the Peace River/Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority Integrated Regional Loop System Phase 2 (H051).
  - v. **Peace River/Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority Integrated Regional Loop System - Phase 3** - Approve the encumbrance of \$492,750, without a contract, for the Peace River/Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority Integrated Regional Loop System Phase 3 (H052).
  - vi. **Lake Hancock Lake Level Modification Project** - Approve the encumbrance of \$600,000, of which \$37,500 is from the Manasota Basin Board, without a contract, to be used in FY2008 for implementation of the Lake Hancock Lake Level Modification Project.

Motion carried unanimously. (CD 1/Track 1)

6. Discussion Items:

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

Election results were as follows:

Frank Strelec, Vice Chair

Mac Carraway, Secretary

Basin Board Land Resources Committee:  
Frank Strelec, primary representative  
Dora Thomas, alternate

Basin Board Education Committee:  
Mac Carraway, primary representative  
Betsy Benac, alternate

Sarasota Bay Estuary Program Policy Board:  
Jack Bispham (CD 1/Track 2)

b. **Agreement and Transfer of Funds to Conduct the Peace River/Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority Regional Resource Development Feasibility Study (H063)**

At the pleasure of the Board and since a comprehensive write-up of this project was included in the Summary Agenda, Gregg Jones, Resource Conservation and Development Director, did not give the presentation he had prepared. The Board had no questions regarding the project.

After consideration, **Mr. Carraway moved, seconded by Mr. Strelec, to approve the staff recommendation, as follows:**

1. **Approve the transfer of \$91,250 from the Manasota Basin's Water Supply and Resource Development Reserves to the Peace River/Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority Regional Resource Development Feasibility Study (H063);**
2. **Approve entering into an Agreement with the Peace River/Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority for \$2,500,000, with the District's share not to exceed \$1,250,000 (\$625,000 from the Governing Board; \$456,250 from the Manasota Basin Board; and \$168,750 from the Peace River Basin Board); and**
3. **Authorize the Executive Director to sign the agreement.**

**Motion carried unanimously. (CD 1/Track 3)**

c. **City of North Port Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR) Project - Phase V (K120)**

A comprehensive write-up of this project was included in the Summary Agenda. At the pleasure of the Board, Mr. Jones did not give the presentation he had prepared; however, there was a period of discussion on arsenic levels and treating water for injection into ASR wells.

After consideration, **Mr. Strelec moved, seconded by Mr. Carraway, to recommend the Governing Board approve the agreement with the City of North Port for \$619,000, with the Manasota Basin Board's share not to exceed \$309,500, and authorize the Executive Director to sign the agreement.**

**Motion carried unanimously. (CD 1/Track 3)**

d. **Fiscal Year 2008 Budget Discussion and Approval of Final Millage Rate and Budget for Governing Board Approval**

In response to discussions during the April 11 Basin Board meeting, the following reports were provided to the Board prior to the budget presentation:

- An update and status of Aquifer Storage and Recovery projects and activities was provided by Don Ellison, Senior Professional Geologist/Engineer in the Resource Conservation and Development Department. (CD 1/Track 4)
- An update and preliminary results of the *Water Reuse Study of Reclaimed Water and Surface Water Quality* was presented by Senior Water Conservation Analyst Anthony Andrade, who is also in the Resource Conservation and Development Department. The Board requested copies of the final study results when available. (CD 1/Track 5)

- An update of Peace River/Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority (Authority) activities was given by the Authority's Water Resource Planner Susan Hochuli. At the Board's request, a wall in the Sarasota Service Office Board Room will be designated for maps, drawings, graphs, etc., to track progress of Authority projects. Sarasota County Commissioner and Chair of the Authority Board Shannon Staub was in the audience. (CD 1/Track 6)
- Charlie Hunsicker, Conservation Lands Management Director for Manatee County, provided an update on the Wares Creek Project. (CD 1/Track 7)

Deputy Executive Director Bruce Wirth, Division of Resource Management and Development, thanked the Board for attending this unscheduled meeting, which was necessary due to a change regarding the timeframe approved budgets must be in Tallahassee. Mr. Wirth reported on the outcome of recent tax reform legislation, House Bill (HB) 1B, which was signed into law June 21, 2007, and which provides maximum millage rates for local governments and independent special districts, including water management districts, for fiscal year (FY) 2008 and future years. Ad valorem revenue for FY2008 will be equal to prior year revenue (FY2007) adjusted for new construction, additions and deletions, then reduced by three percent. Consistent with HB 1B, the Manasota Basin millage rate for FY2008 was set at 0.1484. Mr. Wirth also explained several millage override provisions included in HB 1B that were not considered by the Board.

In answer to a concern expressed at the April meeting, Mr. Wirth assured the Board that staff is diligent in reviewing projects to ensure only funds necessary for the projects for the current year are included in the budget. Also at the request of the Board, a comparison of the allocation of funds for the current budget year and two years prior was added to the Budget Progress Report.

Mr. Wirth further reported that all FY2008 Cooperative Funding project proposals being considered were included in the budget. Projects not recommended for funding were tentatively removed from the budget, but were shown in the Budget Comparison Report. He highlighted the various elements of the budget and explained changes made to the current projects list considering the new millage rate. Detailed information for all Cooperative Funding proposals submitted for consideration was included in the Projects section of the meeting notebook.

Board Member Mac Carraway recused himself from voting on Project L874, Aqua Utilities Reuse Transmission – Eastern Lakewood Ranch.

City of North Port Stormwater Manager Elizabeth Wong addressed the Board to provide an update of the Big Slough project and ask the Board to reconsider funding the project in FY2008 so implementation of the best management practices could go forward.

Ms. Kavouras read the three-part staff recommendation, as follows:

1. Approve and adopt the final required millage rate of 0.1484 for FY2008.
2. Approve and adopt the final FY2008 budget for Governing Board approval.
3. Approve Resolution No. 70 -- Resolution Affirming the Required FY2008 Final Millage Rate and Budget for Governing Board approval.

After consideration, **Mr. Meyers moved, seconded by Mr. Bispham, to approve the staff recommendation with Project L874, Aqua Utilities Reuse Transmission – Eastern Lakewood Ranch, being removed from consideration at this time. Motion carried unanimously.**

After consideration, **Mr. Strelec moved, seconded by Mr. Bispham, to approve the inclusion of Project L874, Aqua Utilities Reuse Transmission – Eastern Lakewood**

**Ranch, in the recommended budget to the Governing Board. Motion carried with Mr. Carraway abstaining. (CD 1/Track 8)**

7. **Announcements:**

Ms. Kavouras reminded members of the announcements listed in the agenda and mentioned the following additional announcements:

- A Strategic Planning Workshop for the Governing and Basin Boards is planned for September 11, 2007, in Tampa.
- The Springs Conference scheduled for October 10-12, 2007, has been cancelled. (CD 1/Track 8)

8. **Adjournment:**

Co-Chair Glass thanked everyone for attending and adjourned the meeting at 3:03 p.m. (CD 1/Track 8)

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**\*\*\*Information Items\*\*\***

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The item(s) 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. The item(s) did not require Board action.

1. Mote Marine Aquaculture Park Water Reduction Technologies Project (L519) -Completion Report
2. Evaluating the Potential for Aquifer Storage and Recovery Operation in the Avon Park Formation (B242) - Execution Notice
3. Implementation of Best Management Practices for Alligator Creek (L615) - Execution Notice
4. Implementation of Best Management Practices for Hatchett Creek - Eastgate (L623) - Execution Notice
5. Implementation of Best Management Practices for Hatchett Creek – Venice Avenue (L624) - Execution Notice
6. Implementation of Best Management Practices for Hudson Bayou - South Pelican Drive (L613) - Execution Notice
7. Implementation of Best Management Practices for Matheny Creek - Siesta Heights (L614) - Execution Notice
8. City of Bradenton Reservoir Expansion (H059) - Execution Notice
9. County Parcel Data Acquisition (B530) – Execution Notice
10. Crop Coefficients and Water Use for Peppers in Southwest Florida (B238) – Execution Notice
11. City of North Port Reuse Master Plan Project (L629) - Execution Notice
12. Punta Gorda Shell Creek Water Treatment Plant Expansion to 10 Million Gallons per Day (H060) - Execution Notice