

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

GOVERNING BOARD SOUTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

TAMPA, FLORIDA

NOVEMBER 13, 2018

The Governing Board of the Southwest Florida Water Management District (District) met for its regular meeting at 9:00 a.m., on November 13, 2018, at the Tampa Office. The following persons were present:

Board Members Present

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

Board Members Absent

Rebecca Smith, Ph.D., Member

Staff Members

Brian J. Armstrong, Executive Director
Amanda Rice, Assistant Executive Director
Karen E. West, General Counsel
Brian Werthmiller, Inspector General
John J. Campbell, Division Director
Ken L. Frink, Division Director
Alba E. Más, Division Director
Michael Molligan, Division Director
Jennette Seachrist, Division Director

Board Administrative Support

Caroline McKnight, Board & Executive Services Manager
Lori Manuel, Administrative Assistant

A list of others in attendance, who signed the attendance roster, is filed in the permanent records of the District. This meeting was available for viewing through Internet streaming. Approved minutes from previous meetings can be found on the District's website (www.WaterMatters.org).

PUBLIC HEARING (Video – 00:00)

1. Call to Order

Chair Adams called the meeting to order and opened the public hearing. Secretary Beswick stated a quorum was present.

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Board Member Wiggins offered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Chair Adams introduced each member of the Governing Board. He noted that the Board meeting was recorded for broadcast on government access channels, and public input was only taken during the meeting onsite.

Chair Adams stated that anyone wishing to address the Governing Board concerning any item listed on the agenda or any item that does not appear on the agenda should fill out and submit a "Request to Speak" card. To assure that all participants have an opportunity to speak, a member of the public may submit a speaker's card to comment on agenda items only during today's meeting. If the speaker wishes to address the Board on an issue not on today's agenda, a speaker's card may be submitted for comment during "Public Input." Chair Adams stated that comments would be limited to three minutes per speaker, and, when appropriate, exceptions to the three-minute limit may be granted by

the chair. He also requested that several individuals wishing to speak on the same issue/topic designate a spokesperson.

3. Additions/Deletions to Agenda

Mr. Brian Armstrong, executive director, stated there were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

4. Public Input for Issues Not Listed on the Published Agenda

Chair Adams noted at this time, the public is given an opportunity to comment on any topic not listed on the agenda.

Mr. David Ballard Geddis, Jr., spoke in opposition of a water levy imposed by water management districts.

Board Member Senft stated he appreciates the input from Mr. Geddis. He suggested Mr. Geddis direct his concerns to state legislators.

CONSENT AGENDA

Chair Adams asked that before the Board considers action on the Consent Agenda whether there was anyone in the audience who wished to address the Board regarding an item listed on the Consent Agenda.

Resource Management Committee

5. Authorize Submission of Preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Maps for the City of Oldsmar Watershed Management Plan in Pinellas County to the Federal Emergency Management Agency

Staff recommended the Board approve use of the City of Oldsmar Watershed Management Plan floodplain information to update Flood Insurance Rate Maps in Pinellas County.

6. Initiation and Approval of Rulemaking to Amend Rule 40D-8.624, Florida Administrative Code, to Adopt Revised Minimum and Guidance Levels for Pierce Lake in Pasco County (P256)

Staff recommended the Board:

- A. Accept the report entitled, "Revised Minimum and Guidance Levels Based on Reevaluation of Levels Adopted for Pierce Lake in Pasco County, Florida."
- B. Authorize staff to make any necessary minor clarifying edits that may result from the rulemaking process and to complete report finalization.
- C. Initiate and approve rulemaking to amend Rule 40D-8.624, F.A.C., to replace the previously approved Minimum and Guidance Levels with the proposed Minimum and Guidance Levels for Pierce Lake in Pasco County, as shown in the Exhibit.

Finance/Outreach & Planning Committee

7. Approval of the District's Investment Policy

Staff recommended the Board approve and accept the recommended updates to the District's Investment Policy.

8. Budget Transfer Report

Staff recommended the Board's approval of the Budget Transfer Report covering all budget transfers for October 2018.

Operations, Lands and Resource Monitoring Committee

9. Release of Easement and Quit Claim Deed for Central Florida Water Initiative Project, Eagle Lake, SWF Parcel No. 20-020-134

Staff recommended the Board approve the Release of Easement and Quit Claim Deed and authorize the Chairman to sign on behalf of the District.

10. Perpetual Easement Donation – Central Florida Water Initiative Project, Eagle Lake, SWF Parcel No. 20-020-174

Staff recommended the Board:

- Accept the donation of a perpetual easement from the School Board of Polk County for the CFWI Project.
- Authorize staff to sign documents at closing necessary to complete the transaction in accordance with the approved terms.

Regulation Committee

11. Budget Transfer - Environmental Resource Permit Program Support (P432)

Staff recommended the Board approve the requested budget transfer of \$100,000 from N976 to P432.

12. Individual Water Use Permits Referred to the Governing Board – None

General Counsel's Report

13. Decline Right of First Refusal to Acquire the Remainder Fee Interest in a Conservation Easement, Bright Hour Ranch, SWF Parcel No. 20-780-101C

Staff recommended the Board authorize the Executive Director to decline the Right of First Refusal on SWF Parcel 20-780-101C.

14. Administrative, Enforcement and Litigation Activities that Require Governing Board Approval – None

15. Rulemaking – None

Executive Director's Report

16. Approve Governing Board Meeting Minutes – October 23, 2018

Staff recommended the Board approve the minutes as presented.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried unanimously. (Audio 00:10:25)

Chair Adams relinquished the gavel to the Resource Management Committee Chair Rice, who called the meeting to order. (Audio: 00:11:17)

Resource Management Committee

Discussion

17. Consent Item(s) Moved for Discussion - None

18. Potable Reuse Commission Update

Mr. Mark Hammond, P.E., Potable Reuse Commission representative, provided a presentation on the Potable Reuse Commission (PRC). Mr. Hammond explained that the PRC is a consensus-based body of stakeholders. He outlined the PRC mission and its guiding principles. Mr. Hammond explained how the PRC was created. Mr. Hammond outlined current members, supporting members and ex-officio members.

Mr. Hammond stated there are potable reuse pilot projects throughout the state, and the approach the Water Research Foundation takes to ensure best practices are used to protect public health and the environment. Mr. Hammond stated the PRC will be developing a regulatory framework and providing recommendations to the Florida Legislature.

This item was presented for the Board's information; no action was required.

19. Water Incentives Supporting Efficiency (WISE) Program (B015)

Mr. J.P. Marchand, P.E., Water Resources Bureau chief, provided a presentation on the Water Incentives Supporting Efficiency (WISE) program. He explained that the WISE program is a cost-share water conservation program. Mr. Marchand explained the District has a strategic goal related to water conservation to enhance efficiencies in all water use sectors. The goal of the WISE program is to target the landscape, recreation, industrial, commercial and institutional sectors.

Mr. Marchand outlined the goals of the WISE program which included reduced water use, improved efficiencies and increased education and outreach. He explained that although the program is Districtwide, it will focus on the Central Florida Water Initiative (CFWI) and the Northern Region. Mr. Marchand outlined the funding details of the program, the requirements, eligible items, benefits and costs.

This item was presented for the Board's information; no action was required.

Submit & File Reports – None

Routine Reports

The following items were provided for the Committee's information, and no action was required.

20. Minimum Flows and Levels Status Report

21. Significant Water Resource and Development Projects

Committee Chair Rice relinquished the gavel to the Finance/Outreach & Planning Committee Chair Williamson, who called the meeting to order. (Audio: 00:53:37)

Finance/Outreach & Planning Committee

Discussion

22. Consent Item(s) Moved for Discussion - None

23. Information Technology Bureau Enterprise Computer and Storage Replacement

Mr. Thomas Hughes, Information Technology Bureau chief, provided a presentation for the network storage replacement. This presentation outlined the infrastructure that is being replaced, supported systems, replacement justification, funding information through Fiscal Year 2020 and next steps.

Staff recommended the Board approve the transfer of \$500,000 from the Network Storage Replacement fund to procure hardware, software, warranty and services associated with the replacement of the District's enterprise computer and SAN storage systems.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the staff recommendation. The motion carried unanimously. (Audio: 00:59:42)

Submit & File Reports – None

Routine Reports

The following items were provided for the Committee's information, and no action was required.

24. Treasurer's Report and Payment Register

25. Monthly Financial Statement

26. Monthly Cash Balances by Fiscal Year

27. Comprehensive Plan Amendment and Related Reviews Report

28. Development of Regional Impact Activity Report

Committee Chair Williamson relinquished the gavel to Operations, Lands & Resource Monitoring Committee Chair Maggard and called the meeting to order. (Audio: 01:00:02)

**Operations, Lands & Resource Monitoring Committee
Discussion**

29. Consent Item(s) Moved for Discussion - None

30. Hydrologic Conditions Report

Mr. Granville Kinsman, P.G., Hydrologic Data manager, provided a presentation on the hydrologic conditions. Mr. Kinsman stated that although rainfall has been below average conditions remain healthy. Most of the rainfall in the District is within a normal range. Groundwater levels throughout the District are considered normal. Lake levels in the northern District, Tampa Bay, Lake Wales Ridge and Polk Upland lakes are in the normal range but showing declines. Flows on the Withlacoochee River are within the above normal range. The Hillsborough, Alafia and Peace rivers are declining but remain within their normal ranges. The Hillsborough River, Bill Young and the Peace River reservoirs remain at healthy levels. Mr. Kinsman stated that El Niño is likely to develop in the upcoming months. This could bring above normal rainfall.

This routine report provided information on the general state of the District's hydrologic conditions by comparing rainfall, surface water, and ground water levels for the current month to comparable dates from the historical record.

Submit & File Reports – None

Routine Reports

The following items were provided for the Committee's information, and no action was required.

31. Surplus Lands Update

32. Structure Operations

33. Significant Activities

Committee Chair Maggard relinquished the gavel to Regulation Committee Chair Taylor and called the meeting to order. (Audio: 01:06:25)

Regulation Committee

Discussion

34. Consent Item(s) Moved for Discussion - None

35. Denials Referred to the Governing Board

No denials were referred to the Board.

Submit & File Reports – None

Routine Reports

The following items were provided for the Committee's information, and no action was required.

36. Dover/Plant City Water Use Caution Area Flow Meter and Automatic Meter Reading Equipment Implementation Program Update

37. Overpumpage Report

38. Individual Permits Issued by District Staff

Committee Chair Taylor relinquished the gavel to Chair Adams. (Audio: 01:06:54)

General Counsel's Report

Discussion

39. Consent Item(s) Moved for Discussion – None

Ms. Karen West, general counsel, informed the Board that the parties involved in the administrative challenge to the Peace River Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority permit modification have reached an agreement in principle and agreed to ask the Administrative Law Judge to place the case in abeyance. Ms. West will keep the Board apprised.

Submit & File Reports – None

Routine Reports

The following items were provided for the Committee's information, and no action was required.

40. November 2018 Litigation Report

41. November 2018 Rulemaking Update

Committee/Liaison Reports

42. Industrial Advisory Committee

A written report was provided for the November 6 meeting.

43. Public Supply Advisory Committee

Board Member Senft provided an update on the November 6 meeting. A report outlining the proposed policies and procedures for all advisory committees will be presented to the Board in December. The Board will vote on this in January.

A written report was provided.

44. Other Committee/Liaison Reports

Board Member Senft provided a copy of a report regarding the Pasco County reclaimed water natural system treatment.

Executive Director's Report

45. Executive Director's Report

Chair's Report

46. Chair's Report

Chair Adams stated the next Board meeting is December 11 in the Brooksville Office.

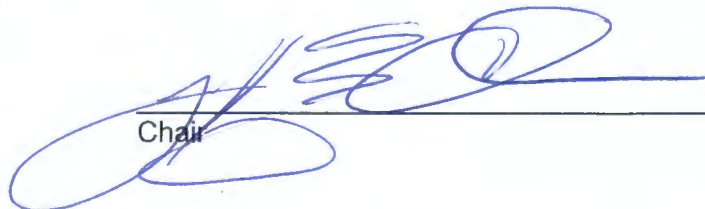
47. Other

48. Employee Milestones

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

Attest:


Secretary


Chair