Minutes of the Meeting

HILLSBOROUGH RIVER BASIN BOARD
Southwest Florida Water Management District

Tampa, Florida June 13, 2006

The Hillsborough River Basin Board of the Southwest Florida Water Management District convened for a regular meeting at 9:08 a.m., June 13, 2006, at the Tampa Service Office.

Board Members Present
Heidi B. McCree, Chair Ex Officio
George R. Burt, Secretary
Renee Benton, Member
Hugh M. Gramling, Member
Hung T. Mai, Member

Board Member Absent
Gary P. Reckart, Vice Chair

Recording Secretary
Tahla E. Paige

A list of others who attended and signed the attendance roster is filed in the permanent files of the Basin. Compact disks of the audio and copies of materials and handouts, as set forth in full herein, are also filed in the permanent files of the District.

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

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
Chair McCree called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m. Ms. Paige called the roll and noted a quorum was present. (CD Track 1/0:00 – 0:27)

2. Pledge of Allegiance
Chair McCree led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. Chair McCree then welcomed new member, Ms. Renee Benton, to the Board. (CD Track 1/0:28 – 1:10)

3. Oath of Office for Newly Appointed Member
Ms. Paige administered the Oath of Office to Ms. Benton. (CD Track 1/1:10 – 2:18)

4. Ceremony to Honor Former Basin Board Members Janet Jackson and Fred Johnson
Chair McCree gave an in-depth review of Mr. Johnson’s contributions to the Board and presented him with his plaque. Mr. Johnson expressed his appreciation and enjoyment serving of the Board. Ms. Janet Jackson was unable to attend today’s meeting. (CD Track 1/ 2:18 – 7:13)

5. Additions/Deletions to Agenda
Ms. Lou Kavouras, Deputy Executive Director, Outreach, Planning and Board Services, noted there were no deletions or additions to the agenda. Mr. Bruce C. Wirth, P.E., Deputy Executive Director, Division of Resource Management and Development, gave an update on Tropical Storm Alberto. Mr. Burt requested a presentation on the flood modeling potential for the Tampa Bay area for large hurricane/storm events. Mr. Wirth replied it would be presented at the August Board meeting. (CD Track 1/7:13 – 14:28)
6. **Consent Items:**
   a. **April 11, 2006 Meeting Minutes**
      Staff recommended approval of the April 11, 2006 meeting minutes as presented.
   
   b. **Board Encumbrance for the Tampa Bay Regional Reclaimed Water and Downstream Augmentation Projects (H300-H310)**
      Staff recommended approval of the encumbrance of $1,665,267, without a contract, for the eight projects associated with the Tampa Bay Regional Reclaimed Water and Downstream Augmentation Project in the amounts presented in Table 1 of the Board Information Notebook, to be used in fiscal years 2006 through 2012.
   
   c. **Utility Easement to Tampa Electric Company for Nature’s Classroom – SWF Parcel No. 13-300-774X**
      Staff recommended the Governing Board approve a Non-Exclusive Utility Easement to Tampa Electric Company across SWF Parcel 13-300-774X for service to Nature's Classroom.
      
      Following consideration, **Mr. Gramling moved, seconded by Ms. Benton, to approve Consent Items 6.a, b and c as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**
      
      Item 6.d was postponed until after the discussion items, when the board would take a short recess to provide an opportunity for members to review their individual calendars.
      (CD Track 1/14:29 – 19:17)

7. **Discussion Items:**
   a. **Budget Transfer and Encumbrance of State Revenues Budgeted for Tampa Bay Regional Reclaimed Water and Downstream Augmentation Project (H300)**
      Mr. Gregg Jones, Director, Resource Conservation and Development Department, addressed the Board to request transfer of revenues from FY2005 and 2006 State and Federal line item budget appropriations, currently budgeted in a general account for the Tampa Bay Regional Reclaimed Water and Downstream Augmentation Project, to active projects. He said the Regional Project is the result of the collaboration of the District and four water suppliers, with financial assistance from the state and federal governments, to maximize the use of reclaimed water resources within the Tampa Bay Area. He reviewed Governing and Basin Boards’ funding contributions and how the funds would be divided among the projects.
      
      Staff Recommended:
      1) The Hillsborough River Basin Board transfer up to $431,250 in state and federal revenues from the Unit H300 of the Tampa Bay Regional Reclaimed Water and Downstream Augmentation Project, to the related projects that will be identified by staff.
      2) Authorize the Executive Director to approve the fund transfers into selected projects, approve the related liquidation of funds back to the general project unit within the basin, and approve amendments and/or agreements related to the use of the transferred funds.
      
      Following consideration, **Mr. Burt moved, seconded by Mr. Gramling, to approve staff recommendation. Motion carried unanimously.** (CD Track 2/0:00 – 5:56)
b. **Hillsborough County Agreement - Palm River Erosion Control (W367)**
   Mr. Wirth reviewed the history of Palm River and the District’s involvement. This item was presented to the Hillsborough County Commission on May 3, 2006 at which time the Commission voted to approve the project with the understanding that District staff would bring the matter before the June Hillsborough River Basin Board. Scott Cottrell, Hillsborough County Engineering, answered some of the technical questions. Ms. Benton requested the District initiate a communication strategy to educate the residents along the Palm River about erosion control measures they can utilize.

   An in-depth discussion between the Board members took place on the amount of erosion and cost of repairs. Mr. Burt expressed concerns of setting a precedent of funding repairs to private property. Mr. Wirth stated the District was responsible for making the canal wider and deeper which caused the erosion.

   Following consideration, **Ms. Benton moved, seconded by Mr. Mai, to approve staff recommendation as follows:**

   1) Approve staff recommendation to enter into an agreement with Hillsborough County, with the County taking the lead, to implement erosion control measures along the south bank of the Palm River between Windam Street and Maydell Drive.
   2) Approve the use of $110,000 from the Palm River Habitat Restoration project (W367) ($55,000 from the Hillsborough River Basin Board and $55,000 from the State SWIM program).
   3) Authorize the Executive Director to enter into the agreement with Hillsborough County to implement the erosion control measure.

   **Motion carried with all voting in favor except Mr. Burt, who voted against the motion.**

   Chair McCree requested a future presentation on the restoration of habitat and the entities participating in the restoration. (CD Track 3/0:00 – 3:47, Track 4/0:00 – 47:23)

c. **FY2007 Budget Discussion and Approval of Proposed Millage Rate**
   For FY2007 budget preparation, staff presented a preliminary budget and gathered direction from Board members at the April meeting. Members’ input was incorporated into the budget, and a revised budget was presented for the Board’s consideration at this meeting. Mr. Wirth reviewed the budget explaining the increase of funds due to the removal of projects from the budget and the surplus of property in the previous year. Mr. Mai suggested the Contingency Reserve Fund Z930 be raised to $1,000,000. Mr. Gramling asked the additional surplus funds be added to Water Supply and Resource Development Reserves H100. The Board agreed. Mr. Wirth stated the changes would be noted at the August meeting.

   Chair McCree heard public comment on the budget at this time.

   Mr. Kevin Dellinger, representing Holloway Technology, Leesburg, addressed the Board to support the Dade City Nursery Demonstration Project L801, which fell below the budget line. Mr. Dellinger explained the project did not use any groundwater and that the figures in the Budget Notebook were considerably higher than his current estimate. Discussion ensued. Mr. Gramling expressed in his opinion the cost ratio was too high for this project. Mr. Mai agreed with Mr. Gramling.
Chair McCree read Staff’s Recommendation for the record to the Board:

1) Provide tentative selection of FY2007 Cooperative Funding Projects.
2) Approve and adopt a proposed required tax levy of 0.285 for FY2007.

Following consideration, Mr. Gramling moved, seconded by Mr. Mai, to approve staff recommendation. Motion carried unanimously. (CD Track 5/0:00 – 42.21)

6. d. Annual Calendar of Meeting Dates
The Board took a ten-minute break to review their calendars. After a brief discussion, the Board agreed to change December’s and February’s meeting dates as reflected below:

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Following consideration, Ms. Benton moved, seconded by Mr. Mai, to approve the revised meeting dates. Motion carried unanimously. (CD Track 6/0:00 – 5:03)

8. Reports:

a. Hillsborough River Interlocal Planning Board – Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Activities
Mr. Mai stated the TAC met on April 18 and May 16. Topics included the Hillsborough River Regulation Issue, the River Oxygen Criteria, the proposed use of waste water in the lower river augmentation, reviewed the Tampa Port Authority minor permit, had an update meeting with the City of Tampa, and learned about the City of Temple Terrace codes. (CD Track 7/0:00 – 2:33)

b. Chair Ex Officio Report on Governing Board Activities
Chair McCree stated it had been a pleasure to serve as Chair of the Governing Board. She announced the election results for the new Governing Board officers as Mr. Jerry Rice, Chair; Judy Whitehead, Vice Chair; Neil Combee, Secretary; and Jennifer Closshey, Treasurer.

Staff played a five-minute video summary of the Governing Board meeting, which aired on local government access television channels throughout the District. Deputy Executive Director Lou Kavouras narrated the concise recap of the Governing Board meeting which included a hydrologic conditions report, watering restrictions, an update of the Tampa Bay Regional Reclaimed Water and Downstream Augmentation Project, two awards received by the District, Minimum Flows and Levels, the FY2007 budget, and a memorial ceremony for District employee Amy Remley. (CD Track 7/2:34 – 11:28)
9. **Announcements:**
   a. Basin Board Education Committee: Tuesday, July 11, 2006, 9:30 a.m., South Cross Bayou Water Reclamation Facility, St. Petersburg
   b. Basin Board Land Resources Committee: Thursday, July 13, 2006, 9:30 a.m., Green Swamp West, Dade City
   c. Next Basin Board Meeting: August 15, 2006, 9:00 a.m., Tampa Service Office
   d. Annual Conference on Water Management: September 6-8, 2006, Innisbrook, Tarpon Springs
   e. Other

10. **Adjournment**
    Chair McCree adjourned the meeting at 11:37 a.m. (CD Track 7/11:29 – 12.51)

***Information Item***

The items listed below were for the Board’s information. The items were included in the Basin Board’s Fiscal Year (FY) 2006 budget, or previous budgets, or were $50,000 or less; therefore, did not require Board action.

1. Pasco County Central/East Regional Reclaimed Water Interconnect (H040) and Pasco County Cannon Ranch Reclaimed Water Transmission, Storage and Pumping Facility (L436) - Cancellation

Attest: Chairman

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