

Minutes of the Meeting

WELL DRILLERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Southwest Florida Water Management District

Tampa, Florida

January 15, 2014

The Well Drillers Advisory Committee (WDAC) of the Southwest Florida Water Management District convened for a regular meeting at 1:30 p.m. January 15, 2014, at the Tampa Service Office.

Board Members Present

Stuart Anderson, Chair
Todd Townsend, Member
Dennis Fourqurean, Member
Ted Dyer, Member
Jeff Baker, Member
Paul Pope, Member

Staff Present

Dave Arnold	Sandie Will
Lois Sorensen	Jim Clayton
Laura Howe	Tiffany Horstman
Julie Zydek	Steve Camp
Bill Permenter	George Schlutermann
Kevin Stover	Mark Alford
Mark Pike	Ted Gates
Mark Barcelo	Carrie Felice

Recording Secretary

Teri Rhodes

A list of others who were present and signed the attendance roster is filed in the permanent files. 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 Committee.

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

Chair Anderson called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. Ms. Rhodes called the roll and Chair Anderson noted a quorum was present.

2. **Approval of October 9, 2013 Meeting Summary**

After consideration, Ted Dyer moved and Dennis Fourqurean seconded to approve the October 9, 2013 minutes as presented.

Chair Anderson reiterated that the purpose of the WDAC is to provide professional and technical input into District programs and activities, including regulatory programs, rules revisions, water conservation activities, water resource planning, water resource and supply development projects, research and other water management district projects that relate to this industry. The function of the WDAC shall be to provide two-way communication between the District and the well construction industry.

Chair Anderson reminded everyone that paperwork for Continuing Education Units (CEU) can be obtained after the meeting. All forms should be given to Mr. Arnold for signature and sent to the Florida Ground Water Association (FGWA) for a conversion fee.

3. Meeting Items

- **Voting of WDAC Chair and Vice Chair Positions**
WDAC board members voted to have Stuart Anderson and Dennis Fourqurean to hold the Chair and Vice Chair positions, respectively.
- **Hydrologic Update – Lois Sorensen**
Due to a scheduling conflict, Ms. Sorensen presented early. Ms. Sorensen discussed current hydrologic conditions and program updates of interest to attendees including a water shortage order for the central portion of the District.
- **Sunshine Law and Public Records Requests – Carrie Felice**
As an add-on to the agenda, Ms. Felice provided information on the State’s Sunshine Law and included direction for WDAC members should they be involved in a public records request.
- **SWUCA Recovery Strategy – Status of Five-Year Review – Mark Barcelo, P.E.**
Mr. Barcelo provided a summary of the Five-Year Review of the Southern Water Use Caution Area (SWUCA) which included the program’s history, challenges and achievements, areas needing additional work, and future steps needed to attain additional goals such as achieving the saltwater intrusion minimum aquifer level in the MIA, and restoring water levels on the Ridge Lakes.
- **Summary of January 10, 2014 DEP/WMD/DOH/FGWA Workgroup Meeting – David Arnold, P.G.**
Mr. Arnold summarized multiple topics of interest from the January 10, 2014 DEP/WMD/DOH/FGWA well construction workgroup meeting. These topics included an update on the water well contractor CEU program, proposed statutory changes by FGWA to Chapter 373, Florida Statutes, a proposal by FGWA to the workgroup for additional contractor licensing requirements, and proposed amendments/modifications to Chapter 62-531, F.A.C.
- **Tampa Bay Water Good Neighbor Policy – Christine Owen**
Ms. Owen presented the history of Tampa Bay Water’s (TBW’s) Good Neighbor Policy well mitigation program and procedures taken by TBW for mitigating well complaints within their wellfield mitigation areas. Ms. Owen also discussed efforts taken by TBW to inform the public of design requirements needed to make a new domestic water wells eligible for mitigation pursuant to the TBW Good Neighbor Policy. Ms. Owen answered many questions by the WDAC board.
- **Sarasota County Well Drilling Ordinance Discussion – Tom Higginbotham**
Mr. Higginbotham of the Sarasota County Health Department provided a statement that the Sarasota County Commission recently approved three members on their Well Advisory Board and that they plan on moving forward with reviewing their Well Construction Ordinance with their Well Advisory Board.

4. **Open Discussion**

Mr. Anderson announced that anyone that has items to be included for the next meeting, please contact any committee member or David Arnold.

5. **Announcements**

- The next WDAC Meeting is scheduled for April 9, 2014 at 1:30, Tampa Service Office, 7601 Highway 301 North, Tampa, FL 33637.
- The next DEP/WMD/DOH/FGWA Workgroup Meeting is scheduled for April 30, 2014.
- FGWA Annual Convention and Trade Show – May 1-3, 2014, at the Caribe Royal Hotel, 8101 World Center Drive, Orlando, FL 32821

Motion to adjourn by Ted Dyer and seconded by Dennis Fourqurean. Meeting adjourned at 3:25 pm