



**SPRINGS COAST MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY, July 13, 2022 – 1:30 PM**  
**2379 BROAD STREET, BROOKSVILLE, FLORIDA 34604**  
**MICROSOFT TEAMS**

**MINUTES**

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Committee Members Present

Michael Molligan, SWFWMD  
Ken Frink, City of Crystal River  
Ken Cheek, Citrus County  
Alys Brockway, Hernando County  
Tom Marinelli, Pasco County  
Moira Hamann, FDEP  
Will Fontain, FGUA  
Michelle Sempsrott, FWC  
Jessica Stempien, FDACS  
Curt Williams, Agriculture  
Suzy Folsom, Public Supply  
Charles Lee, Environmental  
Enrique Latimer, Industry  
Dr. Mauricio Arias, Academia  
Chris Oliver, State Parks

Staff Members

Vivianna Bendixson  
Frank Gargano  
Madison Trowbridge  
Randy Smith  
Virginia Singer  
Lisa Laupert  
Randy Emberg

Committee Administrative Support

Lauren Vossler

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FDACS – Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services  
FDEP – Florida Department of Environmental Protection  
SCMC – Springs Coast Management Committee  
FGUA – Florida Governmental Utility Authority

FWC – Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission  
SWFWMD – Southwest Florida Water Management District  
SCSC – Springs Coast Steering Committee

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**1. Call to Order and Roll**

The Springs Coast Management Committee of the Southwest Florida Water Management District (District) met for its regular meeting at 1:30 p.m., on July 13, 2022, via Microsoft Teams.

Mr. Michael Molligan, Employee Outreach and General Services Director, called the meeting to order. Roll was called and a quorum was noted.

**2. Action Item: Minutes Approval from May 25, 2022**

*A motion was made for approval of the May 25, 2022 minutes. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.*

**3. Public Input**

None

**4. Action Item: FY2024 FDEP Springs Funding Process**

Ms. Vivianna Bendixson, SWIM Program Manager, presented the FY2024 Springs Funding process. She gave a brief description of the water quality, quantity, and land acquisition criteria, along with the FY2024 prioritization matrix.

Ms. Bendixson discussed application changes including the update of the FDEP spreadsheet to reflect new information which included the number of existing septic tanks that will be converted, percentage of completion of design, and permitting status. For land acquisition criteria, she presented proposed criteria verbiage that reads “funding request is at or less than the estimated fair market value.”

***A motion was made to approve the FY2024 Springs Funding application, evaluation, and prioritization process. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.***

**5. Action Item: Approve Future SCMC Meeting Dates**

Ms. Vivianna Bendixson, SWIM Program Manager, provided members with a detailed proposed FY2023 timeline. She stated the timeline will begin in October with the Springs and Cooperative Funding Initiative applications being due.

***A motion was made to approve future Spring Coast Management Committee meeting dates. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.***

**6. Action Item: Weeki Wachee Quantifiable Objective Refinements**

Dr. Madison Trowbridge discussed the technical working group update for the Weeki Wachee River. Dr. Trowbridge provided a brief summary on the Weeki Wachee River quantifiable objectives including water quality, water quantity, and natural systems. She discussed moving water clarity to indicator status, redefining water clarity to headspring, Estates, and Gardens portions, and redefining desirable and invasive submerged aquatic vegetation (SAV) to upper and lower portions.

Mr. Charles Lee asked for clarification on water clarity areas. Dr. Trowbridge explained these locations were derived from the sampling locations in the District's Environmental Data Portal.

Mr. Lee asked how periphyton and filamentous algae are captured. Dr. Trowbridge explained the SAV sampling efforts capture both periphyton and filamentous algae trends in the Weeki Wachee River.

***A motion was made to approve refinements to the quantifiable objectives as recommended by District staff. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.***

**7. Open Discussion**

None.

**8. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 2:08 p.m.