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Minutes of the Meeting

NORTHWEST HILLSBOROUGH BASIN BOARD
Southwest Florida Water Management District

Tampa Service Office

June 7, 2007

The Northwest Hillsborough Basin Board of the Southwest Florida Water Management District convened for a regular meeting at 1:37 p.m., June 7, 2007, at Tampa Service Office.

Board Members Present

Maritza Rovira-Forino, Chair Ex Officio
Joseph W. J. Robinson, Vice Chair
Devon Higginbotham, Member
Susan Welsh, Member

Absent Member(s)

Frank "Lester" Adams, Member
Mercy DiMaio, Secretary

Recording Secretary

M. Frances Sesler

Staff Members

Lou Kavouras
Bruce C. Wirth
Eric DeHaven
Mark Hammond
Gregg Jones
Rand Baldwin
Mark Barcelo
Maya Burke
Scott Harbison
Raina O'Neil
Kathy Scott

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, as set forth in full herein, are also filed in the permanent files of the District.

The numbers preceding the items listed below correspond with the published agenda.

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

Chair Rovira-Forino called the meeting to order at 1:37 p.m. Ms. Sesler called the roll and noted a quorum was present.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag led by Chair Rovira-Forino. She reminded members of the audience if they wish to speak on a particular item, they should fill out a blue card and present it to Ms. Sesler. (CD 1/Track 1)

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

This item was postponed and referred to the August meeting.

4. **Additions and Deletions to Agenda**

Ms. Lou Kavouras, Deputy Executive Director, stated there were two deletions from the agenda: Item 3, Oath of Office for Appointed/Re-Appointed Board Members, and Item 6a the Election of Officers and Committee Representatives.

5. **Consent Item:**

a. **February 8, 2007, Meeting Minutes**

Approve the February minutes as presented.

b. **Facilitating Agricultural Resource Management Systems – Operating Agreement between the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and the District and Revisions to District Procedure**

Staff recommended the Governing Board approve and authorize the Executive Director to execute the revised District/FDACs/FARMS Operating Agreement, Procedure 13-9, and the Funding Contract.

c. **Annual Calendar of Meeting Dates – Fiscal Year 2008**

Approve the FY2008 Basin Board meeting schedule as amended.

Consent Item 5c was pulled for consideration by the Board. It was proposed to change the start time of meetings to 1:00 p.m. rather than 1:30 p.m. beginning December through August. Following consideration by the Board, **Mr. Robinson moved, seconded by Ms. Higginbotham, to approve staff recommendations for Consent Items 5a, 5b, and 5c, as amended.** Motion carried unanimously.

6. **Discussion Items:**

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

This item was deleted from the agenda.

b. **Results of the Section 21 Wellfield Rehydration Pilot Project Risk Assessment (F011)**

Mr. Mark Barcelo, Manager, Hydrologic Evaluation Section, described a project designed to investigate the feasibility, of using stormwater and reclaimed water to rehydrate stressed and impacted wetlands located within the Section 21 Wellfield. Mr. Robinson inquired about the three chemicals that were found to be present; he was specifically concerned about the presence of pharmaceutical traces in the wastewater. Mr. Barcelo said that, although studying pharmaceutical traces was outside the scope of this particular project, such micro-constituents are being looked at through an additional project supported by the Water Reuse Foundation. Mr. Robinson emphasized the importance of studying a wider variety of micro-constituents in order to better inform the citizens about potential projects, such as the downstream augmentation of the Hillsborough River.

This item was presented for the Board's information; no action was required.
(CD 1/Track 2)

c. **Bordeaux Village (L763) and Casey Lake Manors (L760) Reclaimed Water Distribution Projects**

Mr. Gregg Jones, Director, Resource Conservation and Development Department, explained the circumstances that led to the withdrawal and subsequent request to cancel the aforementioned projects. Chair Rovira-Forino verified that Hillsborough County had officially withdrawn the request for funding. She wondered if staff believed that the County would eventually pass the necessary ordinances and come back for funding with respect to the two projects at issue. Mr. Jones responded not for these projects, the County will move forward and construct on their own. He said the District will be open for consideration of new projects in the future. Board members wanted to know whether or not the County Commission had an opportunity to hear the issues formally or if they had been briefed about the ordinances required to obtain the funding awarded to the projects. Mr. Jones replied, the County Commission as a whole were not briefed, but

one, if not more, had been briefed in advance. Mr. Robinson and other members of the Board asked about which municipalities, including the City of Tampa, have passed the ordinances necessary to obtain cooperative funding for distribution lines. He noted that distribution is the major concern for the City of Tampa's reclaimed water system and suggested that the cancelled funds be placed in a contingency reserve.

Staff recommended the Northwest Hillsborough Basin Board approve cancellation of the project. If the Basin Board approves this recommendation, the combined ad valorem contribution of \$320,000 will be included in the Northwest Hillsborough Basin Board's FY2008 balance forward, and \$160,000 from the Water Protection and Sustainability Trust Fund (WPSTF) can be reallocated to other water supply projects.

After consideration, **Mr. Robinson moved, seconded by Ms. Higginbotham, to approve the recommendation as presented by staff.** Motion carried unanimously. (CD 1/Track 3)

d. **Fiscal Year 2008 Budget Discussion and Approval of Proposed Millage Rate**

Mr. Bruce Wirth, Deputy Executive Director, highlighted several changes to the proposed FY2008 Budget. Mr. Robinson expressed concern in delegating the authority to change the millage rate to the Executive Director without the signature of the Chair of the Northwest Hillsborough Basin Board. He suggested the Chair's signature on any form designating such a change. Ms. Higginbotham was curious about the future funding status for project L741. Mr. Mark Hammond, Director Resource Management, replied that the Board has funding in FY2008 to take care of the City's request, and they are not proposing any additional funds. After discussions and questions from the Board, Chair Rovira-Fornio read the staff recommendations as follows:

1. Provide tentative selection of FY2008 Cooperative Funding projects.
2. Approve and adopt a proposed required millage rate of 0.268 for FY2008.
3. Approve Resolution No. 78 -- Resolution Affirming the Required Proposed Millage Rate for Fiscal Year 2008.
4. The suggested wording from the Board to be included: Chair Ex Officio Rovira-Forino will concur with the Executive Director's calculation based on the mandate required by the Legislature, with signature being included on the form.

Following discussion, and the added wording for signature from Chair Rovira-Forino, **Mr. Robinson moved, seconded by Ms. Higginbotham, to approve staff recommendations as presented.** Motion carried unanimously. (CD 1/Track 4)

7. **Reports:**

a. **Tampa Bay Ground Water Institute for Teachers™**

Ms. Raina O'Neil, Youth Education Coordinator, Communications Department, gave an overview of the Tampa Bay Ground Water Institute for Teachers which was held at Nature's Classroom in Thonotosassa on May 31–June 2, 2007. The goal of the program was to increase water resources awareness among teachers and students within the watershed so that they are empowered to play an active role in protecting these resources. These teacher workshops provided an overview of local hydrology, water quality issues and the dynamics of surface water and groundwater interactions within the respective basins. Chair Rovira-Forino congratulated staff for creating programs that

have tangible benefits for the community. Mr. Robinson verified that CEUs were available to educators who attended the workshop.

This information was presented for the Board's information; no action was required. (CD 1/Track 5)

b. **Basin Board Education Committee Report**

The Basin Board Education Committee meeting was held at the Tampa Service Office on March 6, 2007. A written summary was provided and Ms. Higginbotham shared with the Committee the highlights of the March and April Education Committee meetings. She emphasized that behavior change is the key component of any sound education program. She also expressed an interest in expanding the Water CHAMP program to highway rest stops. This information was for the Board's information; no action was required.

c. **Basin Board Land Resources Committee**

A summary of the March 22 Basin Board Land Resources Committee meeting was provided; Mr. Robinson discussed a variety of issues including Tampa Bay Water's willingness to help meet the minimum flow and level for the Hillsborough River, the appropriateness of the District requesting that the City of Tampa raise its water rates, and the District's outstanding job with respect to the Water CHAMP program. This information was for Board's information; no action was required. (CD 1/Track 6)

d. **Report on Governing Board Activities**

Ms. Kavouras shared with the Basin Board the new slate of officers for the Governing Board: Judy Whitehead, Chair; Neil Combee, Vice Chair; Todd Pressman, Secretary and Jennifer Closshey, re-elected Treasurer.

Staff played pre-recorded highlights of the May 29, 2007, Governing Board meeting. The highlights addressed water restrictions, Hillsborough County, Mosaic Reclaimed Water Project, watershed awareness efforts, strategic planning, the Peace River Water Supply Authority, and resolutions passed declaring April 14-21 as Peace River Watershed Awareness Week.

8. **Announcements:**

Ms. Kavouras reminded members of the announcements listed in the agenda. The next Basin Board meeting is Thursday, August 9, 2007. Regarding a question from Mr. Robinson, staff will report back with information on Tampa Bay Water's willingness to contribute to help meet minimum flows in the River.

9. **Adjournment**

There were no further discussion items to come before the Board; Chair Rovira-Forino adjourned the meeting at 3:35 p.m. (CD 1/Track 6)

****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. County Parcel Data Acquisition (B530) – Execution Notice
2. Tampa Bay Estuary Program Non-Federal Funding for Federal Fiscal Year 2006 Annual Work Plan (W027) - Execution Notice
3. Evaluating the Potential for Aquifer Storage and Recovery Operation in the Avon Park Formation (B242) - Execution Notice
4. Hillsborough County Lake and Stream Monitoring Program (K057) – Execution Notice