

**WITHLACOOCHEE REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
October 21, 2009**

TIME: 4:30 p.m.
PLACE: Withlacoochee Regional Planning Council
1241 SW 10th Street (SR 200)
Ocala, Florida 34471-0323

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 4:30 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

Dennis Damato, Chairman, Citrus County Commissioner
Richard Hoffman, Vice-Chairman, Sumter County Commissioner
Barbara Fitos, Treasurer, Marion County Commissioner
Christine Dobkowski, Belleview City Commissioner
Ken Hinkle, Inverness City Councilman
Stan McClain, Marion County Commissioner
Mary S. Rich, Ocala City Councilman
Rose Rocco, Hernando County Commissioner
Winn Webb, Citrus County Commissioner

MEMBERS ABSENT

Jim Adkins, Hernando County Commissioner
Mike Amsden, Marion County Commissioner
Gary Bartell, Citrus County Commissioner
Joe Bernardini, Brooksville City Councilman
John Druzbeck, Hernando County Commissioner
Randy Mask, Sumter County Commissioner
Charles Ruse, Ocala City Councilman
Jeff Stabins, Hernando County Commissioner
Dale Swain, Bushnell City Councilman

3. Introductions and Announcements

Mr. Sullivan introduced others in the audience.

OTHERS PRESENT

Jack Sullivan, WRWSA Executive Director
Susanne Suiter, WRWSA Attorney
Diane Salz, WRWSA Legislative Liaison
Josh Schmitz, Water Resource Associates
Bobby Lue, SWFWMD
John Ferguson, SWFWMD
Ken Herd, SWFWMD
Cara Martin, SWFWMD
Catherine Walker, SJRWMD
Kraig McLane, SJRWMD
Jeff Halcomb, City of Ocala
Darral Muse, City of Ocala
Todd Petrie, Marion County Utilities
Alys Brockway, Hernando County Utilities
Bob Knight, Citrus County Water Resources Director
Al Grubman, TOO FAR
Jan Grubman, TOO FAR
Tahla Paige, Recording Secretary

Mr. Sullivan announced that Recreation Guide Booklets for the Southwest Florida Water Management District (District) describing recreational opportunities on District Lands were available on the table by the sign-in sheet.

4. Approval of Minutes of September 16, 2009 Meeting

Mr. Sullivan noted that Mr. Matthew Brower's (City of Ocala) name was spelled incorrectly as Broser in the minutes.

Following consideration, **a motion was made by Mr. McClain to approve the minutes, with the corrected spelling of Mr. Brower's name, for the September 16, 2009 meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Rocco and carried unanimously.**

5. Water Conservation Update

A presentation on Conservation's Role in Regional Water Supply Planning was jointly given by Mr. Schmitz, Water Resource Associates; Ms. Salz, Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority (WRWSA) Legislative Liaison; Mr. Lue, Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD); and Ms. Walker, Saint Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD).

Mr. Schmitz outlined the WRWSA's Master Regional Water Supply and Implementation Program which focuses on the importance of water conservation in the water supply planning and development process, water management districts' water conserving regulatory requirements, and conservation in the planning process.

Ms. Salz informed the Board that stakeholders meetings have occurred to develop a new multi-jurisdictional program within SWFWMD, an application for cooperative funding

would be submitted to SWFWMD by their December 4, 2009 deadline, and she planned to give a comprehensive presentation at the November 18, 2009 WRWSA meeting.

Mr. Lue, SWFWMD, reviewed water conservation initiatives in the permitting process for SWFWMD which included expansion of the Southern Water Use Caution Area (SWUCA) per capita and reporting requirements to include the entire SWFWMD. He reviewed per capita requirements, enhanced water conservation, and public supply permit requirements.

Ms. Walker, SJRWMD, updated the Board on the SJRWMD Water Conservation Program, which included public water supply CUP requirements, additional conservation measures, and public awareness programs, water conservation goals, and proposed water conservation changes to the permitting process of SJRWMD.

Mr. Schmitz asked if anyone had any questions. Ms. Rocco asked about the use of organic products instead of fertilizer/pesticides to preserve water quality and stated she felt it was an important issue. Ms. Salz replied that in the Board packet there was a copy of a recently adopted "Florida Friendly Fertilizer" law that encourages local governments to adopt water quality ordinances and requires adoption of water quality ordinances in areas where water bodies are impaired by nutrients. Mr. McLain, SJRWMD, added the Department of Environmental Protection was currently in the process of updating a fertilizer ordinance and would be holding future workshops for public input. Mr. Hoffman stated the SJRWMD's presentation mentioned conservation goals for domestic self-supply and asked how the water use would be measured for domestic self-supply. Mr. McLain stated he could not answer at this time, but SJRWMD is currently developing a procedure, and he could bring information back to Board in the future. Mr. Knight, Water Resources Director, Citrus County, asked if SWFWMD would continue to have once a week watering restrictions, which would help utilities to maintain the goal of 150 gpcd. Mr. Lue said the water restrictions were reviewed by the Governing Board on a monthly basis and they determined the restrictions needed by the current hydrologic data. Mr. Sullivan stated he had a couple of questions for SJRWMD. He asked if the water conservation cost sharing was primarily for developing data and bench marks. Ms. Walker replied that SJRWMD was also looking to provide cost share on water saving technologies. Mr. McLain noted one such technology was called Retro Fit in their Water Star Program that retrofits homes to increase the water use efficiency. Mr. Sullivan said it was mentioned having the length of permits linked to meeting or exceeding conservation measures and asked what would be the duration of the permits. Ms. Walker replied the permits were issues based on the length of time the applicant can demonstrate meeting the permit criteria, which can be from one year to 20 years. She added in order to obtain a 20-year permit the applicant would be required to meet or exceed conservation goals.

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

6. Executive Director's Report

a. Bills to be Paid

Mr. Sullivan passed a handout to the Board detailing the October 2009 bills, which totaled \$62,335.14. Mr. Sullivan requested the Board ratify the payment of those bills.

Following consideration, **a motion was made by Mr. McClain to approve payment of the October bills totaling \$62,335.14. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hinkle and carried unanimously.**

b. Schedule for 2008-09 FY Audit

Mr. Sullivan informed the Board that he had scheduled the audit with Purvis Gray & Company for the week of October 26, 2009 and a report should be ready for presentation at the January 2010 Board meeting.

c. Extension of Phase II Project Completion Timeline

Mr. Sullivan explained various unforeseen delays affecting Water Resources Associates completion of Phase II of the Master Plan, such as adding Marion County in the Master Plan, extending the Planning Horizon from year 2025 to 2030 to become consistent with SJRWMD and SWFWMD Master Plans, and Water Demand Projections for Marion County. He stated the Plan should be completed by the end of the year, but extra time was needed for the Technical Review Committee meetings, the water management districts to review and public workshops for the project. Therefore, Mr. Sullivan requested the contract date be extended to June 30, 2010 without any scope of work changes or additional fees.

Following consideration, **a motion was made by Mr. McClain to extend Water Resource Associates' contract date to June 30, 2010 with no change in the scope of the work and no change in compensation. The motion was seconded by Ms. Rocco and carried unanimously.**

d. Correspondence

Mr. Sullivan reviewed correspondence that included a resolution from Citrus County and a memorandum from Dr. Martin Kelly, Minimum Flows and Levels Program Director, SWFWMD. Ken Herd, Water Supply Program Director, SWFWMD explained the date changes for establishment of Minimum Flows and Levels to the Board.

e. News Articles

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

7. Governmental Consultant Report

Diane Salz, discussed and handed out an update on proposed changes to reorganize and create a new Part VII of Chapter 373, F.S., on regulating the use of water. Ms. Salz informed the Board there is a Water Summit scheduled for December 2, 2009 in Orlando hosted by the Florida Section of American Water Works Association, which she would like to attend. Mr. Sullivan agreed she should attend and stated there are funds in the Authority's travel budget to cover the estimated \$456.00 in cost.

Following consideration, **a motion was made by Ms. Rocco to approve payment of approximately \$456.00 for Diane Salz to attend the Water Summit on December 2, 2009 in Orlando. The motion was seconded by Ms. Fitos and carried unanimously.**

Ms. Salz discussed another Florida Senate Brief titled Water Supply Funding. Ms. Salz asked if the members had any questions. Chair Damato asked Ms. Salz to research and confer with Attorney Haag if funding for alternative water supplies can be collected in water use rates legally, and if so, how can they be accumulated and used for conservation.

8. Attorney's Report

Ms. Susanne Suiter attended the meeting for Mr. Larry Hagg. She stated there was nothing to report.

9. Other Business

Mr. Sullivan reminded the Board the Hydrologic Report would be presented at the next meeting and asked Board members to sign and return their travel vouchers.

10. Public Comment

Mr. Al Grubman, TOO FAR, commented on regionalization and the water levels of Lake Tsala Apopka.

11. Next Meeting Time and Location

Next meeting is scheduled for November 18, 2009, at 4:30 p.m. at the Southwest Florida Water Management District Headquarters, Governing Board Room, 2379 Broad Street (US 41 South), Brooksville, FL 34604.

12. Adjournment

Chairman Damato announced there was no further business or discussion to come before the Board and adjourned the meeting at 6:10 p.m.

Dennis Damato, Chairman

Jackson E. Sullivan, Executive Director