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MEETING SUMMARY

Springs Coast Steering Committee

January 11, 2016

The Springs Coast Steering Committee convened at 2:02 p.m., January 11, 2017, at the Southwest Florida Water Management District Governing Board Room, 2379 Broad Street, Brooksville, Florida.

Members Present

Mark Taylor, SWFWMD Governing Board Member
Scott Carnahan, Citrus County
Tom Frick, FDEP
Robert Holmes, City of Crystal River
Flip Mellinger, Pasco County Alternate
Nick Nicholson, Hernando County
Ray Scott, FDACS
Tracy Straub, Marion County Alternate (via telephone)
Shannon Wright, FWC

Members Absent

Kathy Bryant, Marion County
Ron Oakley, Pasco County

SWFWMD Staff

Chris Anastasiou
Melissa Gulvin
Sean King
Sky Notestein
Mandi Rice
Danielle Rogers
Jennette Seachrist

Recording Secretary

Jet Houser, SWFWMD

Others Present

Dave DeWitt, SWFWMD
Terri Hansen, FDEP
Jeff Rogers, Citrus County

SWFWMD – Southwest Florida Water Management District
FDACS – Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

FDEP – Florida Department of Environmental Protection
FWC – Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

A list of others present who signed the attendance sheet is filed in the permanent files of the Springs Coast Steering Committee.

1. Call to Order and Roll

Mr. Mark Taylor, SWFWMD Governing Board Member, called the meeting to order. Ms. Jet Houser, SWFWMD, called the roll and confirmed a quorum. Mr. Taylor welcomed new committee members, Mr. Scott Carnahan, Citrus County; Ms. Kathy Bryant, Marion County; and Mr. Ron Oakley, Pasco County.

2. Action Item: Minutes Approval from 10/05/2016

Mr. Taylor called for the motion to approve the minutes for the October 5, 2016 meeting.

Mr. Flip Mellinger, Pasco County, moved for approval, seconded by Mr. Carnahan; the motion carried.

3. Public Input – None

Mr. Taylor noted that the FDEP representative is running late; therefore, item 5 is being moved ahead of item 4 on the agenda. Ms. Jennette Seachrist, SWFWMD, introduced Sean King, PhD, P.E., SWFWMD, and noted that Dr. King will be giving a brief presentation on the changes recommended by the Springs Coast Management Committee.

5. Action Item: Priority Management Action Addition – Dr. Sean King

Dr. King presented the priority management action modification that was recommended by the management committee for the Homosassa, Chassahowitzka and Weeki Wachee systems. Agricultural Operations was proposed to be added to the Water Quality priority management actions for all three systems in order to prioritize opportunities to improve nitrogen management.

Mr. Nick Nicholson, Hernando County, moved for approval, seconded by Mr. Carnahan.

Mr. Robert Holmes, City of Crystal River, requested a map of all the wastewater treatment facilities and package plants in all of the regions, and a scorecard of what is being done to get septic tanks off of the river.

Ms. Seachrist advised that she will work with Mr. Rick Hicks, FDEP, to get the requested information.

Mr. Ray Scott, FDACS, asked when the draft pie charts become final. Mr. Tom Frick, FDEP, advised that the estimates shown are pretty solid, having gone through public process; but are not finalized until they are formally adopted.

Mr. Taylor called for the vote and the motion carried.

Ms. Seachrist introduced Mr. Terry Hansen, FDEP, and noted that Mr. Hansen will be presenting an update on the basin management action plan (BMAP) process and coordination efforts.

4. Presentation: FDEP BMAP Update - FDEP

Mr. Hansen, basin coordinator for the BMAPs, provided an overview of the BMAP process. Mr. Hansen noted that the BMAP for the Rainbow River has been adopted and activities are taking place there, including an advisory committee for the on-site sewage treatment and disposal systems (OSTDs). The rest of the springs coast BMAPs are in development – Crystal River/Kings Bay and Weeki Wachee/Aripeka will be completed in the summer 2017. The total maximum daily loads (TMDLs) have been adopted for the Homosassa, Chassahowitzka, and Aripeka. The Homosassa and Chassahowitzka BMAPS will be completed by the end of this year or early part of next year. Mr. Hansen discussed the 2016-1 Florida Springs and Aquifer Protection Act which outlines the requirements for the BMAPs; and noted that all BMAPs must be completed by June 30, 2018 and the TMDLs achieved no more than 20 years after adoption. Mr. Hansen advised that all the documents and maps are available on the FDEP website – click on *Interactive Maps* in the right-hand column of the main page to access a number of interactive maps. Mr. Hansen went over the individual BMAP pie charts; and noted that after a BMAP is adopted, there is still a lot of work to be done. Mr. Frick noted that the Legislature has been appropriating funds as part of Legacy Florida to go to springs restoration at \$50 million per year. Mr. Hansen invited the Committee to attend the FDEP BMAP meeting being held January 18, 2017 in the District's Governing Board room.

Ms. Seachrist reminded the Committee that at its last meeting, Ms. Danielle Rogers, P.W.S., SWFWMD, presented the draft Weeki Wachee SWIM Plan; and that the Management Committee has recommended approval of the plan to the Steering Committee.

6. Action Item: Final Weeki Wachee River SWIM Plan – Danielle Rogers, P.W.S.

Ms. Rogers presented an overview of the activities leading up to this point for approval of the Weeki Wachee River SWIM Plan and outlined the plan for the new Committee members. Ms. Rogers explained how the projects were selected; and requested the Committee approve the Final Weeki Wachee River SWIM Plan.

Mr. Taylor asked if there were any questions or comments from the Committee.

Mr. Nicholson moved for approval, seconded by Mr. Carnahan; the motion carried.

Ms. Seachrist introduced Mr. Sky Notestein, SWFWMD, and advised the Committee that this is the first time the Committee is seeing the draft plan for the Homosassa River.

7. Presentation: First Draft Homosassa SWIM Plan – Sky Notestein

Mr. Notestein noted that presentation is informational only; and explained that the plan is in the same format as the previous plans. Mr. Notestein outlined the SWIM Plan for the Committee and discussed the next steps in the process. District staff will present the draft plan to the Management Committee on February 8, 2017; and will request the Committee's approval of the Final Homosassa River SWIM Plan at its April 5, 2017 meeting. Please send any comments to Ms. Melissa Gulvin, SWFWMD.

8. Next Meeting: April 5, 2017

Ms. Seachrist advised the Committee that, at its April 2017 meeting, the Final Homosassa River and the draft Chassahowitzka River SWIM Plans will be presented. Also, Ms. Seachrist noted that the Final Weeki Wachee River SWIM Plan is scheduled to be presented to the District's Governing Board for approval at its meeting in March.

9. Adjournment

Mr. Taylor reminded the members that the mission of this Committee is to continue as multi-stakeholders in the surface water improvement management plans for each of the five springs and thanked the Committee members for taking time to attend. Being no further business, Mr. Taylor adjourned the meeting at 3:02 p.m.