

**WITHLACOOCHEE REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Minutes of the Meeting
January 20, 2016**

TIME: 3:30 p.m.
PLACE: Lecanto Government Building
ADDRESS: 3600 W. Sovereign Path, Room 166, Lecanto, Florida 34461

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

1. Call to Order

Commissioner Al Butler, Chairman, called the Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority (WRWSA) meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. and asked for a roll call.

2. Roll Call

Richard Owen, Executive Director, called the roll and a quorum was declared present.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Al Butler, *Chairman*, Sumter County
Commissioner
Dennis Damato, *Treasurer*, Citrus County
Commissioner
Scott Carnahan, Citrus County Commissioner
Ron Livsey, Belleview City Councilor
Nick Nicholson, Hernando County Commissioner
William Kemerer, Brooksville City Councilor

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Jim Adkins, Hernando County Commissioner
Earl Arnett, Marion County Commissioner
Ken Brown, Crystal River City Councilor
Kathy Bryant, Marion County Commissioner
Don Hahnfeldt, Sumter County Commissioner
Dale Swain, Bushnell City Councilor
Carl Zalak, Marion County Commissioner

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Alys Brockway, Water Conservation Coordinator,
Hernando County
Doug Andrews, Interim Utilities Director,
Marion County

WRWSA STAFF PRESENT

Richard Owen, Executive Director
Larry Haag, Attorney
LuAnne Stout, Administrative Assistant

3. Introductions and Announcements

- *Introductions.* Mr. Owen recognized Authority staff and audience members present for this meeting.

OTHERS PRESENT

Jacob Arnette, Marion County
Debra Burden, Citrus County Water Conservation
Ken Cheek, Citrus County
Veronica Craw, Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD)
Susan Davis, St. Johns River Water Management District
Gary Loggins, Citrus County
Jack Pepper, Attorney
Richard Radacky, City of Brooksville
George Schlutermann, SWFWMD
Kevin Smith, Marion County
Chris Zajac, SWFWMD

4. Approval of Minutes

A copy of the November 18, 2015 minutes was provided in the Board's meeting materials. Following consideration, **Mr. Damato moved to approve the minutes for the November 18, 2015 meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Nicholson and carried unanimously.**

5. Public Comment

No *Request to Speak* cards were submitted to address the Board.

6. Election of Board Officers

Chairman Butler nominated Mr. Damato for Chairman, Mr. Nicholson for Vice Chairman and Mr. Arnett for Treasurer. **Chairman Butler moved that the nominations be closed. Mr. Carnahan seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

Chairman Butler called the question and the motion nominating Mr. Damato for Chairman, Mr. Nicholson for Vice Chairman and Mr. Arnett for Treasurer carried unanimously.

Mr. Owen noted that the current officers serve through the month and the new officers take their positions one hour prior to the next Board meeting.

7. SWFWMD Springs Coast Initiative, Crystal River/Kings Bay

Ms. Veronica Crow, SWFWMD Springs and Environmental Manager, provided an update on the recently completed Surface Water Improvement and Management (SWIM) Plan for Crystal River/Kings Bay. This Plan is intended to guide not only the District's future management actions, but also those actions of the many stakeholders involved, including a number of the Authority's member governments.

Mr. Owen noted that the drivers/issues are not withdrawal related and the WRWSA is a part of this initiative through conservation actions.

Ms. Crow said a resolution in support of the Crystal River/Kings Bay SWIM Plan was included as an exhibit. Following consideration, **Mr. Damato moved, seconded by Mr. Carnahan, for Board approval of Resolution 16-01 in Support of the Crystal River/Kings Bay SWIM Plan. Motion carried unanimously.**

8. SWFWMD Regional Water Supply Plan

Mr. George Schlutermann, Senior Hydrogeologist and Project Manager of SWFWMD's 2015 Regional Water Supply Plan (RWSP), provided an overview of the RWSP along with specific information about the Northern Region and the process followed to generate the document. The RWSP has been completed for the 16-county area that extends from Levy and Marion counties in the north to Charlotte County in the south. The 2015 RWSP shows that sufficient water sources exist to meet future demands.

Mr. Owen stated that he observed public concern regarding use of local sources, but there is no proposal to pipe water from the Northern Region to an outside area nor is any surface water needed to serve the four-county area through the 20-year planning horizon. He noted that he attended the SWFWMD Governing Board meeting to compliment staff for their work with the agencies involved and concerned citizens. This was an informational item and no Board action was necessary.

9. Charles A. Black Well #7 Pump and Motor Replacement, Status Report

Mr. Owen, WRWSA Executive Director, provided the status report for this item. At the November 2015 Board meeting, the Board received a report on the need for remedial work at well #7 at the Charles A. Black wellfield. At that meeting, the Board authorized staff to issue a work order to C&D Engineering to evaluate the available options and to provide a recommendation to the Authority and Citrus County on how best to proceed.

C&D Engineering has completed its analysis and a copy of the report is included as an exhibit to this item. As can be seen in the report, C&D Engineering confirmed the approach recommended by Citrus County to replace the existing submersible pump and motor with a vertical lineshaft turbine pump and motor configuration. Although this option may have higher initial costs, this option has the lowest present worth cost, being \$82,360 less than that of a comparable submersible vertical turbine pump and motor configuration. This option is also shown to save energy over the other option and should result in less down time during future repair procedures.

Based upon this C&D Engineering analysis and recommendation, the WRWSA Executive Director informed the County it should move forward with implementation of this preferred option. This was an informational item and no Board action was necessary.

10. Charles A. Black Wellfield Water Supply Contract, Status Report

Mr. Owen, WRWSA, and Mr. Jack Pepper, Special Counsel, informed the Board of progress on the proposed new water supply contract with Citrus County. A meeting was held to review the current draft Water Supply Contract with Citrus County and a meeting with the County is scheduled for late January. Mr. Owen said the goal is to accomplish one comprehensive agreement in this fiscal year. The Board requested a status report be presented at the February meeting. This was an informational item and no Board action was necessary.

11. SWFWMD Fiscal Year 2017 Cooperative Funding Initiative

Mr. Owen, WRWSA, provided an overview of the applications submitted, distribution of the types of applications for funding, and upcoming process for SWFWMD Governing Board evaluation. This was an informational item and no Board action was necessary.

12. Executive Director's Report

a. Bills to be Paid

Mr. Owen requested Board concurrence with payment of December 2015 bills totaling \$17,914.51. Following consideration, **a motion was made by Mr. Damato for Board concurrence of payment for the December 2015 bills in the amount of \$17,914.51, as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Nicholson and it carried unanimously.**

Mr. Owen presented the January 2016 bills and requested approval of payment totaling \$20,218.20. Following consideration, **a motion was made by Mr. Damato for payment of the January 2016 bills in the amount of \$20,218.20, as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Carnahan and it carried unanimously.**

b. Correspondence – Item received since the last Board meeting were provided.

- *EPA Water Sense*. Mr. Owen noted that, in the nationwide newsletter, Citrus County Utilities is recognized for its conservation activities (fixed leaks and “Sprinkler Spruce-Up”).
- *Renewal and Replacement (R&R) Fund*. Mr. Owen said the Board was provided a copy of the Citrus County letter submitting the annual transmission report on the Charles A. Black Wellfield R&R Fund. He noted that there were minor inconsistencies in the use of the funds based on the controlling document, such as some repair and labor costs. He said the R&R Fund is for total replacement and not repair. He said he met with Citrus County regarding these issues and have conceptually agreed that moving forward the County will strive to stay consistent with the controlling document. He said the County has agreed to take the lead in drafting a new document. Mr. Owen recommended the Board accept the report summarized by the County in the two pages provided on contributions to and use of the R&R Fund. Following consideration, **Mr. Damato moved, seconded by Mr. Nicholson, for the Board to accept the Charles A. Black Annual Transmission Report summarized by Citrus County and the motion carried unanimously.** Mr. Nicholson said he appreciated Mr. Owen's review of the report's details.

c. News Articles – News articles of interest were included the Board’s meeting materials. Mr. Owen recognized the passing of Mr. Derrill McAteer who had been instrumental in development of the SWFWMD and of water management in general, specifically in this region.

d. Other – None

13. Legislative Report

Mr. Owen, WRWSA, said Ms. Salz is not here today due to her responsibilities in Tallahassee. He noted that the omnibus water bill passed and the signing ceremony is tomorrow.

14. Attorney’s Report

Mr. Haag said he had nothing to report at this time.

15. Other Business

No other business was brought before the Board.

16. Next Meeting Time and Location

The next monthly meeting is scheduled for February 17, 2016 at 3:30 p.m. The meeting location is the Lecanto Government Building, Room 166 (3600 W. Sovereign Path, Lecanto).

17. Adjournment

Chair Butler announced there was no further business or discussion to come before the Board and adjourned the meeting at 4:28 p.m.

Al Butler, Chairman

Richard S. Owen, Executive Director