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Minutes of the Meeting

PINELLAS-ANCLOTE RIVER BASIN BOARD Southwest Florida Water Management District

Clearwater, Florida

February 7, 2007

The Pinellas-Anclote River Basin Board of Southwest Florida Water Management District convened for a regular meeting at 9:05 a.m. on February 7, 2007, in the Pinellas County Courthouse, Clearwater, Florida.

Board Members Present

Sallie Parks, Co-Chair Ex Officio
Todd Pressman, Co-Chair Ex Officio
Terry England, Vice Chair
Rodney Fischer, Secretary
Tina Harris, Member
Kathryn Starkey, Member
Janet Hoppe, Member

Staff Present

Lou Kavouras
Mark Hammond
Jennette Seachrist
Manny Lopez
Kendra Antoine
Maya Burke
Bruce Wirth
Kathy Scott
Beth Putnam
Lois Sorensen
Rand Baldwin
Scott Harbison

Absent

Mitch Hammer, Member

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 out in full herein, are also filed in the permanent files of the Basin.

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

1. **Call to Order**

Co-Chair Ex Officio Todd Pressman called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. (CD 1/Track 1)

2. **Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call**

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

Ms. Young called the role and noted a quorum was not present; however, Mses. Harris and Starkey were expected. (CD 1/Track 1)

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

Lou Kavouras, Deputy Executive Director, Outreach, Planning, and Board Services, stated there were no additions or deletions to the agenda. (CD 1/Track 1)

Pending the arrival of Mses. Harris and Starkey, Co-Chair Pressman requested Agenda Item 5a, a non-action item, be taken in the meantime.

5. **Discussion Item:**

a. **Sawgrass Lake Restoration Project**

Jennette Seachrist, Surface Water Improvement and Management (SWIM) Program Manager, provided an informational update of this project, which involves cleanup and restoration of water resources and wetland areas within Sawgrass Lake. Intrinsic to the project is cleanup of contamination in a drop zone for spent shot from the Skyway Trap and Skeet Club property, which is adjacent to the Sawgrass Lake Park. The District

owns the Sawgrass Lake Park Water Management Area; the Park is operated by Pinellas County.

Ms. Seachrist gave background of this project including litigation and the recent settlement agreement, Florida Department of Environmental Protection involvement, and aspects of the restoration project. For fiscal years 2005 through 2007, the Pinellas-Anclote River Basin Board has budgeted more than \$16 million for this project. Remediation and construction cost estimates are currently being developed. Completion of the project is expected by 2010.

Staff addressed a Board Member's concern about the Gun Club's responsibility regarding cleanup of its property. To a comment about other gun clubs causing similar water quality/environmental problems, Co-Chair Pressman requested the Land Re-sources Department investigate other gun clubs and report back to the Board.

At a future meeting, staff will report on the feasibility study results, Remedial Action Plan, cost estimates for Phases 2 and 3, and voluntary cleanup.

During this presentation, Mses. Harris and Starkey arrived, making a quorum. (CD 1/Track 2)

4. **Consent Items:**

After consideration, **Mr. Fischer moved, seconded by Ms. Harris, to approve the Consent Items, as follow:**

- a. **December 6, 2006, Meeting Minutes** - Approve the December minutes, as presented.
- b. **Starkey Basin Watershed Evaluation (L709)** - Recommend the Governing Board approve the Agreement with Pinellas County for the Starkey Basin Watershed project as a multi-year funded project with a modified scope to include the Digital Topographic Information, Watershed Evaluation, and Watershed Management Plan, contingent upon the Basin Board inclusion and approval of the funds in its fiscal year (FY) 2008 budget.
- c. **Pinellas County - Brooker Creek Watershed Management Program (L066)**
 - (1) Approve expanding the scope of work for the Pinellas County Brooker Creek Watershed Management Program to include the Hollin Creek, Lake Tarpon, and Lake Tarpon Canal Watersheds.
 - (2) Recommend the Governing Board approve the amendments with Pinellas County and with URS Southern Corporation to expand the scope of work to include the additional watersheds, modify the budget to account for the additional watersheds, extend the contract termination date, and authorize the Executive Director to sign the Amendments.

Motion carried unanimously. (CD 1/Track 3)

5. **Discussion Items:**

b. **Regional Water Supply Plan**

Deputy Executive Director Bruce Wirth, Division of Resource Management and Development, presented this item.

The legislatively mandated Regional Water Supply Plan (RWSP) is an assessment of projected water demands for all use sectors and potential sources of water to meet those demands over a 20-year planning period within the area required by the RWSP. Mr. Wirth provided history of the RWSP, which shows sufficient alternative water sources exist in the Planning Region to meet water supply demand through 2025 and

replace some current groundwater withdrawals causing hydrologic stress. Chapter 9 of the RWSP is the financial component, which addresses the cost of developing the projects necessary to meet the 2025 water supply demand.

In December 2006, the Governing Board approved the final draft of the RWSP, which was submitted to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, as required. The District is also required to present information in the Plan to local governments and provide technical assistance to ensure consistency between local water supply planning efforts and those of the District.

Board Members participated in discussion including the Tampa Bay Water service area, potential options for the Kissimmee River, funding by the other Basin Boards, and potential funding of brackish water projects.

This item was presented for the Board's information; no action was required. (CD 1/ Track 4)

c. **Tampa Bay Regional Reclaimed Water Project Update**

Kathy Scott, Conservation Projects Manager, presented this information item to update the Board on this project. She provided background and assumptions of the Tampa Bay Regional Reclaimed Water and Downstream Augmentation Project, which would utilize a significant portion of the reclaimed water discharging into Tampa Bay from the City of Tampa's Howard F. Curran Advanced Wastewater Treatment Plant. The permit application for that project was submitted to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) in June 2005. Due to permit uncertainties and recent work on minimum flows and levels on the lower Hillsborough River and the Tampa Bypass Canal, the Tampa Bay Water Board voted to move forward with expansion of its enhanced surface water systems without the augmentation component. Therefore, the project is being replaced by the Tampa Bay Water System Configuration II Project, which will develop additional capacity in Tampa Bay Water's Enhanced Surface Water system to withdraw and treat water during periods of higher flow from the Hillsborough River and the Tampa Bay Bypass Canal. Ms. Scott explained changes and ongoing project activities, funding aspects, and work completed or in progress.

Ms. Scott's presentation was a segue to the next agenda item. (CD 1/Track 5)

d. **Approval of Agreement and Transfer of Funds for the Tampa Bay Water System Configuration II Project**

Bruce Wirth continued discussion of the System Configuration II Project, explaining that many of the elements that would have been necessary for downstream augmentation would also be necessary for the System Configuration II Project. He reviewed the project configuration and benefits and provided an in-depth report of funding elements including funds already budgeted for the original Reclaimed Water and Downstream Augmentation Project, potential State and Federal grants, and funding to be requested.

Mr. Wirth brought members' attention to new diversity language that had been included in the cooperative funding agreement for the project. The agreement was included in the meeting notebook as an exhibit to this item. Copies of the new language were provided to Board Members and were available at the sign-in table.

Board Members interacted with staff on topics including cost share allocations among the Basin Boards, Federal funding, and elements of the cooperative funding agreement.

After consideration, **Ms. Harris moved, seconded by Ms. Starkey, to approve the following staff recommendation, as well as the diversity language, which was added to the Cooperative Funding Agreement for this project.**

- (1) Recommend the Governing Board approve the agreement with Tampa Bay Water to construct the System Configuration II Project for a total amount of \$232,000,000, with the District's share not to exceed \$116,000,000, and the Pinellas-Anclote Basin's share not to exceed \$22,628,013;**
- (2) Approve the transfer of \$2,695,328 of Basin funds previously budgeted for the Tampa Bay Regional Reclaimed Water and Downstream Augmentation Project to the System Configuration II Project;**
- (3) Approve the transfer of \$3,225,000 of Water Protection and Sustainability Program trust funds previously budgeted for the Tampa Bay Regional Reclaimed Water and Downstream Augmentation Project to the System Configuration II Project, subject to adoption of a future resolution by the Governing Board; and**
- (4) Recommend the Governing Board authorize the Executive Director to sign the agreement.**

Motion carried unanimously. (CD 1/Track 6)

During this presentation, Co-Chair Pressman relinquished the gavel to Co-Chair Parks and left the meeting.

e. **FY2008 Cooperative Funding Requests**

Maya Burke, Planner in the Planning Department, presented this item in the absence of Basin Planner Lori Belangia. Ms. Burke reviewed the FY2008 Cooperative Funding procedure and directed the Board to the original applications received in December and provided behind the FY2008 Projects in the meeting notebook. She provided a brief overview of project submittals received and reviewed the District's project ranking process. Staff will return in April with initial project rankings and funding recommendations for the Board's consideration. The preliminary budget would be presented and the millage cap set at the June Basin Board meeting for final approval in August.

The Board was encouraged to review the FY2008 project applications and provide input at the April meeting. This item was presented for the Board's information; no action was required. (CD 1/ Track 7)

6. **Reports:**

a. **Pinellas County Adopt-A-Pond Program - Overview of FY2006 Accomplishments**

Kendra Antoine, Senior Communications Coordinator, briefly highlighted the history, goals, and funding of the Pinellas County Adopt-A-Pond Program, which addresses stormwater runoff and water quality issues in the County through educational outreach and restoration of stormwater ponds. She then introduced Melissa Harrison, Pinellas County Adopt-A-Pond Program Coordinator, who thanked the Board for its support and gave a brief overview of the Program's FY2006 accomplishments, showing before and after photos of several projects.

This item was presented for the Board's information; no action was required. (CD 1/ Track 7)

b. **Water Shortage Update**

Due to hydrologic conditions that had generally been below normal in the 16 counties served by the District and those conditions had improved only slightly as a result of

December rain, Lois Sorensen, Demand Management Coordinator, reported that Executive Director Dave Moore signed Order SWF 07-02 to put Severe Water Shortage restrictions into effect. Before the Order was signed, a public hearing was held on January 9, 2007, so the Executive Director could receive testimony from staff and the general public regarding conditions and resulting impacts. At that time, the Executive Director determined that District action was necessary and all water users should be required to conserve water consistent with the modified "Phase II" restrictions recommended by staff. A copy of the Order, which included a summary of the new restrictions, was included in the notebook as an exhibit to this report. This item was presented for the Board's information; no action was required. (CD 1/Track 8)

c. **Report on Governing Board Activities**

In conjunction with heightened water conservation efforts, Lou Kavouras reported that the Communications Department's media messaging had increased. Staff showed three new water conservation ads being aired on television and radio and appearing on area billboards. Ms. Kavouras then provided an abbreviated report of the January 27, 2007, Governing Board meeting. This item was presented for the Board's information; no action was required. (CD 1/Track 8)

7. **Announcements:**

Announcements were listed in the agenda; no other announcements were forthcoming.

8. **Adjournment:** The day's business being complete, Co-Chair Parks adjourned the meeting at 11:40 a.m. (CD 1/Track 8)

******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. Budget Transfer Report
2. Pasco County Southeast Regional Reclaimed Water Loop (H041) - Execution Notice
3. Watershed Management Program – Maintenance of Watershed Parameters and Models (B206) – Execution Notice