

**WITHLACOOCHEE REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
January 20, 2010**

TIME: 4:30 p.m.
PLACE: Southwest Florida Water Management District
2379 Broad Street (SR 41)
Brooksville, Florida 34604

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

1. Call to Order

Chairman Dennis Damato called the meeting to order at 4:36 p.m. and asked for a roll call.

2. Roll Call

Mr. Sullivan, Executive Director, called the roll and a quorum was declared present.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Richard Hoffman, Chairman, Sumter County Commissioner
Rose Rocco, Treasurer, Hernando County Commissioner
Dennis Damato, Citrus County Commissioner
Jim Adkins, Hernando County Commissioner
Joe Bernardini, Brooksville City Councilman
Christine Dobkowski, Belleview City Commissioner
Stan McClain, Marion County Commissioner
Dale Swain, Bushnell City Councilman
Winn Webb, Citrus County Commissioner

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mike Amsden, Marion County Commissioner
Gary Bartell, Citrus County Commissioner
John Druzick, Hernando County Commissioner
Barbara Fitos, Vice-Chairman, Marion County Commissioner
Ken Hinkle, Inverness City Councilman
Randy Mask, Sumter County Commissioner
Mary S. Rich, Ocala City Councilwoman
John Priestler, Ocala City Councilman
Jeff Stabins, Hernando County Commissioner

3. Introductions and Announcements

Mr. Sullivan introduced others in the audience.

OTHERS PRESENT

Jack Sullivan, WRWSA Executive Director
Larry Haag, WRWSA Attorney
Diane Salz, WRWSA Legislative Liaison
Janey Baldwin, Withlacoochee River Basin Board
Tom Baldwin, Hernando County Citizen
Alys Brockway, Hernando County Utilities
Jeff Halcomb, City of Ocala Utilities
Peter Hubbell, Water Resource Associates
Robert Knight, Citrus County Utilities
Connie Mullis, Legislative Assistant Senator Evelyn Lynn
Darryl Muse, City of Ocala
Todd Petrie, Marion County Utilities
Alison Ramoy, SWFWMD
Peter Rocco, Hernando County Citizen
Tom Traina, King Engineering
Ryan Tucker, Purvis Gray
Mark White, Purvis Gray
Tahla Paige, Recording Secretary

4. Approval of Minutes of November 18, 2009 Meeting

Following consideration, a motion was made by Ms. Rocco to approve the minutes for the November 18, 2009 meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. McClain and carried unanimously.

5. Election of 2010 Officers

Following consideration, a motion was made by Mr. Swain to nominate and to elect Mr. Hoffman as Chairman, Ms. Fitos as Vice-Chairman, and Ms. Rocco as Treasurer. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bernardini and carried unanimously.

The gavel was passed to Chairman Hoffman.

6. Presentation of 2008-09 FYE Audit

Mr. Mark White, Purvis Gray & Company, reviewed the 2008-2009 FYE Audit with the board members. Mr. Damato asked where the reports were filed. He replied it was filed with the Auditor General of the State of Florida and the member governments within the Withlacoochee Regional Waters Supply Authority's (WRWSA) jurisdiction. Mr. Sullivan added it was also filed with the Department of Community Affairs.

Following consideration, a motion was made by Ms. Rocco to approve the 2008-2009 FYE Audit as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Swain and carried unanimously.

7. Presentation of Water Use Permit Application for Charles A. Black Water Supply Facility

Mr. Robert Knight, Director of Utilities, Citrus County reviewed the application for the Water Use Permit for Charles A. Black Water Supply Facility. Summary of permit:

- Requesting new permit through 2016
- Extensive Conservation Programs are in place and growing
- Current permit allows 6.27 MGD
- Requested permit proposes 5.97 MGD in 2016
- GPCPD will be down to 172 in 2016 and must continue downward to achieve 150 GPCPD by the end of 2018.

Following consideration, **a motion was made by Mr. Damato to approve the Water Use Permit Application for Charles A. Black Water supply Facility. The motion was seconded by Mr. McClain and carried unanimously.**

8. Presentation of Marion County Compendium Study

Mr. Peter Hubbell, Water Resources Associates, gave an in-depth report on the Marion County Compendium Study and outlined futures steps:

- WRWSA Approval of the Marion County Compendium
- Incorporate Marion County into Detailed Water Supply Feasibility Analysis
- Ensure Continuity with WMDs Water Supply Plans
- Prioritize Conservation, Reclaimed, Groundwater & Alternate Water Supply Projects
- Identify Water Supply Project Partners
- WRWSA – Technical Review Committee and Board Review of Phase II Work Program
- Coordinate with WRWSA Members (conservation/projects)
- Continued Coordination with WMDs on Boundary Issues

Following consideration, **a motion was made by Mr. Damato to accept the Marion County Compendium Study as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Rocco and carried unanimously.**

Mr. Sullivan announced he had additional copies of the complete study available for anyone who wanted a copy.

9. Executive Director's Report

a. Bills to be Paid

Mr. Sullivan stated since there was no December meeting the bills for December were paid in the amount of \$14,596.19. He requested the Board ratify payment of these bills.

Following consideration, **a motion was made by Mr. Damato to ratify payment of the December 2009 bills totaling \$14,596.19. The motion was seconded by Mr. Webb and carried unanimously.**

Mr. Sullivan provided a handout to the Board detailing January 2010 bills which totaled \$14,512.30. Mr. Sullivan requested the Board approve the payment of those bills.

Following consideration, **a motion was made by Mr. Damato to approve payment of the January 2010 bills totaling \$14,512.30. The motion was seconded by Ms. Rocco and carried unanimously.**

b. Revisions to WRWSA 2009-10 FY Budget

Mr. Sullivan reviewed revisions/changes to the budget on lines 13, 14, 51, 52, 53, 54 through 60, and 61. He recommended approval of the changes. A copy of the revised budget is attached to these minutes.

Following consideration, **a motion was made by Mr. McClain to approve the revisions to the Adopted FY 2009-10 Budget. The motion was seconded by Ms. Rocco and carried unanimously.**

c. Correspondence

Mr. Sullivan reviewed the correspondence including letters from Southwest Florida Water Management District, the Citrus County Board of County Commissioners, and a letter written from WRWSA to Senator Jeff Atwater.

d. News Articles

Mr. Sullivan provided news articles on water supply issues relating to areas both regional and statewide.

10. Governmental Consultant Report

Ms. Diane Salz informed the WRWSA members there is again a push to rewrite Chapter 373 and she urged everyone to express their concern to their legislators, opposing a rewrite of Chapter 373. Ms. Salz explained that currently 52 out of 160 legislators are freshman, 49 percent have served less than four years in their respective chambers which indicates a lack of experience. She added the political landscape will continue to change. Ms. Rocco stated that concerns about pollution, sink holes, conservation, etc. were expressed at the Senate Select Committee Meeting, but she felt the public should be made aware of these meetings to express their concerns.

11. Attorney's Report

Mr. Haag, Esq., stated Mr. Damato requested an opinion on funding Alternative Water Supply Projects and having them paid out of existing utility rates. Mr. Haag replied that yes funds could be used from existing utility rates, and that grants can also fund part of a project with the balance of funding being collected from customers. Mr. Damato asked if funds can be pre-collected for an expensive water conservation project. Mr. Haag replied

construction would be paid by bonded indebtedness, which would be repaid through the rate base over a period of years.

12. Other Business

None.

13. Public Comment

Mr. Al Grubman, TOO FAR, stated that posted on the website there was a memorandum advising there was a vacancy and Christine Dobkowski's name was missing as a board member. He asked if her position was the vacancy. Mr. Sullivan replied it was an error and the vacancy was on the Ocala City Council and filled by Mr. John Priester, who will hopefully attend the next meeting.

Mr. Robert Knight, Director of Water Resources, Citrus County, announced the Department of Environmental Protection would be setting numeric levels for organic contaminants such as phosphates and nitrogen, and would discuss impaired water bodies in Florida. There will be three meetings with the nearest meeting in Orlando on February 17, 2010 at the Crown Plaza Orlando Universal, 7800 Universal Boulevard, Orlando, from 1 pm to 5 pm, and then from 7 pm to 10pm. He stated the Notice was issued on January 14, 2010 with 60 days for written comments. Mr. Knight felt county staff should be urged to review the standards and to make comments.

14. Next Meeting Time and Location

Next meeting is scheduled for February 17, 2010 at 4:30 p.m., Withlacoochee Regional Planning Council Headquarters Conference Room, 1241 Southwest 10th Street (SR 200), Ocala, Florida 34474-0323.

15. Adjournment

Chairman Hoffman announced there was no further business or discussion to come before the Board and adjourned the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

Richard Hoffman, Chairman

Jackson E. Sullivan, Executive Director