

# Approved

## Minutes of the Meeting

### PEACE RIVER BASIN BOARD

Southwest Florida Water Management District

Sarasota, Florida

April 3, 2009

The Peace River Basin Board of the Southwest Florida Water Management District convened for a regular meeting on Friday, April 3, 2009, at 1:32 p.m., in the Sarasota Service Office, Sarasota, Florida.

#### Board Members Present

Bryan K. Beswick, Co-Chair Ex Officio  
J. "Ken" Harrison, Vice Chair  
Rufus C. Lazzell, Secretary  
Patricia Crisman, Member  
James L. Hageman, Member

#### Board Members Absent

C. A. "Neil" Combee, Jr. , Co-Chair Ex Officio  
H. Paul Senft, Jr., Co-Chair Ex Officio  
Paul G. Samuels, Member  
Fred W. Trippensee, III, Member

#### Staff Present

Lou Kavouras	Eric DeHaven
Mark Hammond	Roy Mazur
Michael Molligan	Ross Morton
Linda Pilcher	Brian Armstrong
Terri Behling	Danny Kushmer
Chuck Lane	Jeremy McKay
Kathy Scott	Chan Springstead

#### 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 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 Beswick called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.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. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Mr. Lazzell provided an invocation, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. (CD 1/Track 1)

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

Ms. Lou Kavouras, Deputy Executive Director, Outreach, Planning and Board Services, stated that Agenda Item 4, the Oath of Office, was deleted from the agenda since no gubernatorial appointments or re-appointments had been forthcoming for this Board. Further, the Board agreed to postpone Election of Officers, Agenda Item 7a, to the June 5 meeting, anticipating more members would be in attendance. (CD 1/ Track 1)

#### 4. Oath of Office for Newly Appointed/Re-Appointed Board Members

This item was deleted from the agenda, as stated above.

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

Ms. Kavouras prefaced this new agenda item by explaining the purpose of adding the item to all Basin Board meeting agendas. Mr. Chan Springstead, Basin Planner, then gave a brief overview of relevant items on the agenda and upcoming topics of interest to the Board, explaining how they relate to the Board's Strategic Budget Priorities, the Strategic Plan, or other Board concerns.

This item was presented for the Board's information; no action was required. (CD 1/ Track 1:14:36)

6. **Consent Items:**

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

a. **Minutes of the February 6, 2009, Meeting**

Approve the February minutes, as presented.

b. **Budget Amendment to Include Additional Revenue from Water Management Lands Trust Fund (WMLTF) for the Lake Hancock Land Use Alternatives Study**

Approve Resolution No. 102, First Amendment of the Fiscal Year 2009 Budget, of the Peace River Basin by an increase of \$92,500 from \$17,310,392 to \$17,402,892 to reflect the additional revenue from the WMLTF.

c. **Fiscal Year 2009 Budget Amendment to Include Additional Revenue from Water Management Lands Trust Fund (WMLTF) for Surface Water Improvement and Management Projects**

1. Approve Resolution No. 103, Second Amendment of the Fiscal Year 2009 Budget, of the Peace River Basin by an increase of \$231,844 from \$17,402,892 to \$17,634,736 to reflect the additional revenue from the WMLTF. This is subject to approval of budget amendments by the Manasota and Withlacoochee River Basin Boards to delete the WMLTF revenue and the associated expenditure appropriations for two education centers that would allow for the reallocation of these funds for FY2009.

2. Authorize the Executive Director to approve and execute agreements to add the WMLTF revenue to the Coral Creek Habitat Restoration project (W553) for \$200,000; Biennial Seagrass Mapping of Tampa Bay, Sarasota Bay, and Charlotte Harbor project (W331) for \$17,500; and Charlotte Harbor Water Quality Monitoring project (W521) for \$14,344.

d. **Facilitating Agricultural Resource Management Systems – T.J. Chastain Neal Road Grove (H573), Charlotte County**

1. Approve the T. J. Chastain Neal Road Grove project for a not-to-exceed reimbursement of \$37,500, with \$7,588 provided by the Peace River Basin; \$7,588 provided by the Governing Board; and \$22,324 provided from State Appropriations;

2. Authorize the transfer of \$7,588 from Fund 020 H017 Peace River Basin FARMS funds; \$7,588 from Fund 010 H017 Governing Board FARMS funds; \$7,147 from 2003 State Appropriations; \$12,045 from 2006 State Appropriations; and \$2,297 from 2007 State Appropriations allocated to Fund 020 H017 FARMS funds; and \$835 from 2009 State Appropriations allocated to Fund 010 H017 FARMS funds, to 010 H573, T.J. Chastain Neal Road Grove project fund;

3. Authorize the Executive Director to sign the agreement.

e. **Lease Agreement with Polk County for the Dredging of Lake Hancock - SWF Parcel No. 20-503-239X**

Recommend the Governing Board approve a no-cost lease agreement with Polk County for the use of District-owned property for activities associated with the Dredge Project, SWF Parcel No. 20-503-239X.

f. **Appraisals, Purchase/Sale Agreement and Resolution Requesting Funds for Acquisition of SWF Parcel No. 20-697-124 – Bowlegs Creek/Crooked Lake (Britt Tract)**

Recommend the Governing Board accept the appraisals, approve the purchase and sale

agreement, approve the resolution requesting funds, and designate the parcel as having been acquired for conservation purposes.

g. **Charlotte County Fourth-Grade Field Trip Program (W513)**

1. Authorize the transfer of \$15,949 from W507, Peace River Watershed Education, and \$9,000 from W547, Water Quality in the Peace and Myakka Basins, Charlotte Harbor, and Lemon Bay, to W513, Charlotte County Fourth-Grade Field Trip Program.
2. Authorize the Executive Director to approve and execute an agreement with Charlotte Harbor Environmental Center for the Charlotte County Fourth-Grade Field Trip Program (W513) for the 2009-2010 school year.

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

7. **Discussion Items:**

- a. **Election of Officers and Committee Representatives** – This item was postponed to the June 5 meeting.

b. **Water Shortage Actions and Drought Messaging**

Mr. Michael Molligan, Communications Director, reported on current hydrologic conditions and recent emergency and water shortage actions the District has taken in response to the severe rainfall deficit. He used graphics to depict how the severity of the drought has worsened over the past 36 months and spoke of concerted efforts throughout the District to find alternative water sources and reduce existing demand for water. Public service advertising is being used extensively to promote water conservation.

This item is presented for the Basin Board's information; no action was required. (CD1/Track 3)

c. **Fiscal Year 2010 Budget Preparation**

Mr. Mark Hammond, Resource Projects Director, began the budget discussion with comments to orient members on their first look at a preliminary budget for fiscal year (FY) 2010. He emphasized the importance of the Board's direction on funding levels of the various budget categories, including prioritization of Cooperative Funding proposals and other Basin projects. First-time cooperative funding proposals, after staff review, were tentatively ranked as 1A, High, Medium, or Low priority. Mr. Hammond explained that the cooperative funding project ranking was preliminary and further stated that the budget was prepared assuming ad valorem revenue at 12 percent below FY2009, which is estimated for planning purposes. In June, staff will provide an updated ad valorem revenue estimate to the Basin Board and present a revised budget, based on the Board's input and further investigation by staff. At the August meeting, the Basin Board will vote on a final FY2010 millage rate and budget for recommendation to the Governing Board.

Mr. Hammond continued the budget discussion by briefly reviewing the preliminary budget and new Cooperative Funding projects, adding this would be another potentially difficult budget year for the Basin. He reminded members that State funding is unknown at this time, staff continues to assess the real needs of the cooperators, and the budget process is in the beginning stages. Questions should be directed to the Project Manager, Mr. Springstead, Ms. Kavouras, or Mr. Bruce Wirth, Deputy Executive Director, Resource Management Division.

Other topics of brief discussion included possible alternate funding options, Rural Economic Development Initiative (REDI) funding percentage, use of H100 Water Supply and Resource Development Reserves for water supply projects, and Lake Hancock projects.

This item was presented for the Board's information. No formal action was required; however, Board members were encouraged to provide direction on developing the Basin's tentative FY2010 budget for the June 2009 meeting. (CD 1/ Track 4)

d. **Fiscal Year-2015 Strategic Plan Update**

Mr. Roy Mazur, Planning Director, addressed the Board to provide a progress report on the latest update to the Strategic Plan (Plan), which is replacing the District Water Management Plan. He reviewed background of the Plan, goals for the 2011 update, and progress being made, emphasizing that the goal is not to re-write the Plan, but to fine-tune existing content. Mr. Mazur's presentation included an explanation of the three-tiered approach of staff involvement and an Annual Work Plan Report, which is statutorily required when a District Water Management Plan is replaced.

Updates to the Strategic Plan will be provided periodically to the Advisory Committees, Basin Boards, and Governing Board, with approval anticipated by the Governing Board in October 2009.

This item was presented for the Board's information. Although no formal action was required, Mr. Mazur stated that Board members' input is appreciated. (CD 1/ Track 5)

8. **Reports:**

a. **Basin Board Education Committee/Basin Board Land Resources Committee**

Ms. Crisman reported that attendees at the joint meeting participated in a lively discussion of the public's perception of the District and how that perception might be improved. She referred the Board to a full report of the meeting, which was included as an exhibit in the meeting notebook.

This item was presented for the Board's information; no action was required. (CD 1/ Track 6)

b. **Charlotte Harbor National Estuary Program (CHNEP) Policy Committee**

Mr. Lazzell began by thanking Ms. Jennette Seachrist, Surface Water Improvement and Management Program Manager, for assisting him with CHNEP issues for the past few months. He gave brief highlights of the March 16, 2009, CHNEP Policy Committee meeting, which was held in Bowling Green. In follow-up to a previous report to the Basin Board, Mr. Lazzell stated that positive changes to membership requirements for the CHNEP Citizens Advisory Group have been made. He also spoke of off-stream reservoirs and an upcoming reservoirs and watersheds meeting.

This item was presented for the Board's information; no action was required. (CD 1/ Track 6:14:36)

c. **Governing Board Activities**

Board members had been provided a written report of the March 31 Governing Board meeting, which was held at District headquarters in Brooksville. Main topics of discussion were a land exchange with the Sunwest Acquisition Corporation and enactment of Phase IV water restrictions in the Tampa Bay area. (CD 1/Track 6:14:44)

9. **Announcements**

Ms. Kavouras reviewed announcements listed on the agenda, bringing special attention to the following three events:

1. A ribbon-cutting ceremony to be held on May 15 at the Peace River Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority Facility in Arcadia;
2. the May 20 Governing Board meeting, which will be held in Sebring; and
3. the June 5 Basin Board meeting, which will be held in Punta Gorda and followed by a tour of Punta Gorda water supply facilities.

Ms. Kavouras recognized Punta Gorda's Vice Mayor Harvey Goldberg, who was in the audience, and expressed thanks to the City for hosting the June Basin Board meeting and tour. CD 1/Track 6:14:45)

10. **Adjournment**

When there was no further business to come before the Board, Co-Chair Beswick adjourned the meeting at 3:26 p.m. (CD 1/ Track 6:14:50)

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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.

1. Budget Transfer Report
2. Evaluation of Different On-Farm Blueberry Systems to Improve Irrigation Efficiency (B263)
3. Optimizing Irrigation for Shade Tree Production (B265)
4. Regional Reclaimed Water Partnership Initiative - Phase I (H076A) – Execution Notice
5. City of Haines City Southern Area Reuse Transmission Extension (N065) – Execution Notice
6. City of Winter Haven Toilet Rebate Project (N074) – Execution Notice
7. City of Winter Haven Northern Reuse Service Area Reclaimed Main Extension (N075) – Execution Notice
8. Implementation of Best Management Practices - Saddle Creek Watershed (N122) – Execution Notice
9. Information Item – Charlotte Harbor National Estuary Program Fiscal Year 2009 Work Plan (W526) – Execution Notice
10. Cape Haze Pioneer Trail (W556) – Execution Notice