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

**Minutes of the Special Budget Meeting
October 17, 2018**

TIME: 3:30 p.m.
PLACE: Lecanto Government Building
ADDRESS: 3600 W. Sovereign Path, Room 280, Lecanto, Florida 34461

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

1. Call to Order

Chair Stone called the Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority (WRWSA) Board of Directors meeting to order at 3:31 p.m. and requested a roll call.

2. Roll Call

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

BOARD MEMBERS PRESIDING

Michelle Stone, Chair, Marion County Commissioner
Stephen Printz, *Vice-Chair*, Sumter County
Commissioner
Al Butler, Sumter County Commissioner
Wayne Dukes, Hernando Co Commissioner
Gary Ernst, Belleview City Commissioner
Dale Swain, Bushnell City Councilor

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Jeff Kinnard, *Treasurer*, Citrus County
Commissioner
Ken Brown, Crystal River City Councilor
Kathy Bryant, Marion County Commissioner
Scott Carnahan, Citrus County Commissioner
Steve Champion, Hernando Co Commissioner
William Kemerer, Brooksville City Councilor
Carl Zalak, Marion County Commissioner

ALTERNATE(S) PRESIDING

Richard Radacky, City of Brooksville Public Works Dir

3. Introductions and Announcements

WRWSA STAFF PRESENT

Richard Owen, Executive Director
Larry Haag, Attorney (via phone)
LuAnne Stout, Administrative Asst.

OTHERS PRESENT

Alys Brockway, Hernando County Water Res Mgr
Debra Burden, Citrus Co Water Conservation
Michon Fabio, Marion County Water Res Liaison
Denise Lyn, Citrus County Attorney
Joyce Valentino, Resident of Inverness
Mike Wright, Citrus County Chronicle

4. Pledge of Allegiance – Chair Stone led those present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

5. Public Comment – Chair Stone opened public comment and noted that one speaker card was submitted. Ms. Joyce Valentino, resident of Inverness and former WRWSA board member, spoke in support of Citrus County and the Authority reaching a fair and equitable solution regarding the Charles A. Black Wellfield. There being no further requests to speak, Chair Stone closed public comment.

6. Consent Agenda

- a. **Approval of Minutes** – The September 19, 2018 minutes were provided in the Board's meeting materials and recommended for approval.
- b. **Bills to be Paid** – Staff recommended approval of the October 2018 bills in the total amount of \$23,269.21.

Mr. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Printz, to approve Consent Agenda Items 6.a. and 6.b. The motion carried unanimously.

7. Fiscal Year 2018-19 Budget Approval Ratification

Mr. Richard Owen, Executive Director, said the Fiscal Year (FY) 2018-19 Proposed Budget was scheduled for approval at the Board's May 16, 2018 meeting. He noted that the Interlocal Agreement creating the Authority requires at least one County Commissioner representative from each county be present for budget approval. This budget approval quorum requirement was not met at the May meeting due to the absence of a Citrus County representative. Because the Interlocal Agreement requires the Authority to submit its budget to each county by June 1st, the Board members present at the May meeting (including Hernando, Marion and Sumter counties) unanimously approved the budget, based on the staff recommendation, subject to ratification when the quorum requirement was met at a future meeting. The budget was then scheduled for the July and September meetings for ratification by the Board and was deferred due to a lack of the quorum necessary for approval.

At its September meeting, the Board approved utilization of the FY 2018-19 budget that was tentatively approved at the May 16, 2018 Board meeting with three counties represented until such time as all four counties are in attendance or such time as further action is taken by the Board. The Board also directed staff to schedule a special meeting in October for budget approval and to send correspondence to Citrus County Board members to emphasize the necessity and importance of attendance. Mr. Owen said he had spoken to the Citrus County representatives as requested by the Board at the September meeting and the letter to the County was sent, with all Authority Board members receiving copies. Mr. Owen informed the Board that the Citrus County Board of County Commissioners voted to direct its representatives not to attend today's meeting.

Included in the meeting materials was Exhibit A, the proposed FY 2018-19 budget; and Exhibit B, a description of the Authority's FY 2018-19 work program that is supported by the proposed budget. Resolution 2018-04 for adoption of the Fiscal Year 2018-19 was also provided. Staff recommended the Board, representing three counties and three cities, ratify the action taken by the Board at its May 16, 2018 meeting approving the FY 2018-19 budget by adoption of Resolution 2018-04, shown as in the Exhibit, said budget including budgeted expenditures in the amount of \$835,255, budgeted reserves in the amount of \$1,330,756, and a combined total amount of \$2,166,010, as presented in Exhibit A.

Mr. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Swain, to ratify Board action approving the proposed FY 2018-19 budget by adoption of Resolution 2018-04, including budgeted expenditures in the amount of \$835,255, budgeted reserves in the amount of \$1,330,756, and a combined total amount of \$2,166,010. The motion carried with one dissenting vote from Mr. Dukes.

The resolution was made a part of these minutes as if set forth in full but, for convenience, was filed in the permanent resolution files of the WRWSA.

8. Other Business – None

9. Next Meeting Time and Location

- Next Regular Board Meeting - November 14, 2018 at 3:30 p.m. at the Lecanto Government Building, Room 166.

10. Adjournment – Chair Stone adjourned the meeting at 3:42 p.m.

Michelle Stone, Chair

Richard S. Owen, Executive Director