

**APPROVED**  
Minutes of the Meeting

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

Bartow, Florida

October 8, 2010

The Peace River Basin Board of the Southwest Florida Water Management District convened for a regular meeting on Friday, October 8, 2010, at 9:30 a.m. in the District's Bartow Service Office.

Board Members Present

Bryan K. Beswick, Co-Chair  
H. Paul Senft, Jr., Co-Chair  
Pat Crisman, Member  
Gordon "Mac" Martin, Member  
Paul G. Samuels, Member  
Fred W. Trippensee, III, Member

Staff Present

Lou Kavouras  
Eric DeHaven  
Roy Mazur  
Terri Behling  
Danny Kushmer  
Joanne McClellan

Bruce Wirth  
Mark Hammond  
Anthony Andrade  
Dianne Davies  
Jeremy McKay

Board Members Absent

C. A. "Neil" Combee, Jr. , Co-Chair  
Rufus C. Lazzell, Secretary

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 Beswick 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**

Mr. Trippensee provided an invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. (Track 1)

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 2)

4. **Ceremony to Honor Former Basin Board Member Ken Harrison**

In the absence of Mr. Lazzell, Ms. Crisman shared a brief profile of Mr. Harrison's tenure and provided highlights of Board accomplishments during that time. She presented Mr. Harrison a plaque in recognition of his 11-plus years of service to the Basin Board. Further, she praised him as a leader in water matters in the community as well as on the Board. Mr. Harrison was appointed to the Peace River Basin Board on July 16, 1999; re-appointed in March 2001, April 2004, and November 2007 and served through August 2010.

In response, Mr. Harrison said he was honored to have been appointed to the Peace River Basin Board and he enjoyed serving. He expressed appreciation for District staff – "people of great ability, skill, capability, and dedication to what they do" -- and stated it had been a privilege to work with them. Further, he complimented the District as a whole and individually for their work and asserted that their efforts are making a difference.

Co-Chair Senft thanked Mr. Harrison for his service, his understanding, and his leadership, and added that the Board will miss his institutional knowledge.

Mr. Bruce Wirth, Deputy Executive Director, Resource Management, expressed appreciation for Mr. Harrison's praise of District staff and also for the knowledge Mr. Harrison had shared through the years. He added that Mr. Harrison had given him perspective of area agriculture, political climate, and the entire work arena, and was "an incredibly involved, outstanding presence on the Board." (Track 3)

5. **Oath of Office for Newly Appointed or Re-Appointed Basin Boards**

Ms. Young administered the Oath of Office to newly appointed Board Member "Mac" Martin and Board Member Pat Crisman, who was recently re-appointed to the Board. (Track 4)

6. **Consent Items:**

After consideration, Ms. Crisman moved approval of the following Consent Items:

a. **Minutes of the August 6, 2010, Meeting**

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

b. **Non-Exclusive Easement Agreement to Polk County Utilities for a Force Main Line-Lake Hancock Project, SWF Parcel No. 20-502-110X**

**Approve the no-cost change, first amendment to the agreement with the City of Clearwater for the Skycrest Reclaimed Water project to modify the scope of work, modify the project timeline, and authorize the Executive Director to sign the amendment.**

c. **Facilitating Agricultural Resource Management Systems (FARMS)**

i. **Bethel Farms, LLLP (H610), Charlotte County**

1. **Approve the Bethel Farms, LLLP, Charlotte County project for a not-to-exceed project reimbursement of \$82,500, with \$40,731 provided by the Peace River Basin Board; \$40,732 provided by the Governing Board; and \$1,037 provided from State Appropriations;**
2. **Authorize the transfer of \$40,731 from Fund 020 H017 Peace River Basin Board FARMS funds; \$40,732 from Fund 010 H017 Governing Board FARMS funds; and \$1,037 from State Appropriations allocated to Fund 010 H017 FARMS funds, to H610 Bethel Farms, LLLP, Charlotte County project fund; and**
3. **Authorize the Executive Director to sign the agreement.**

ii. **JWCD-Dr. Waters Grove (H608), DeSoto County**

1. **Approve the JWCD-Dr. Waters Grove project for a not-to-exceed project reimbursement of \$88,162, with \$21,165 provided by the Peace River Basin Board; \$21,165 provided by the Governing Board; and \$45,832 provided by State Appropriations;**
2. **Authorize the transfer of \$21,165 from Fund 020 H017 Peace River Basin Board FARMS funds; \$21,165 from Fund 010 H017 Governing Board FARMS funds; \$3,503 from State Appropriations allocated to Fund 020 H017 FARMS funds; and \$45,832 from State Appropriations allocated to Fund 010 H017 FARMS funds, to H608 JWCD-Dr. Waters Grove project fund; and**
3. **Authorize the Executive Director to sign the agreement.**

iii. **Mixon Family Farms, Inc., Phase 2 (H607), Polk County**

1. **Approve the Mixon Family Farms Phase 2 project for a not-to-exceed project reimbursement of \$64,740 with \$16,185 provided by the Peace River Basin Board; \$16,185 provided by the Governing Board; and \$32,370 provided from State Appropriations;**
2. **Authorize the transfer of \$16,185 from Fund 020 H017 Peace River Basin Board FARMS funds; \$16,185 from Fund 010 H017 Governing Board**

- FARMS funds; \$32,370 from the State Appropriations allocated to Fund 010 H017 FARMS funds to H607 Mixon Family Farms Phase 2 project fund; and
3. Authorize the Executive Director to sign the agreement.
- iv. **Oak Creek Farms, LLC – Bentley Ranch Amendment (H586), Hardee County**
1. Approve the Oak Creek Farms, LLC, project amendment to add \$93,750 to the proposed project reimbursement, with \$46,875 provided by the Peace River Basin Board and \$46,875 provided by the Governing Board;
  2. Authorize the transfer of \$46,875 from Fund 020 H017 Peace River Basin Board FARMS funds and \$46,875 from Fund 010 H017 Governing Board FARMS funds, to H586, Oak Creek Farms, LLC, project fund; and
  3. Authorize the Executive Director to sign the agreement.
- v. **Orange-Co, LP, Phase 1 Amendment (H606), DeSoto County**
1. Approve the Orange-Co, LP, amendment for a not-to-exceed project reimbursement of \$349,870 with \$87,467 provided by the Peace River Basin Board; \$87,467 provided by the Governing Board; and \$174,936 provided from State Appropriations;
  2. Authorize the transfer of \$87,467 from Fund 020 H017 Peace River Basin Board FARMS funds; \$87,467 from Fund 010 H017 Governing Board FARMS funds; and \$174,936 from State Appropriations allocated to Fund 010 H017 FARMS funds to H606 Orange-Co, LP, project fund; and
  3. Authorize the Executive Director to sign the agreement.
- vi. **Windmill Farms Nursery, Inc. (H614), Hardee County**
1. Approve the Windmill Farms Nursery, Inc., project for a not-to-exceed project reimbursement of \$175,000 with \$87,500 provided by the Peace River Basin Board and \$87,500 provided by the Governing Board;
  2. Authorize the transfer of \$87,500 from Fund 020 H017 Peace River Basin Board FARMS funds and \$87,500 from Fund 010 H017 Governing Board FARMS funds to H614 Windmill Farms Nursery, Inc., project fund; and
  3. Authorize the Executive Director to sign the agreement.

Mr. Trippensee seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. (Track 4/01:04)

7. **Discussion Items:**

a. **Overview of Reclaimed Water Use in the Peace River Basin**

Mr. Anthony Andrade, Senior Water Conservation Analyst in the Conservation and Water Use Outreach Section, presented this item in response to the Basin Board's request during the August 6 meeting. He began by sharing facts about reuse.

1. Florida is the national leader in reuse. Within the District, more than 50 percent of all wastewater produced is reused; offset efficiency is 65 percent.
2. Development of reclaimed water as an alternative water source to help meet future demands is a District strategic priority, a legislative directive, and a Peace River Basin Board budget priority; it is critical in managing three of the four District areas of responsibility, is emphasized in the Regional Water Supply Plan, and is included in the Southern Water Use Caution Area Recovery Strategy.
3. The District's reclaimed water goals are to achieve a 75 percent utilization rate of all wastewater treatment plant flows and to achieve a 75 percent offset efficiency of all reclaimed water used by the year 2030.

Mr. Andrade's report also included facts on reclaimed water users within the Basin. He used graphs to compare reuse in the District from 1980 to 2030 and within the Peace River Basin for 2008, 2015, and 2030. He commented on reclaimed water grant funding and regulatory, technical, and educational incentives for the District and for the Basin

alone. He also highlighted each of the ten ongoing cooperatively funded reclaimed projects currently underway within the Basin and showed their locations on an area map. Regarding opportunities for additional reclaimed water use within the Basin, Mr. Andrade emphasized that more of the Basin's wastewater treatment plants (WWTPs) need to supply reuse in order to increase available flow. He closed by stating that the future of reclaimed water use within the Basin is very promising.

This item was presented for the Board's information; no action was required. (Track 4/ 02:07 – Track 5)

b. **Fiscal Year 2010 Accomplishments**

Ms. Dianne Davies, Basin Planner for the southern section of the District, reported on completed Basin projects and other milestones reached in FY2010. Board members had been provided a brochure of FY2010 Basin accomplishments for their information and to share with others who are interested in the Basin Board. She explained how Basin projects relate to Basin budget priority, area of responsibility, or strategic initiative and provided details of the Lake Gibson Stormwater Management System Retrofit project that addresses water quality and flood protection issues of the Lake.

So Board members could get a first-hand look at selected Basin projects, Ms. Davies noted a series of tours scheduled for November. A flyer of tour dates and descriptions was provided to the Board. Details would be forthcoming, and Board members would be asked to provide their tour choice(s) to Ms. Kavouras by October 15.

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

c. **2012 - 2016 Strategic Plan Update**

Mr. Roy Mazur, Planning Director, gave a report on the progress of the 2012-2016 Strategic Plan update. Goals of the update include revising the Natural Systems and Water Quality strategic initiatives, updating and graphically enhancing the Strategic Planning Scorecard, and composing the final Strategic Plan document. An Annual Report will also be created and along with the Strategic Plan will meet the statutory requirement allowing their use in lieu of a District Water Management Plan. Mr. Mazur reviewed the goals and timeframe for the Plan update, finalization of the Scorecard, and presentation of the Annual Report. In closing, he reminded Board members that comments on the drafts are welcome; deadline for submittal of input is October 20, 2010.

This item was presented for the Basin Board's information; no action was required. (Track 7)

d. **Annual Update of the Long-Range Water Supply and Water Resource Development Funding Plan**

Mr. Bruce Wirth, Deputy Executive Director, Resource Management Division, provided the annual update on the Basin's Long-Range Water Supply and Water Resource Development Funding Plan (Plan) that shows changes in projects and financial assumptions over a planning horizon of 20 years. The purpose of the update is to evaluate the ability of the Basin to meet the financial needs of its partners and its own initiatives in the area of alternative water supply and conservation (Cooperative Funding) and resource development (District initiatives) considering other Basin priorities that include Basin initiatives, SWIM, and cooperative funding.

He used charts and graphs to present demand projections and project updates, including costs and schedules that will be combined with projections of Basin revenues

and other Basin expenditures in order to evaluate the capabilities of the Basin to meet financial demands through 2030. He noted the Basin has funded many of its large conservation projects as well as significant backbone projects for reuse. Further, he reported the economic downturn has resulted in significant declines in projected water demands over the next 20 years. With regard to ad valorem, growth within the Basin is not anticipated to increase until 2014.

In closing, Mr. Wirth stated the Basin will continue to be challenged to meet the requests of cooperators going forward and will be required to make tough decisions, as in the past several years.

This item was presented for the Board's information; no action was required. (Tracks 8 & 9)

8. **Reports:**

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

Due to the absence of Mr. Lazzell, the Board's representative on the CHNEP Policy Committee, this item was postponed.

b. **Governing Board Activities**

Co-Chair Senft reported that the Governing Board adopted its FY2011 budget and a reduced millage rate during the September 28 meeting. Other highlights of that meeting included discussion of the desalination facility settlement agreement with Tampa Bay Water representatives; referral of individual water use permits to the Governing Board for agency action, as necessary; delay of a decision on the District's Water Shortage Plan amendments; and an update on the Dover/Plant City cold protection management plan.

This report was presented for the Board's information; no action was required. (Track 10)

9. **Announcements:**

Ms. Kavouras directed the Board's attention to announcements listed on the agenda and specifically mentioned the October 23 *Get Outside!* event.

Mr. Martin volunteered to fill the Board's vacancy on the Basin Board Land Resources Committee; he will serve as the primary representative. (Track 11)

10. **Adjournment**

The day's business being complete, Co-Chair Beswick adjourned the meeting at 11:05 a.m.