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Minutes of the Meeting

PEACE RIVER BASIN BOARD

Southwest Florida Water Management District

Bartow, Florida

August 6, 2010

The Peace River Basin Board of the Southwest Florida Water Management District convened for a regular meeting on Friday, August 6, 2010, at 9:30 a.m. in the District's Bartow Service Office.

Board Members Present

C. A. "Neil" Combee, Jr. , Co-Chair
Ken Harrison, Vice Chair
Rufus C. Lazzell, Secretary
Pat Crisman, Member
Paul G. Samuels, Member
Fred W. Trippensee, III, Member

Staff Present

Lou Kavouras
Terri Behling
Mark Hammond
Roy Mazur

Bruce Wirth
Eric DeHaven
Danny Kushmer
Jeremy McKay

Via Video Conference

Beth Putnam

Board Members Absent

Bryan K. Beswick, Co-Chair
H. Paul Senft, Jr., Co-Chair

Recording Secretary

Phyllis Young

A list of others who attended and signed the attendance roster 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 Combee called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Ms. Phyllis Young, Senior Administrative Assistant, Boards and Executive Services, called the roll and noted a quorum was present.

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Ms. Crisman provided an invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

3. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

Ms. Lou Kavouras, Deputy Executive Director, Outreach, Planning, Board Services and Ombudsman, reported no additions or deletions to the agenda. (Track 1)

4. Basin Activities Report and Agenda Review

Mr. Roy Mazur, Director, Planning Department, reminded the Board that this agenda item is part of each Basin Board meeting, providing an opportunity for staff to give an overview of relevant items on the agenda, information items, and other topics of interest. He briefly commented on current updates to the Regional Water Supply Plan and the Strategic Plan. (Track 2)

5. Consent Items:

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

a. Minutes of the June 11, 2010, Meeting

Approve the June minutes, as presented.

- b. **Annual Calendar of Meeting Dates – Fiscal Year 2011**
Approve the Basin Board meeting schedule, as presented.

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Friday, October 8 , 2010	9:30 a.m.	Bartow Service Office
Friday, December 3, 2010	9:30 a.m.	Bartow Service Office
Friday, February 4, 2011	9:30 a.m.	Hardee County Courthouse Annex
Friday, April 8, 2011	9:30 a.m.	Charlotte County Cultural Center
Friday, June 3, 2011	9:30 a.m.	Polk County Administration Building
Friday, August 5, 2011	9:30 a.m.	DeSoto County Administration Building

- c. **Budget Transfers and Board Encumbrances for Lake Hancock Projects**
1. Authorize the transfer of \$2,250,000 of State WRAP funds from the Lake Hancock Outfall Structure P-11 Replacement (H009) to the Lake Hancock Lake Level Modification (H008) and Lake Hancock Outfall Treatment System (H014) as presented; and encumber the funds.
 2. Authorize the transfer of \$1.5 million of General Fund and Basin funds from the Lake Hancock Lake Level Modification (H008) to the Lake Hancock Outfall Structure P-11 Replacement (H009) as presented; and encumber the funds.
- d. **Board Encumbrances**
- i. **Ridge Lakes Stormwater Improvement (B217)**
Approve the encumbrance of \$168,704.92 (of which \$139,352.46 is from the Peace River Basin and \$29,352.46 from the State Water Protection and Sustainability Trust Fund) without a contract, for the Ridge Lakes Stormwater Improvement project.
 - ii. **Lake Hancock Lake Level Modification Project (H008)**
Approve the encumbrance of \$2,977,370 (\$1,488,685 from the General Fund; \$372,171.25 from the Alafia River Basin Board; \$744,342.50 from the Peace River Basin Board; and \$372,171.25 from the Manasota Basin Board), without a contract, to be used in FY2011 for implementation of the Lake Hancock Lake Level Modification project.
 - iii. **Lake Hancock Outfall Treatment Project (H014, SC54, and W014)**
Approve the encumbrance of \$1,529,430, without a contract, for the Lake Hancock Outfall Treatment Project to be used in FY2011.
 - iv. **Facilitating Agricultural Resource Management Systems (FARMS) Program (H017)**
Approve the encumbrance of \$295,247, or the remaining funds available, from the FY2010 budget to be used for future years FARMS projects.

Motion carried unanimously. (Track 3)

6. **Discussion Items:**
- a. **Fiscal Year 2011 Budget Discussion and Approval of Final Millage Rate and Budget**
Mr. Bruce Wirth, Deputy Executive Director, Resource Management, reminded Board members they would be required to take final action on the Basin's FY2011 millage rate, FY2011 budget, and resolution affirming the millage rate and budget for FY2011. He reported that the Basin's proposed budget for FY2011 had been updated to reflect ad valorem revenue based on the proposed millage rate (0.1827) adopted at its June 11

meeting and the 2010 Certifications of Taxable Value received from county property appraisers.

Mr. Wirth reviewed the revised proposed budget, noting changes to the budget presented during the June meeting. He emphasized that no changes had been made from the project selection standpoint, enumerated projects that had been cancelled or withdrawn since June, noted the decrease of approximately \$114,000 in revenue based on final property valuations, and reported that cancellation of a Hillsborough River Basin project brought associated State grant monies for redistribution to several Basins, including the Peace River Basin. With the cancellation, withdrawals, adjustments, and reallocations of funds since June, Cooperative Funding projects through those ranked "Medium" would be funded. (Track 4)

Ms. Hilary Swain addressed the Board to provide a brief update and express appreciation for the Board's support of the Archbold Biological Station project at the Environmental Education Center on Lake Wales Ridge. Lieutenant Colonel Buck McLaughlin, who accompanied Ms. Swain and is commander of the 106,000 acre Avon Park Air Force Range, spoke of the importance of the Archbold Biological Station as it relates to environmental monitoring in the area. He applauded the Board for its foresight in supporting the Archbold Learning Center and stated the Board will see extended benefits from that support. (Track 5)

Ms. Debra Worley, Lake Placid City Council, expressed appreciation to the Board for its cooperation on the Highlands County Lake Clay Stormwater Retrofit Project L897, which she emphasized is a major project for a small town like Lake Placid. Mr. Wirth provided a brief history of the Lake Clay project and praised the Town's zeal for this project and others that would benefit the area. (Tracks 6 & 7)

For the record, Ms. Kavouras read the three-part staff recommendation, as follows:

1. **Approve and adopt the required final millage rate of 0.1827 mill for FY2011.**
2. **Approve and adopt the final FY2011 budget.**
3. **Approve Resolution No. 109 -- Resolution Affirming the Required Final Millage Rate and Budget for Fiscal Year 2011.**

After consideration, **Mr. Lazzell moved approval of the three-part recommendation as presented; Mr. Samuels seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.** (Track 8)

b. **FY2011 Budget Review and Priority Analysis**

Ms. Kavouras prefaced Mr. Mazur's presentation by reminding the Board that the FY2012 Cooperative Funding Initiative will begin with a workshop on September 13; deadline for application submittal is December 3, 2010, at 2 p.m. To provide cooperators the best information on what the Basin Board considers its priorities, staff requested the Board establish its FY2012 budget priorities this month rather than wait until October. (Track 9)

Mr. Mazur reminded the Board that the current budget priorities were established at the October 2008 Basin Board workshop and reaffirmed at the August 2009 Basin Board meeting. Since Basin issues and concerns may have changed during that time, Planning Department staff created pie charts to show the breakdown of each budget category by budget priority. This analysis revealed areas where changes to the current budget priorities might be considered in order to make them more specific and reflect changes in budget allocations, District initiatives, and water resource needs. He presented a revised list of suggested budget priorities, based on the information

provided, and asked Board members for input or other potential revisions to the priorities.

The Board participated in discussion of various elements of the priorities. Ms. Crisman stated she was pleased the priorities are more specific; Mr. Harrison emphasized the need to prioritize for the best use of Basin dollars.

After consideration, **Ms. Crisman moved approval of the following Basin budget priorities for FY2012:**

- **Alternative Water Source Research, Planning, and Development**
- **Water Conservation and Reuse Initiatives**
- **Watershed Planning and Best Management Practices Implementation**
- **Public and Youth Education Initiatives**

Before proclaiming a second to the motion, Mr. Trippensee stated his belief that reuse is a burden for which rural counties are not ready; they will support the idea of reuse since reuse is in the future. However, in essence reuse is helping rural counties' neighbors more than it will help the rural counties.

After consideration, **Mr. Trippensee seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.** (Tracks 10 & 11)

Ms. Terri Behling, Community Affairs Program Manager, responded to a question from Mr. Lazzell about reuse in Charlotte County, listing names of several Charlotte County developments that currently have reuse systems or will have reuse in the near future. She also noted reuse projects the Board approved today and commented on Charlotte County's reuse ordinance. Mr. Wirth spoke briefly on the Board's history regarding reuse projects. Ms. Kavouras added that reuse will be incorporated into discussion of the Basin's accomplishments during the October 8 meeting. (Tracks 12 & 13)

7. **Reports:**

a. **Basin Board Education Committee (BBEC)**

Ms. Crisman, the Board's primary representative on the BBEC, shared highlights of the July 14 meeting, which was held in the new Glazer Children's Museum in Tampa. Grand opening of the museum is on September 25.

- A workshop for BBEC members and other interested parties, to be held on September 16 in the Tampa Service office, will provide an overview of District education programs. All Basin Board members are invited.
- Water PRO (Program for Restaurant Outreach) is an educational program that helps restaurants save water and money. To assist in promoting the program, Board members were provided Water PRO cards to leave with the manager or wait staff of restaurants they patronize.
- Results of pre- and post-campaign opinion polls showed the District's "Skip a Week" campaign was more effective than last year's campaign. Unaided recall of information increased from 4 percent to 22 percent, and desirable behaviors promoted in the campaign increased, while undesirable behaviors decreased.
- Meeting day for BBEC meetings has been changed from Wednesday to Thursday.

A report of the BBEC meeting was included as an exhibit in the meeting notebook. (Track 14)

b. **Basin Board Land Resources Committee (BBLRC)**

Ms. Kavouras shared highlights of the July 14 BBLRC meeting, which was held jointly with the Land Use Stakeholders group in the Lecanto Government Center. A summary

of the meeting was provided as an exhibit in the meeting notebook. Agenda topics included land use management plans, recreation/revenue opportunities and the on-going analysis of multiple-use and revenue-generation on District lands, and how to monitor utilization of District lands. (Track 15)

c. **Governing Board Activities**

Co-Chair Combee directed the Board to a report of the July 27 Governing Board meeting, which they were provided. He reported the Governing Board approved initiation of rulemaking as a result of the January 2010 frost/freeze event and spoke of the possibility the Governing Board would reduce its millage rate at its meeting later this month. (Track 16)

These reports were presented for the Board's information; no action was required.

8. **Announcements:**

Co-Chair Combee announced the next Basin Board meeting is Friday, October 8, 2010, beginning at 9:30 a.m. in the Bartow Service Office.

Mr. Lazzell took this opportunity to thank staff for their response and support of his efforts as a member of Charlotte Harbor Estuary Program's Policy Committee.

9. **Adjournment**

There being no other business to come before the Board, Co-Chair Combee thanked everyone for attending and adjourned the meeting at 10:58 a.m.