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## Minutes of the Meeting

PINELLAS-ANCLOTE RIVER BASIN BOARD  
Southwest Florida Water Management District

Dunedin, Florida

June 3, 2009

The Pinellas-Anclote River Basin Board of Southwest Florida Water Management District convened for a regular meeting at 9:04 a.m., on June 3, 2009, in the Dunedin Community Center, Dunedin, Florida.

### Board Members Present

Todd Pressman, Co-Chair Ex Officio  
Sallie Parks, Co-Chair Ex Officio  
Rodney Fischer, Vice Chair  
Terry England, Secretary  
Mitch Hammer, Member  
Janet Hoppe, Member  
Chet Renfro, Member

### Staff Present

Lou Kavouras  
Mark Hammond  
Linda Pilcher  
Colleen Kruk  
Jeremy McKay  
Beth Putnam  
Miki Renner  
Bruce Wirth  
Jack Pepper  
Cori Cuttler  
Tamera McBride  
Jason Mickel  
Alison Ramoy  
Jennette Seachrist

Recording Secretary: Phyllis Young

An 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 and Roll Call

Co-Chair Ex Officio Sallie Parks called the meeting to order at 9:04 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 to the American Flag

Co-Chair Parks led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

At this time, Co-Chair Parks recognized Mr. Tom Burke, City Engineer for the City of Dunedin, and thanked the City for extending a warm welcome and allowing the Board to use the Community Center for this meeting. Mr. Burke responded that the City is very glad to have the Basin Board in Dunedin and thanked the Board and the District for their cooperation on projects in Dunedin and surrounding communities. (CD 1/Track 1)

### 3. Additions and Deletions to the Agenda

Ms. Lou Kavouras, Deputy Executive Director, Outreach, Planning, and Board Services, reported there were no additions or deletions to the agenda. However, staff would like to change the order of the meeting to present Agenda Item 7b, the budget discussion, as the first discussion item. (CD 1/Track 1)

### 4. Ceremony to Honor Former Basin Board Member Kathryn Starkey

Vice Chair Rod Fischer recognized Ms. Starkey for her service to the Board from April 2002 to April 2009. He presented her a commemorative plaque, thanked her for her dedication to the Board, and shared some of the Board's accomplishments while she was a member. He

particularly mentioned Ms. Starkey's passion for protecting land resources, for championing lower millage rates, and for representing her constituents well. Ms. Starkey, in turn, thanked the Board and staff for the opportunity to work with them and to learn from them, adding that she will continue to support for the best interest of the District and the State as she moves forward. (CD 1/Track 2)

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

Mr. Jason Mickel, Basin Planner, reminded the Board that this agenda 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. Mr. Mickel's brief report included information on two recent drought workshops, media advertising, Pasco County projects, Clam Bayou, and Sawgrass Lake. This item was presented for the Board's information, to help the Board better understand how the items relate to the Board's Strategic Budget Priorities, the Strategic Plan, or other Board concerns. (CD 1/Track 3)

6. **Consent Items:**

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

a. **Minutes of the April 8, 2009, Meeting**

**Approve the April minutes, as presented.**

b. **Alligator Creek Implementation Projects, Phase II – Second Amendment (L054)**

**Recommend the Governing Board approve the Second Amendment with the City of Clearwater for \$1,462,098, with the Basin's share not to exceed \$731,049; and authorize the Executive Director to sign the Amendment.**

c. **Pasco County Design and Construction of the Odessa High Service Pump Expansion Project (L844) – Transfer of Water Protection and Sustainability Trust Funds (WPSTF)**

**Approve the transfer of \$68,000 of unused WPSTF from the cancelled Pasco County Design and Construction of the Odessa High Service Pump Expansion Project (L844) to the ongoing Clearwater Skycrest Reclaimed Water Project (L695), pending approval of Resolution No. 09-11 at the June 23, 2009, Governing Board meeting.**

**Motion carried unanimously. (CD 1/Track 4)**

7. **Discussion Items:**

At this time, the order of consideration was changed.

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

Mr. Bruce Wirth, Deputy Executive Director, presented an update to the preliminary budget provided at the April meeting. The Board's input from that meeting was incorporated into a proposed budget, which assumed the millage rate would remain at 0.3600 and ad valorem revenue would be 12 percent below fiscal year (FY) 2009. A revised budget, based on final property values, will be presented for the Board's consideration at the August 5th Basin Board meeting. At that time, the Board will be required to adopt a final millage rate and budget for recommendation to the Governing Board, including the final, selection of FY2010 Cooperative Funding projects.

Mr. Wirth explained changes that had occurred since the April meeting and the Board's decision during that meeting to use some of its Water Supply and Resource

Development (WSRD) H100 reserve dollars to fund cooperative funding projects through those ranked "medium." Mr. Wirth's in-depth presentation included information on additional balances available from prior years that would enable the proposed FY2010 budget to be balanced without using H100 WSRD reserve funds, and would also provide the funds to complete the Basin's commitment to the Tampa Bay Water System Configuration II project. He explained that staff was recommending the Board consider lowering its millage rate to 0.3300 mill, which was a change from the recommendation provided in the meeting notebook.

Discussion ensued on topics including the Basin's contingency and reserve funds, collection of ad valorem revenue budgeted for FY2009, the Board's responsibility in the event of a hurricane, the message the Board would send to the public and Tallahassee if the millage rate was lowered, and aspects of lowering the millage rate today or considering that option during the August meeting.

For the record, Mr. Wirth read the three-part staff recommendation.

After consideration, **Mr. Fischer moved, seconded by Mr. England, to approve tentative selection of FY2010 Cooperative Funding projects. Motion carried unanimously.**

After consideration, **Mr. Fischer moved, seconded by Mr. Hammer, to adopt a required proposed millage rate of 0.3600 mill for FY2010. Motion carried unanimously.**

After consideration, **Mr. Fischer moved, seconded by Mr. Hammer, to approve Resolution No. 86, resolution affirming the required proposed millage rate for FY2010. Motion carried unanimously.** (CD 1/Tracks 5-8)

a. **Tampa Bay Water's System Configuration II - H065**

Since the Basin's budget would be balanced without any Board action on the System Configuration II project at this meeting, Mr. Wirth suggested discussion of the project be postponed. If the Board wishes to consider a reduction of the millage rate during the August 5 meeting, funding for the project will be discussed then.

c. **Other Business/Topics of Discussion from the Board**

No other topics were forthcoming.

8. **Report:**

a. **Governing Board Activities**

Board members had been provided a written report of highlights from the May 20 Governing Board meeting, which was held in the Highlands County Government Center, Sebring. During the meeting, Co-Chair Ex Officio Todd Pressman was elected Governing Board chair, and Co-Chair Ex Officio Sallie Parks was elected treasurer. Other officers are Mr. Ron Oakley, Withlacoochee River Basin Board Co-Chair Ex Officio, vice chair, and Mr. Hugh Gramling, Hillsborough River Basin Board Co-Chair Ex Officio, secretary. (CD 1/Track 9)

9. **Announcements**

- Co-Chair Parks brought members' attention to announcements listed on the agenda.
- No Basin Board meeting will be necessary for July. (CD 1/Track 9)

10. **Adjournment**

When there was no further business to come before the Board, Co-Chair Parks adjourned the meeting at 10:24 a.m. (CD 1/Track 9)

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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. Clam Bayou Stormwater Treatment and Habitat Restoration Project (W242)
2. Budget Transfer Report
3. Perpetual and Temporary Easements to City of St. Petersburg to Relocate a 36-inch Water Transmission Pipeline – Sawgrass Lake Project, SWF Parcel Number 16-560-138X
4. Implementation of Best Management Practices in Allen's Creek Watershed, Magnolia Avenue, and Sandra Drive Improvement Area (L703) - Execution Notice
5. Pinellas County – Northwest Pinellas Resource Protection Plan (N034) - Execution Notice
6. Implementation of Best Management Practices at Terminal Drive South, Emerson Avenue South and Vicinity (N040) - Execution Notice
7. Bayview Drive Shoreline Restoration (N045) - Execution Notice
8. Shore Acres Stormwater Vaults (W271) - First Amendment Execution Notice

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