

# Approved

## Minutes of the Meeting

### PEACE RIVER BASIN BOARD Southwest Florida Water Management District

Bartow, Florida

February 16, 2007

The Peace River Basin Board of the Southwest Florida Water Management District convened for a regular meeting February 16, 2007, at 9:30 a.m. in the District's Bartow Service Office, Bartow, Florida.

#### **Board Members Present**

Neil Combee, Co-Chair Ex Officio  
Ken Harrison, Vice Chair  
Ann Dunlap, Secretary  
Rufus Lazzell, Member  
Jim Hageman, Member  
Paul Samuels, Member  
Fred Trippensee, Member

#### **Staff Present**

Lou Kavouras  
Bill Orendorff  
Terri Behling

Beth Putnam  
Chan Springstead  
Scott Harbison

#### **Via Videoconference**

Gregg Jones  
Raina O'Neill

Lois Sorensen  
Kendra Antoine

#### **Absent**

Pat Symons, Co-Chair Ex Officio

#### **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.

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

Co-Chair Combee called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Ms. Young called the roll and stated, for the record, a quorum was present. (CD 1/Track 1)

#### 2. **Pledge of Allegiance followed by a Moment of Silence**

Co-Chair Combee led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag, followed by a moment of silence. (CD 1/Track 1)

#### 3. **Additions/Deletions to the Agenda**

Deputy Executive Director Lou Kavouras stated there were no additions or deletions to the agenda. (CD 1/Track 1)

#### 4. **Consent Items:**

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

a. **Minutes of the December 15, 2006, Meeting** - Approve the December minutes, as presented.

b. **Facilitating Agricultural Resource Management Systems**

(1) **Adrian R. Chapman**

a. **Approve the Adrian R. Chapman FARMS Project for a not-to-exceed project reimbursement of \$84,664, with \$21,166 provided by the Peace River Basin, \$21,166 provided by the Governing Board, and \$42,332 provided from State Appropriations;**

b. **Authorize the transfer of \$21,166 from Fund 020 H017 Peace River Basin FARMS Funds, \$21,166 from Fund 010 H017 Governing Board FARMS funds, and \$42,332 from the 2003, 2005, and 2006 State Appropriations**

allocated to Fund 020 H017 Peace River Basin State Appropriations, to H507 Adrian R. Chapman FARMS project fund;

- c. Authorize the Executive Director to sign the agreement.

**(2) LallyMix Farms, LLP (H509)**

- a. Approve the LallyMix Farms FARMS Project for a not-to-exceed project reimbursement of \$150,000, with \$37,500 provided by the Peace River Basin Board, \$37,500 provided by the Governing Board, and \$75,000 provided from State Appropriations;
- b. Authorize the transfer of \$37,500 from fund 020 H017 Peace River Basin FARMS Fund, \$37,500 from fund 010 H017, Governing Board FARMS funds, and \$75,000 from the 2006 and 2007 State Appropriations allocated to fund 020 H017 Peace River Basin State Appropriations, to H509 LallyMix Farms LLP FARMS project fund;
- c. Authorize the Executive Director to sign the agreement.

Motion carried unanimously. (CD 1/Track 1)

**6. Discussion Items:**

a. **First Amendment to the Design and Construction of the Charlotte County Golf Course Reuse Storage Project (L485)**

Resource Conservation and Development Director Gregg Jones presented this item, via videoconference from the Brooksville office, to request an amendment to the project. Mr. Jones provided background of the project, which began as a Cooperative Funding initiative from Charlotte County and was approved in the Basin's fiscal year (FY) 2006 budget. He reviewed aspects of the original project, unforeseen complications that led to this amendment, the project benefits, and impact if the change to the project scope was not approved.

After consideration, **Mr. Lazzell moved, seconded by Mr. Samuels, to recommend the Basin Board: (1) approve a change in the project's scope of work; (2) extend the design commencement date to February 15, 2007, and completion date to October 31, 2007; (3) extend the construction commencement date to February 15, 2008, and completion date to November 30, 2008; (4) add necessary language to the agreement required under the provisions of Senate Bill 444; and (5) authorize the Executive Director to sign the first amendment to the agreement with Charlotte County. Motion carried unanimously. (CD 1/Track 2)**

During this presentation, Mr. Harrison arrived.

b. **2006 Regional Water Supply Plan**

Mr. Jones also presented this item. He began by stating 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. Jones 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 RWSP to local governments and

provide technical assistance to ensure consistency between local water supply planning efforts and those of the District.

Topics of discussion during this item included potential use of brackish water, possible changes to the millage rate, re-allocation of cooperative funding dollars, and storage options. This item was presented for the Board's information; no action was required. (CD 1/Track 3)

c. **FY2008 Cooperative Funding Requests**

Basin Planner Chan Springstead presented this item to remind the Board of the Cooperative Funding process. Mr. Springstead reviewed the FY2008 Cooperative Funding procedure and directed the Board to copies of the original applications received in December, which were included behind the FY2008 Projects tab in the meeting notebook. He 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. This item was presented for the Board's information; no action was required. (CD 1/Track 4)

At this time, Co-Chair Combee relinquished the gavel to Vice Chair Harrison and left the meeting.

6. **Reports:**

a. **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, Demand Management Coordinator Lois Sorensen reported that Executive Director David 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 provided in the notebook as an exhibit to this report. This item was presented for the Board's information; no action was required.

In conjunction with heightened water conservation efforts, Ms. Kavouras reported that the Communications Department's media messaging had increased. Staff showed three water conservation ads being aired on television and radio and appearing on area billboards. (CD 1/Track 5)

b. **Peace River Basin – Spanning the Watershed Events**

Communications Manager Beth Putnam gave a brief history of watershed education in the Basin, its importance in developing an environmentally conscious and responsible public, and events planned to enhance awareness of the Peace River watershed and foster stewardship, protection, and conservation of water resources. Four "Spanning the Watershed" events will be held in April to coincide with Earth Day celebrations; a schedule of the events was included in the meeting notebook. In conjunction with the "Spanning the Watershed" events, each participating county's Board of County Commissioners (Charlotte, DeSoto, Hardee, and Polk) would be asked to declare April 14-21, 2007, Peace River Watershed Awareness Week.

After consideration, **Mr. Samuels moved, seconded by Ms. Dunlap, to declare April 14–April 21, 2007, "Peace River Watershed Awareness Week." Motion carried unanimously.** Before he left the meeting, Co-Chair Combee had signed a proclamation declaring April 14-21, 2007, Peace River Watershed Awareness Week. (CD 1/Track 5)

c. **Report on Governing Board Activities**

Staff showed pre-recorded highlights of the January 30, 2007, Governing Board meeting, which Ms. Kavouras narrated. The brief recap of meeting topics included the Water Shortage Order, conservation ads, water management strategies, a Water Conservation Summit to be held in March, the Peace River Cumulative Impact Study, and minimum flows and levels. This item was presented for the Board's information; no action was required. (CD 1/Track 6)

8. **Announcements:**

Ms. Kavouras directed Board members to the announcements listed on the agenda and reminded them of the groundbreaking ceremony for the Circle B Bar Reserve Environmental Education Center on Friday, March 9. No other announcements were made. (CD 1/Track 6)

9. **Adjournment:** There being no further business to come before the Board, Vice Chair Harrison adjourned the meeting at 11:11 a.m. (CD 1/Track 6)

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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. The items did not require Board action at this time.

1. Budget Transfer Report
2. Charlotte Harbor Redevelopment Area Watershed Management Plan (L486) – First Amendment - Execution Notice
3. Charlotte Harbor Redevelopment Area Watershed Management Program Consulting Services (L486) – Second Amendment - Execution Notice
4. Florida Automated Weather Network (FAWN) Data Dissemination and Education (B136) – Execution Notice
5. Hydrogeology and Quality of Groundwater in Highlands County (B244) - Execution Notice
6. Lake Gibson Southwest Sub-Basin Stormwater Management System Retrofit (L770) - Execution Notice
7. Myakka River Watershed Initiative (H048) - Execution Notice
8. City of Punta Gorda Reuse Feasibility Study (L640) - Execution Notice
9. Watershed Management Program Consulting Services in the Sebring Watershed (L151) - Execution Notice
10. Watershed Management Program – Maintenance of Watershed Parameters and Models (B206) – Execution Notice