

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

COOPERATIVE FUNDING PUBLIC MEETING

TAMPA BAY REGION COOPERATIVE FUNDING INITIATIVE PUBLIC MEETING GOVERNING BOARD SOUTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

TAMPA, FLORIDA

FEBRUARY 13, 2020

The Tampa Bay 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 13, 2020 at the District's Tampa Office, 7601 Highway 301 North, Tampa, Florida.

Governing Board Members Present

Michelle Williamson, Committee Chair
Rebecca Smith, Ph.D. **Via Phone*

Staff Members Present

Amanda Rice
Jennette Seachrist
Michael Molligan
Kevin Wills
Vivianna Bendixson
Eric DeHaven
J. P. Marchand
Terese Powers
Randy Smith
Will VanGelder
Tamera McBride
Jay Hoecker
Joel Brown

Recording Secretary

Lori Manuel

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).

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

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

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

2. Introductions

Committee Chair Williamson introduced the other member of the committee.

3. Review CFI Preliminary Staff Evaluations and Rankings

Mr. Kevin Wills, Cooperative Funding Initiative Project 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 Tampa Bay region; explanation of rankings and how they are associated with the Strategic Initiatives; 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 Minimum Flows and Levels (MFLs) recovery strategies, improvement of Lake Thonotosassa, Tampa Bay, Lake Tarpon and Lake Seminole and improve flood protection.

Mr. Wills outlined the 1A and high ranked projects. He explained that projects ranked 1A are multi-year projects with prior District commitment. He specifically addressed projects N965 and Q053.

Mr. Wills specifically addressed high ranked projects Q142, Q146, Q189 and Q190.

Mr. Wills specifically addressed low ranked projects N901 and Q147.

Mr. J.P. Marchand provided an overview of high ranked project Q156 and low ranked project N901. He explained these projects are related and are proposed to improve outfall conditions in the watershed. Mr. Marchand stated that staff determined that project Q156 provides significant flood benefits. He stated that staff are currently reviewing the benefits of project N901.

4. Receive Public/Stakeholder/Applicant Input

Mr. David Smolker spoke in favor of projects Q156 and N901.

Ms. Cindy Boyd spoke in favor of projects Q156 and N901.

5. Board Discussion and Selection of Project Presentations in April

Mr. Wills stated the following projects would be presented at the April meeting: N901, N949, Q125 and Q156.

6. Timeline and Next Steps

The next Tampa CFI meeting is scheduled for April 8 at 10:00 a.m., in the Tampa Office. Action will be taken at the next meeting.

7. Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 10:27 p.m.