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## Minutes of the Meeting

### MANASOTA BASIN BOARD

Southwest Florida Water Management District

Sarasota, Florida

August 12, 2009

The Manasota Basin Board of the Southwest Florida Water Management District convened for a regular meeting on August 12, 2009, at 9:04 a.m., in the Sarasota Service Office, Sarasota, Florida.

#### Board Members Present

Carlos M. Beruff, Co-Chair  
Frank E. Strelec, Vice Chair  
J. Mac Carraway, Secretary  
Elizabeth "Betsy" O. Benac, Member  
Paul J. "Jack" Bispham, Member

#### Staff Present

Lou Kavouras  
Mark Hammond  
Anthony Andrade  
Randy Emberg  
Bruce Wirth  
Eric Sutton  
Terri Behling  
Jennette Seachrist

#### Board Members Absent

Albert G. Joerger, Co-Chair  
Michael P. McCoy, Member

#### Via Video Conference

Linda Pilcher  
Rand Frahm  
Beth Putnam  
Cathy Linsbeck

#### 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 Carlos Beruff, newly appointed Governing Board member, called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m., thanked everyone for attending, and passed the gavel to Vice Chair Strelec. 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

Vice Chair Strelec 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 7e, Number ii, was deleted from the agenda. (CD 1/Track 1)

#### 4. Ceremony to Honor Former Manasota Basin Board Co-Chair Pat Glass

Basin Board Member Betsy Benac began by stating how sad it is to see Ms. Glass leave the Governing and Basin Boards and praised Ms. Glass for her dedication to the Basin and involvement with issues important to the area. She presented a plaque to Ms. Glass and highlighted projects the Board approved during her tenure. She particularly noted Ms. Glass's passion for the District's mission and emphasized that Ms. Glass had made a difference during her time on the Governing Board and on the vast number of other Boards and Commissions on which she has served. In turn, Ms. Glass thanked the Board and citizens of the region for allowing her to serve, adding it had been an honor to work with Board members and staff. She spoke briefly of the Manatee Agricultural Reuse System (MARS) project, the Foundation for Sarasota Bay, and of former Governing Board Member Ed Chance who, she said, had inspired her. (CD 1/Track 1/15:48)

At this time, Vice Chair Strelec recognized Commissioner Jim Blucher and Commissioner Tom Jones, City of North Port, and Manatee County Commissioner Larry Bustle who were in attendance.

5. **Oath of Office for Newly Appointed/Re-appointed Board Members**

Ms. Young administered the Oath of Office to reappointed Board Members Jack Bispham and Frank Strelec. (CD 1/Track 1/15:57)

6. **Basin Activities Report and Agenda Review**

Mr. Rand Frahm, Southern District Planning Manager, presented this item for Ms. Dianne Davies, Basin Planner, who could not attend today's meeting. He reminded the Board that this item will be part of 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.

His report included the following:

- The "Get Outside!" campaign is scheduled to begin September 26, 2009, in conjunction with National Public Lands Day;
- Local airports are providing signage space in their facilities, free of charge, when ad space is not sold; and
- An update to the Strategic Plan is underway. The latest draft was provided to Board members for review; input is due to the Planning Department by the end of the month.

With regard to the Basin's Strategic Budget Priorities that were established at the Board's planning workshop in October 2008, Mr. Frahm stated those priorities have served the Board well, and staff believes the Basin Board's issues and concerns have not changed substantially from the previous year. Therefore, staff is recommending the Board reaffirm these Strategic Budget Priorities for fiscal year (FY) 2011:

- alternative water source research, planning, and development;
- water conservation programs, initiatives, and projects;
- regional approach to water resource sustainability, both within and across District boundaries;
- balance Basin funding with needs of the Basin; and
- public and youth education programs and initiatives.

After consideration, **Mr. Carraway moved, seconded by Ms. Benac, to re-affirm the current Basin strategic budget priorities for FY2010-FY2011. Motion carried unanimously.** (CD 1/Track 15:59)

7. **Consent Items:**

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

a. **Minutes of the June 10, 2009, Meeting**

**Approve the June 2009 minutes, as presented.**

b. **Appraisals and Purchase/Sale Agreement – Myakka Prairie Project, SWF Parcel No. 21-199-110C**

**Recommend the Governing Board: accept the appraisals; approve resolution requesting funds; approve the Purchase/Sale Agreement; and designate SWF Parcel No. 21-199-110C as being acquired for conservation purposes.**

- c. **Stewart Middle School Shoreline Restoration**  
 Authorize a budget transfer of \$25,000 from Tampa Bay Habitat Restoration (W312) project and \$50,000 from the Tampa Bay SWIM Plan Implementation (W020) project to the Stewart Middle School Shoreline Restoration Project (W399) to support the expanded construction and restoration area.
  
- d. **Budget Transfer of Water Protection and Sustainability Program Trust Funds for the Bridges Stormwater Reuse**  
 Approve the transfer of \$43,541 in WPSTF from the withdrawn Bridges-Stormwater Reuse project (N105) to the ongoing City of Bradenton Reservoir Expansion (H059) pending approval of Resolution No. 09-15 at the August 25, 2009, Governing Board meeting.
  
- e. **Board Encumbrances:**
  - i. **Lake Hancock Lake Level Modification Project**  
 Approve the encumbrance of \$500,000 (of which \$250,000 is from the General Fund; \$62,500 is from the Alafia River Basin Board; \$125,000 is from the Peace River Basin Board; and \$62,500 is from the Manasota Basin Board), without a contract, to be used in FY2010 for implementation of the Lake Hancock Lake Level Modification Project.
  
  - ii. **Upper Peace River Resource Development** – This item was deleted from the agenda.
  
  - iii. **Facilitating Agricultural Resource Management Systems (FARMS) Program**  
 Approve the encumbrance of up to \$350,000, or the remaining dollars available, from the FY2009 budget to be used for future years FARMS projects.
  
- f. **FARMS 4 Star Tomato, Inc. – Long Creek Farm**
  - 1. Approve the 4 Star Tomato, Inc.–Long Creek Farm Project for a not-to-exceed project reimbursement of \$187,500 with \$32,140 provided by the Manasota Basin Board, \$32,139 provided by the Governing Board, and \$123,221 provided from 2003 and 2005 State Appropriations to the Manasota Basin Board;
  - 2. Authorize the transfer of \$32,140 from Fund 021 H017 Manasota Basin Board FARMS funds; \$32,139 from Fund 010 H017 Governing Board FARMS funds; \$58,492 from Fund 021 2003 State Appropriations; and \$64,279 from Fund 021 2005 State Appropriations to 010 H583 4 Star Tomato, Inc.–Long Creek Farm project fund and 021 H583 4 Star Tomato, Inc.–Long Creek Farm, project fund;
  - 3. Authorize the Executive Director to sign the agreement.
  
- g. **Fiscal Year 2010 Calendar of Meeting Dates**  
 Approve the FY2010 Basin Board meeting schedule, as follows:

Date	Time	Location
*Wednesday, October 21, 2009, Joint Meeting & Workshop for the Manasota and Peace River Basin Boards	9 a.m.	Turner Agri-Civic Center, Arcadia
*Tuesday, December 15, 2009, Joint Governing/Basin Boards Workshop	9 a.m.	TECO Center at Nature's Classroom
Wednesday, February 10, 2010	9 a.m.	Sarasota Service Office
Wednesday, April 14, 2010	9 a.m.	Sarasota Service Office
Wednesday, June 16, 2010	9 a.m.	Sarasota Service Office
Wednesday, August 11, 2010	9 a.m.	Sarasota Service Office

**Motion carried unanimously.** (CD 1/Track 2/14:56)

8. **Discussion Items:**

a. **Results of the WaterReuse Foundation Study of Reclaimed, Surface, and Groundwater Quality**

Mr. Anthony Andrade, Senior Water Conservation Analyst in the Conservation Projects Section, presented results of this study, which was funded by the Governing Board in 2003 in response to a request from the Manasota Basin Board to investigate ways to expand reclaimed water use within the Basin. He listed project participants and project team members—seven internationally renowned members. Focus of the study was pathogens, pharmaceuticals, personal care projects, and other microconstituents. Mr. Andrade reviewed the main findings and specific implications. Results published in May 2009 indicate that reclaimed, surface, and groundwaters are more similar than dissimilar with regard to microconstituents. Surprising results were that DEET (an insect repellent), caffeine, Triclosan (found in antibacterial soap and toothpaste), and Halocedric acids (a disinfection by-product) were found in all water types.

Mr. Mark Simpson, Water Division Manager for Manatee County Utilities Department, addressed the Board to express concerns with conclusions that it is safe to put reuse water in the watershed, since the EPA is still determining risks. The Manatee County Commission goal is to keep the watershed as pure as possible.

**Ms. Benac moved, seconded by Mr. Carraway, that the Board send a letter to the Chair of the Manatee County Commission asking to put this issue on an agenda for discussion. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Charlie Hunsicker, Director of the Department of Natural Resources for Manatee County, conveyed that participation does not imply consent. He stated that the study is ongoing and that the Evers and Lake Manatee watersheds in Manatee County are uniquely different, if by anything, by the nature of their development patterns. Public meetings on this issue will most likely be held in the City of Bradenton, also. (CD 1/Track 3/14:56)

b. **Fiscal Year 2010 Budget Discussion and Approval of Final Millage Rate and Budget**

Mr. Bruce Wirth, Deputy Executive Director, Resource Management Division, gave a brief synopsis of the budget process and stated that the Basin's proposed budget for FY2010 has been updated to reflect ad valorem revenue based on the proposed millage rate adopted by the Basin Board in June and the 2009 Certifications of Taxable Value received from the county property appraisers. He further stated that staff have worked with cooperators to project cash flow for the coming year and were able to make changes to anticipated revenues and balances making approximately \$2 million more available for the FY2010 budget than anticipated in June. Therefore, no transfer of funds from the Basin's H100 Water Supply and Resource Development reserves would be necessary to balance the budget. Mr. Wirth continued by noting significant changes to the June preliminary budget that would allow all projects through those ranked "Medium" to be funded.

Mr. Wirth stressed that moving forward the Board will need to "keep an eye" on regional projects and may be asked to consider requests for out-of-cycle funding.

Board members asked questions and participated in discussion of topics including the Braden River Utilities project, future funding for Save Our Rivers, and the Myakka River Watershed Initiative.

Commissioner Blucher addressed the Board to thank the Board for its continued support for the Myakkahatchee Creek Water Treatment Plant Reliability Project. He briefly reported on the City of North Port's natural linear reservoir, which is a new source of water for the City.

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

1. Approve and adopt the required final millage rate of 0.1484 mill for FY2010.
2. Approve and adopt the final FY2010 budget.
3. Approve Resolution No. 75—Resolution Affirming the Required Final Millage Rate and Budget for Fiscal Year 2010.

After consideration, **Ms. Benac moved, seconded by Mr. Carraway, to approve the staff recommendation as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

Ms. Benac, Mr. Carraway, and Mr. Strelec each thanked staff and expressed appreciation for their extraordinary work on the budget and for coordination with cooperators. (CD 1/Track 4 & Track 5)

9. **Reports:**

a. **Basin Board Education Committee (BBEC)**

Mr. Carraway, the Board's primary representative on the BBEC, directed members to a report on the July 7 meeting, which was included as an exhibit in the meeting notebook. He briefly mentioned the restaurant outreach program, which is celebrating its first year anniversary; conservation signage, which is being displayed in area airports; the Florida Water Star<sup>SM</sup> program; and media messaging. (CD 1/Track 6))

b. **Basin Board Land Resources Committee BBLRC**

Mr. Eric Sutton, Land Resources Director, also directed members to a report of the July 13 BBLRC meeting, which was provided as an exhibit in the meeting notebook. He briefly commented on several topics of discussion at the meeting including multiple-use management of District properties and possible opportunities to generate revenue, a summary of the Land Use Stakeholders Discussion Group Meeting held on June 4, and the funding status of Florida Forever and the Water Management Lands Trust Fund. (CD 1/Track 6/15:02)

c. **Governing Board Activities**

Board members were provided highlights of the July 28 Governing Board meeting, which was held in the Polk County Administration Building, Bartow. (CD 1/Track 7)

10. **Announcements**

Ms. Kavouras brought members' attention to announcements listed on the agenda. (CD 1/Track 7/14:56)

11. **Adjournment**

When there was no further business to come before the Board, Vice Chair Strelec adjourned the meeting at 10:28 a.m. (CD 1/Track 7/14:58)

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\*\*\*\***INFORMATION ITEMS**\*\*\*\*

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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. FARMS – Clay Gully Tree Farm L.L.P. (H536), Manatee County – Cancellation Notice
2. Sarasota County – GIS Dataset Development (L867) – Completion Notice
3. Watershed Management Program Consulting Services in the Braden River Watershed (B074) – Execution Notice
4. Sarasota County Watershed Monitoring Program (L015) - Execution Notice
5. Development of Landscape Fertilizer Best Management Practices – Phase 1 (N013) - Execution Notice
6. Pelican Cove Stormwater Project (W620) - Execution Notice

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