

**WITHLACOOCHEE REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES  
February 15, 2012**

**TIME:** 4:30 p.m.  
**PLACE:** Withlacoochee Regional Planning Council  
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**

Chairman Dennis Damato called the Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority meeting to order at 4:35 p.m. and asked for a roll call.

**2. Roll Call**

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

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Dennis Damato, Chairman, Citrus County Commissioner  
Mary S. Rich, Ocala City Councilwoman  
John McLeod, Ocala City Councilman  
Rebecca Bays, Citrus County Commissioner  
Jim Adkins, Hernando County Commissioner  
Maureen McNiff, Crystal River City Councilwoman  
Winn Webb, Citrus County Commissioner  
Dale Swain, Bushnell City Councilman

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Gary Ernst, Belleview City Councilman  
Stan McClain, Marion County Commissioner  
Charlie Stone, Marion County Commissioner  
Richard Hoffman, Sumter County Commissioner  
John Druzbeck, Vice Chairman, Hernando County Commissioner  
Wayne Dukes, Hernando County Commissioner  
David Russell, Hernando County Commissioner  
Carl Zalak, Treasurer, Marion County Commissioner  
Joe Johnston, Brooksville City Councilman  
Randy Mask, Sumter County Commissioner

**3. Introductions and Announcements**

Mr. Jack Sullivan introduced others in the audience.

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Jack Sullivan, WRWSA Executive Director  
Larry Haag, WRWSA Attorney  
Nancy Smith, Recording Secretary  
Pete Hubbell, Water Resource Associates, Inc.  
Al Grubman, TOOFAR  
Jan Grubman, TOOFAR  
Jeff Halcomb, City of Ocala  
Darryl Muse, City of Ocala

Ron Basso, SWFWMD  
John Ferguson, SWFWMD  
Bobby Lue, SWFWMD  
Richard W. Radacky, City of Brooksville  
David Hornsby, SJRWMD  
Robert Knight, Citrus County Utilities  
Debra Burden, Citrus County Utilities  
Richard Owen, Citizen  
Bill Bilenky, Manson Law Group  
Bruce Wirth, Citizen  
Alys Brockway, Hernando County Utilities  
Cara Martin, SWFWMD  
Flip Mellinger, Marion County Utilities  
Michael Czerwinski, Michael G. Czerwinski P.A. Environmental Consultants

**4. Approval of Minutes of January 18, 2012 Meeting**

A copy of the minutes was provided in the board packet for review.

Following consideration, a motion was made by Mr. Swain to approve the minutes for the January 18, 2012 meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. McNiff and carried unanimously.

**5. Report on North Sumter Data Collection Program . . . Ron Basso, SWFWMD**

Ron Basso, P.G. with SWFWMD, updated the Authority on the North Sumter Data Collection Program. This multi-phase program is a joint contract between the WRWSA, SWFWMD, and The Villages to do test wells and data collection in the vicinity of the Villages in north Sumter County. The program began in 2009. Three of four test wells are complete and the fourth site is under negotiation. As these test well sites are located on private property, permanent easements must be acquired which has added to the time of the program. The contract has been extended to the end of FY 2012, but the costs are well under budget. The Villages, SWFWMD, and the WRWSA were each obligated in the amount of \$33,333. The cost to the WRWSA is less than \$6,000 at this time and is anticipated to be under \$10,000 at the completion of the project. A copy of Mr. Basso's presentation is included in the board packet.

This item was presented for information only; no action was required.

**6. Final Report on Marion County Water Conservation and Reclaimed Water Program . . . Pete Hubbell, WRA**

Pete Hubbell presented the final report on the Marion County Water Conservation and Reclaimed Water Program. This study was initiated to catalog the water conservation and reclaimed water efforts for those areas of Marion County not within the SWFWMD. These efforts include programs by both the WRWSA and the SJRWMD. The report concludes with recommendations for continued reduction in water demand.

This item was presented for information only; no action was required.

**7. Executive Director's Report ... Jack Sullivan, WRWSA**

**a. Bills to be Paid**

Mr. Sullivan provided a handout to the Board detailing the bills for February 2012 and requested the Board approve payment of these bills in the amount of \$35,979.80.

Following consideration, a motion was made by Ms. Rich to approve payment of the February 2012 bills totaling \$35,979.80. The motion was seconded by Ms. Bays and carried unanimously.

**b. Proposed Advertisement for Executive Director and Process for Selection**

Mr. Sullivan presented recommendations to the Board for the selection and hiring of a new Executive Director. He reviewed the proposed advertisement for the position and a process for selection of the new director. The advertisement for the consulting executive director will be published in the Florida Administrative Weekly and in each of the four newspapers within the WRWSA region. The application period will be from March 1, 2012 through March 30, 2012; ranking and screening by the staff will be done in April; and a presentation of 2-3 applicants will be made to the WRWSA Board at the regular meeting on May 16, 2012. Board members discussed the proposed qualifications of the applicants and the possibility of reviewing the applications as received.

Following consideration, a motion was made by Mr. Adkins to approve the Process for Selection as written with the following addition: all applications will be submitted to the staff who will copy all applications and email to the WRWSA Board members; the Board members who wish to comment will have two weeks to send comments to staff. The remainder of the selection process will stand as written. The motion was seconded by Mr. Swain and carried unanimously.

Following consideration, a motion was made by Ms. McNiff to revise the qualifications in the advertisement under bullet #4 and bullet #6 to require that a candidate either have demonstrated knowledge of water resource-related issues, or that education and experience in engineering, science or a water-related field be mandatory. The motion was seconded by Mr. Swain and carried unanimously.

**c. Correspondence**

Mr. Sullivan stated that there were three letters in the Correspondence. Following approval by the Authority at January's meeting, these letters were sent as directed.

News articles on water supply issues were provided in a separate handout.

These items were provided for information only. No action was required.

**8. Legislative Update ... Diane Salz, Legislative Consultant**

Ms. Salz was not able to be at the meeting, but she provided updates on legislative issues. These are included in the Board Package. If anyone has any questions or comments for Ms. Salz, she may be contacted at 850-339-8550.

**9. Attorney's Report ... Larry Haag, WRWSA Attorney**

Mr. Haag had no business to report at this time.

**10. Other Business**

There was no other business

**11. Public Comment**

Al Grubman, Too Far, asked if the Board would be voting on the Regional Framework Initiative. Mr. Sullivan replied that any vote would be to accept the Regional Framework as a planning

report. Mr. Grubman stated that he had two comments on the report. The first is that the treatment of MFLs on page 3-4 should be presented as tentative only. The second is that Phase II does not include documentation that there is no proposed transfer of water out of any county in the region.

Mr. Sullivan requested that Mr. Grubman email his comments to Pete Hubbell at WRA.

Burt Eno, President of Rainbow River Conservation Inc., spoke to the Board about the proposed Adena Ranch located about 20 miles northeast of Ocala and within the St. Johns River Water Management District. This is a proposed cattle ranch that may use up to 13 million gallons of water per day within the Silver River springshed. Mr. Damato requested that Pete Hubbell check on the details of this proposed water use permit.

No action was required.

**12. Next Meeting Time and Location**

The next meeting is scheduled for March 21, 2012 at 4:30 p.m., at the Lecanto Government Building, Room 166, 3600 W. Sovereign Path, Lecanto, Florida 34461.

**13. Adjournment**

Chairman Damato announced there was no further business or discussion to come before the WRWSA and adjourned the meeting at 6:16 p.m.

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Dennis Damato, Chairman

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Jackson E. Sullivan, Executive Director