

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

SOUTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

PLANNING WORKSHOP

BROOKSVILLE, FLORIDA

AUGUST 29, 2017

The Governing Board met for a public workshop at 9:00 a.m. on August 29, 2017, at the District's Brooksville Office. The following persons were present:

Board Members Present

Randall S. Maggard, Chair
Jeffrey M. Adams, Vice Chair
Bryan Beswick, Secretary
Ed Armstrong, Treasurer
H. Paul Senft, Member
Michael A. Babb, Member
Kelly S. Rice, Member
John Henslick, Member
Michelle Williamson, Member
Mark Taylor, Member
Joel Schleicher, Member
Rebecca Smith, Member
James G. Murphy, Member

Staff Members

Brian J. Armstrong, Executive Director
Amanda Rice, Assistant Executive Director
Karen E. West, General Counsel
Kurt P. Fritsch, Inspector General
John J. Campbell, Division Director
Ken L. Frink, Division Director
Mark A. Hammond, Division Director
Alba E. Más, Division Director
Michael Molligan, Division Director

Board's Administrative Support

Cara Martin, Board & Executive Services Manager
Lori Manuel, Administrative Assistant

A list of others who were present, and signed the attendance roster, is filed in the permanent records of the District. Approved minutes from previous meetings can be found on the District's website (www.WaterMatters.org).

PUBLIC HEARING (Audio – 00:00)

1. Introduction and Objectives

Chair Maggard explained the objectives of the workshop. He stated that staff will provide presentations that will allow for discussion regarding the use of District revenues.

Ms. Amanda Rice, assistant executive director, provided an overview of the workshop agenda and objectives. She reminded the Board that no action was being requested from this workshop.

2. Strategic Plan and Budget Process

Mr. Michael Molligan, director of employee and external relations, provided an overview of the strategic plan. He outlined areas of responsibility: water supply, water quality, natural systems and flood protection. Mr. Molligan provided an outline of the District's top priorities for the Northern, Tampa Bay, Heartland and Southern regions.

3. Background Presentation on Accomplishments, Priorities and Reserves

Mr. Mark Hammond, director of resource management, provided examples of priorities that have been established by the Board. These included: regional water supply planning, conservation, reclaimed water and development of alternative supplies. Mr. Hammond offered examples associated with the areas of responsibility. He provided an example of water supply which included historical information on District investments as related to Tampa Bay Water (TBW) and the Peace River Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority (PRMRWSA).

Mr. Hammond offered an example of water quality and natural systems which included seagrass recovery. He provided an example flood protection which included watershed management programs.

Mr. Hammond discussed cooperative project funding since 1988 and possible future funding as related to septic tanks for springs restoration, indirect potable reuse, storm water projects and the Polk Regional Water Cooperative (PRWC).

Mr. John Campbell, director of management services, presented a graphic that outlined the District's "cash on hand" information which included examples of each category outlined. He provided four long-term funding model scenarios.

4. Chairman's Comments

Chair Maggard stated that two specific issues, septic tanks and indirect potable reuse, are considered a priority for the state.

5. Governing Board Discussion

Board Members expressed their opinions regarding the amount of reserves that should be maintained. Comments varied from zero reserves to one year. Discussion included the use of reserve funding for appropriate projects.

Board Member Williamson asked if the District utilized any reserve funds during the recession. Mr. Campbell responded in the negative but clarified that reserve funds have been used to balance the budget.

Board Member Babb reminded the Board that different considerations are given to private versus public when related to spending. He asked if there was a policy that addressed allocation of additional funding during a disaster. Mr. Campbell responded that would be determined by the declared level of disaster, and would require Board approval.

Board Member Schleicher stated that consideration should be given to variables that include, the increase of property values related to millage rates, land surplus, and matching of cooperative funding from other municipalities.

Board Member Henslick asked if potential costs associated with septic tanks will be covered by the District. Chair Maggard responded that has not been determined.

Board Member Henslick discussed the potential delegation of Section 404 from the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE).

Board Member Taylor asked how the project budget would be affected if reserve funding was utilized. Mr. Campbell referenced long term funding model scenarios one and two.

Board Member Taylor asked about the cost of future floodplain mapping changes as related to District funding. Mr. Hammond responded that the District has allocated approximately 10 million a year for flood protection projects, that could increase to 25 million a year.

Board Member Senft cautioned the Board regarding thinking that the surplus land inventory is considered a revenue source.

Board Members suggested future priorities that included septic, storm water projects, potable reuse and desalinization. Board Member Henslick asked what policies would ensure that development does not impact these priorities. Chair Maggard responded that District

leadership and partnership/collaboration with other agencies is important. Discussion included incentive based funding.

6. Public Input

Mr. Ryan Taylor, Polk County, stated that Polk County is looking forward to partnering with the District on some future alternative water supply projects.

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.