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Minutes of the Meeting

Peace River Basin Board

Southwest Florida Water Management District

Bartow, Florida

July 27, 2007

The Peace River Basin Board of the Southwest Florida Water Management District convened for a regular meeting July 27, 2007, at 9:40 a.m., in the Bartow Service Office.

Board Members Present

C. A. "Neil" Combee, Jr. , Co-Chair Ex Officio
J. Kenneth Harrison, Vice Chair
James L. Hageman, Member
Paul G. Samuels, Member
Fred W. Trippensee, III, Member

Board Member Absent

Patsy C. Symons, Co-Chair Ex Officio
Ann W. Dunlap, Member
Rufus C. Lazzell, Secretary

Staff Present

Bruce Wirth
Gregg Jones
Mark Hammond
Eric Sutton
Tammy Antoine
Chan Springstead
Danny Kushmer
Lou Kavouras
Eric DeHaven
Cathy Linsbeck
Mike Holtkamp
Raina O'Neil
Scott Harbison

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 9:40 a.m. Ms. Young called the roll and noted a quorum was present. (CD 1/Track 1)

2. Pledge of Allegiance

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

3. Additions and Deletions to the Agenda

Deputy Executive Director Lou Kavouras, Outreach, Planning and Board Services, stated no gubernatorial appointments or confirmations for this Board had been received; therefore, Agenda Item 4 was deleted from the agenda. (CD 1/Track 1)

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

This item was deleted from the agenda.

5. Consent Items:

After consideration, Mr. Harrison moved, seconded by Mr. Hageman, to approve the Consent Items, as follow:

a. June 8, 2007, Meeting Minutes - Approve the June minutes, as presented.

b. Board Encumbrances:

i. Facilitating Agricultural Resource Management Systems (FARMS) Program (H017) - Approve the encumbrance of up to \$176,366, or the remaining dollars available, from the FY2007 budget for future year FARMS projects.

- ii. **Lake Hamilton (P-8) Outfall Canal Erosion Repairs (B670)** - Approve the encumbrance of \$100,000 from FY2007 funds, without a contract, to be used for Lake Hamilton (P-8) Outfall Canal Erosion Repair Project during FY2008.
- iii. **Peace River/Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority (Authority) Integrated Regional Loop System Phase 2 (H051)** - Approve the encumbrance of \$202,500, without a contract, for the Peace River/Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority Integrated Regional Loop System Phase 2 (H051).
- iv. **Peace River/Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority Integrated Regional Loop System Phase 3 (H052)** - Approve the encumbrance of \$182,250, without a contract, for the Peace River/Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority Integrated Regional Loop System Phase 3 (H052).
- v. **Lake Jackson Minimum Flows and Levels (MFL) Recovery (B198)** - Approve the encumbrance of \$210,000, without a contract, for the Lake Jackson MFL Recovery Feasibility Study to be used in FY2008.
- vi. **Ridge Lakes Stormwater Improvement – Implementation of Best Management Practices (B217)** - Approve the encumbrance of \$215,958, without a contract, for the Ridge Lakes Stormwater Improvement – Implementation of Best Management Practices project to be used in FY2008.
- vii. **Lake Hancock Lake Level Modification Project (H008)** - Approve the encumbrance of \$600,000, of which \$75,000 is from the Peace River Basin Board, without a contract, to be used in FY2008 for implementation of the Lake Hancock Lake Level Modification Project.
- viii. **Peace Creek Canal Watershed Management Project (H034)** - Approve the encumbrance of \$747,642, with \$199,292.60 from the Peace River Basin Board, without a contract, for the Peace Creek Watershed Management Plan Project to be used in FY2008 for canal restoration and maintenance, engineering design, and permitting.
- ix. **Alligator Creek Wetlands Restoration Project (W511)** - Approve the encumbrance of \$200,000 remaining in FY2007 funds for the Alligator Creek Wetlands Restoration Project to be used in FY2008 for construction, design, and permitting activities.

Motion carried unanimously. (CD 1/Track 1)

6. **Discussion Items:**

a. **Hillsborough County – South/Central Regional Reclaimed Water Project (H068)**

This item was presented to request the Basin Board approve funds for a preliminary design and engineering study of the Hillsborough County and Mosaic Fertilizer reclaimed water project, which involves taking reclaimed water from the County's south-central reclaimed water system to Mosaic's Hopewell Mine clay settling areas in Polk County. The second part would be to assign the offset ground water from Mosaic to municipalities in Polk County to meet potable water supply needs.

While staff felt the project had merit, Gregg Jones, Resource Conservation and Development Director, enumerated concerns regarding project details. He provided the Governing Board's approved motion on this project from its May meeting and shared a

list of questions and issues that evolved during a meeting on June 8 among Hillsborough County representatives, Governing Board Vice Chair Neil Combee, the District's Executive Director David Moore and Deputy Executive Director Bruce Wirth.

Mr. Jones emphasized that elements of the construction phase of the project eligible for District funding will not be determined until the preliminary design and engineering study is complete.

Members asked questions and participated in discussion of topics including: retirement or reallocation of the offset groundwater, aspects of discharge, funding issues, and how the project would affect source water for the reservoir and the Alafia River. To a question from Mr. Hageman, Mr. Bart Weiss, Water Resource Team Administrator for Hillsborough County, gave a brief report of what Hillsborough County would gain from the project.

Mr. Samuels recused himself from voting on this item.

After consideration, **Mr. Harrison moved, seconded by Mr. Trippensee, to recommend the Peace River Basin Board include \$125,000 in its FY2008 budget for preliminary design and engineering work for the Hillsborough County–South/Central Regional Reclaimed Water Project (H068) with Mosaic Fertilizer. Motion carried with Mr. Samuels abstaining.** (CD 1/Track 2)

b. **Design and Construction of the Lake Placid Reuse Project (L153)**

Staff Water Conservation Analyst Tammy Antoine provided background of this project, which would offset approximately 60,000 gallons per day of ground water. She explained circumstances that led to Lake Placid receiving a Community Development Block Grant to pay for part of the transmission main. Subsequently, changes to the project scope of work and start/completion dates will be necessary. Ms. Antoine explained that the total cost of the project had not decreased due to (1) the increase of construction costs and engineering fees in the three years since the last estimates were prepared and (2) the most complex and expensive portions of the project are yet to be constructed.

After consideration, **Mr. Trippensee moved, seconded by Mr. Harrison, to approve the staff recommendation, as follows:**

1. **Recommend the Basin Board approve a change in the project's scope of work.**
2. **Recommend the Basin Board approve the extension of the design completion date from May 1, 2006, to June 30, 2007.**
3. **Recommend the Basin Board approve the extension of the construction start date from May 1, 2006, to May 1, 2008, and the construction completion date from May 1, 2007, to May 1, 2009.**
4. **Recommend the Basin Board approve the extension of the expiration date of the project from December 31, 2008, to December 31, 2010.**
5. **Authorize the Executive Director to sign the third amendment to the agreement with Lake Placid.**

Motion carried unanimously. CD 1/Track 3)

c. **FY2008 Budget Discussion and Approval of Final Millage Rate and Budget for Governing Board Approval**

Mr. Wirth thanked the Board for attending this unscheduled meeting, which was necessary due to a change regarding the timeframe approved budgets must be in Tallahassee. He

reported on the outcome of recent tax reform legislation, House Bill (HB) 1B, which was signed into law June 21, 2007, and which provides maximum millage rates for local governments and independent special districts, including water management districts, for fiscal year (FY) 2008 and future years. Ad valorem revenue for FY2008 will be equal to prior year revenue (FY2007) adjusted for new construction, additions and deletions, then reduced by three percent. Consistent with HB 1B, the Peace River Basin millage rate for FY2008 was set at 0.1827. Mr. Wirth also explained several millage override provisions included in HB 1B that were not considered by the Board.

Mr. Wirth further reported that all FY2008 Cooperative Funding project proposals being considered were included in the budget. Projects not recommended for funding were tentatively removed from the budget, but were shown in the Budget Comparison Report. He highlighted the various elements of the budget and explained changes made to the current projects list considering the new millage rate. He particularly mentioned changes to the Peace River/Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority (Authority) pipeline projects and reported that cancellation of two projects had added significantly to the Basin's contingency funds. Detailed information for all Cooperative Funding proposals submitted for consideration was included in the Projects section of the meeting notebook. (CD 1/Track 4)

The Authority's Executive Director Pat Lehman spoke of community leaders who were instrumental in the Authority's 25-year success story. He then gave an update of the Authority's facilities and projects. In closing, he commended the Peace River and Manasota Basin Boards, the Governing Board, and staff for their continuing support.

Ms. Kavouras suggested the three-part staff recommendation be voted on separately.

After consideration, **Mr. Harrison moved, seconded by Mr. Samuels, to approve and adopt the final required millage rate of 0.1827 for FY2008. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Samuels recused himself from voting on the second part of the staff recommendation.

After consideration, **Mr. Harrison moved, seconded by Mr. Hageman, to approve and adopt the final FY2008 budget for Governing Board approval, as amended, to include the Hillsborough County – South/Central Regional Reclaimed Water Project in the amount of \$125,000, which will be taken from the Basin's H100 fund, creating new line item H068. Motion carried with Mr. Samuels abstaining.**

After consideration, **Mr. Hageman moved, seconded by Mr. Samuels, to approve Resolution No. 99 -- Resolution Affirming the Required FY2008 Final Millage Rate and Budget for Governing Board approval. Motion carried unanimously.** (CD 1/Track 4)

7. Announcements

Ms. Kavouras brought members' attention to announcements listed on the agenda and reminded Board members that the October meeting will be followed by the annual planning workshop. She made the following additional announcements:

- A Strategic Planning Workshop for the Governing and Basin Boards is planned for September 11, 2007, in Tampa.
- The Springs Conference scheduled for October 10-12, 2007, has been cancelled, but will be rescheduled. (CD 1/Track 5)

8. **Adjournment**

Since there was no further business to come before the Board, Co-Chair Combee thanked everyone for attending and adjourned the meeting at 11:02 a.m. (CD 1/Track 5)

******Information Items******

1. Alligator Branch, Thompson Branch, and City of Wauchula Watershed Management Plan (M104) - Execution Notice
2. Buzzards Roost Run Watershed Management Plan (M104) - Execution Notice
3. Crop Coefficients and Water Use for Peppers in Southwest Florida (B238) – Execution Notice
4. Punta Gorda Shell Creek Water Treatment Plant Expansion to 10 Million Gallons per Day (H060) - Execution Notice