

# MINUTES OF THE MEETING

## COOPERATIVE FUNDING PUBLIC MEETING

### SOUTHERN REGION COOPERATIVE FUNDING INITIATIVE PUBLIC MEETING GOVERNING BOARD SOUTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

SARASOTA, FLORIDA

FEBRUARY 6, 2020

The Southern Region Cooperative Funding Initiative Public Meeting hosted by the Southwest Florida Water Management District Governing Board convened at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 6, 2020 at the Sarasota County Commissioner's Chambers at 1660 Ringling Boulevard, Sarasota, Florida.

#### Governing Board Members Present

Joe Schleicher, Committee Chair  
Mark Taylor  
Jack Bispham

#### Recording Secretary

Lori Manuel

#### Staff Members Present

Mandi Rice  
Jennette Seachrist  
Kevin Wills  
Will VanGelder  
Tamera McBride  
Jay Hoecker  
Terese Power  
Lisann Morris  
Nicole Mytyk  
Dennis Ragosta

A list of others who signed the attendance roster is filed in the permanent records of the District. Approved minutes can be found on the District's Web site ([www.WaterMatters.org](http://www.WaterMatters.org)).

The numbers preceding the items below correspond with the published agenda.

#### **1. Call to Order and Pledge Allegiance**

Committee Chair Schleicher called the meeting to order and led the pledge of allegiance.

#### **2. Introductions**

Committee Chair Schleicher introduced the other members of the committee.

County Commissioner Chair Michael Moran welcomed the District.

#### **3. Review CFI Preliminary Staff Evaluations and Rankings**

Mr. Kevin Wills, Cooperative Funding Initiative Program lead, provided an overview of the Strategic Plan priorities as related to the Areas of Responsibilities (AOR). This presentation included a map depicting the location of the projects throughout the Southern region; explanation of rankings and how they are associated with the Strategic Plan Areas of Responsibilities (AOR); regional priorities association with projects; multi-year comparison of funding requests; total request for FY2021 and recommendations; and preliminary rankings of projects. Mr. Wills stated the regional priorities include implementation of the recovery strategies and improvement of Charlotte Harbor, Sarasota Bay and Shell/Prairie/Joshua Creek.

Mr. Wills outlined the 1A ranked projects. He explained that projects ranked 1A are multi-year projects with prior District commitment.

Mr. Wills outlined the high ranked projects. He specifically addressed high ranked projects Q139, Q145 and Q212.

Mr. Wills outlined the medium ranked projects. He specifically addressed medium ranked project Q050. He stated the total future and projects cost associated for this project was incorrectly listed as \$2,500 less than requested.

Mr. Wills outlined the projects that were not recommended for funding. He specifically addressed projects Q141, Q180 and Q208.

Committee Member Jack Bispham asked about the requirement for a feasibility study regarding project Q139. Mr. Jay Hoecker explained that different regional variables dictate the need for studies associated with projects.

Committee Member Mark Taylor asked about the requirement for feasibility studies associated with projects Q202, Q205, Q212 and W297. Mr. Jay Hoecker responded to questions regarding projects Q202, Q205 and Q212. Mr. Mike Coates, representing the Peace River Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority (PRMRWSA) explained that the studies that have been completed were at a conceptual level for those projects.

Committee Member Taylor asked for additional information regarding projects Q179, Q214 and Q168.

Committee Member Taylor asked about the medium ranking associated with the past performance metric evaluation regarding projects Q159 and Q160. Mr. Kevin Wills stated that the medium ranking for these projects is associated with deadline extensions and budgets. Ms. Seachrist explained that the District works with cooperators to extend deadlines when necessary which can affect their performance ranking.

Committee Chair Schleicher stated concerns regarding security associated with projects Q202, Q205 and Q212.

Committee Chair Schleicher stated concerns regarding the funding of projects associated with private entities. He specifically addressed project Q145.

**4. Receive Public/Stakeholder/Applicant Input**

No Blue Cards were submitted.

**5. Board Discussion and Selection of Project Presentations in April**

Mr. Wills stated that project Q145 will be presented at the April meeting.

**6. Timeline and Next Steps**

Mr. Wills stated the next meeting is on April 2 at 10:00 a.m., in the Sarasota County Commission Chambers. Action will be taken at that meeting.

**7. Adjournment**

There being no further discussion, Committee Chair Schleicher thanked everyone who attended.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:34 a.m.