

**WITHLACOOCHEE REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES  
February 16, 2011**

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

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

**1. Call to Order**

Chairman Stan McClain called the Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority (WRWSA) meeting to order at 4:34 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**

Richard Hoffman, Chairman, Sumter County Commissioner  
Stan McClain, New Chairman, Marion County Commissioner  
Dennis Damato, Vice-Chair, Citrus County Commissioner  
Jim Adkins, Hernando County Commissioner  
Rebecca Bays, Citrus County Commissioner  
Gary Ernst, Belleview City Councilman  
Randy Mask, Sumter County Commissioner  
Maureen McNiff, Crystal River City Councilwoman  
Mary S. Rich, Ocala City Councilwoman  
Dale Swain, Bushnell City Councilman  
Winn Webb, Citrus County Commissioner  
Carl Zalak, Marion County Commissioner

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

John Druzbeck, Treasurer, Hernando County Commissioner  
Mike Amsden, Marion County Commissioner  
Joe Bernardini, Brooksville City Councilman  
Wayne Dukes, Hernando County Commissioner  
John Priester, Ocala City Councilman  
David Russell, 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  
Debra Burden, Citrus County Water

Kim Dinkins, Marion County  
Al Grubman, TOO FAR  
John Ferguson, SWFWMD  
David Hornsby, SJRWMD  
Peter Hubbell, Water Resource Associates  
Robert Knight, Citrus County Utilities  
Cara Martin, SWFWMD  
Flip Mellinger, Marion County Utilities  
Richard Radacky, City of Brooksville  
Lori Silvera, District Secretary for State Representative Dennis Baxley  
Tahla Paige, Recording Secretary

**4. Approval of Minutes of January 19, 2011 Meeting**

A copy of the minutes was provided in the board packet for review. Mr. Damato noted the minutes stated Ms. Maureen McNiff was from the City of Inverness when she is representing the City of Crystal River.

Following consideration, **a motion was made by Mr. Damato to approve the corrected minutes for the January 19, 2011 meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Webb and carried unanimously.**

**5. Orientation of New Board Members and Discussion of Role of Authority**

Mr. Sullivan gave a presentation for new board members explaining the history, formation, organization, member representation and funding sources of the WRWSA. Ms. McNiff stated she thought 41 percent for general administration cost was high. Mr. Sullivan stated generally 60 to 65 percent is considered normal. Commissioner Winn Webb agreed with Mr. Sullivan stating that law enforcement is even higher, around 80 percent. Mr. Sullivan added the amount was not just salary, but included costs such as the website, legal fees and office supplies. Mr. Sullivan continued by reviewing water management districts and how they interact with the WRWSA.

**6. Executive Director's Report**

**a. Bills to be Paid**

Mr. Sullivan provided a handout to the WRWSA detailing January 2011 bills, which totaled \$26,763.99. Mr. Sullivan requested the WRWSA approve the payment of those bills. Ms. McNiff stated she did not want to receive travel reimbursement and asked the amount be removed from the total. Mr. Sullivan stated the new total was \$26,738.18.

Following consideration, **a motion was made by Mr. Damato to approve payment of the January 2011 bills totaling \$26,738.18. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ernst and carried unanimously.**

**b. 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Financial Report**

Mr. Sullivan reviewed the financial report and asked for its approval.

Following consideration, **a motion was made by Mr. Damato to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Financial Report as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Rich and carried unanimously.**

**c. Water Conservation Coalition Initiative**

Mr. Sullivan asked for the WRWSA's approval to coordinate a Water Forum with local utilities on water conservation. He stated one reason to have such a meeting is that SWFWMD requires all utilities to lower their water consumption to 150 per capita per day by 2018. Mr. Sullivan suggested having one meeting this year in April at which time the utilities could decide whether they would like to participate in additional meetings. Ms. Bay stated the major concern was water conservation and that private wells were not monitored. A lengthy discussion ensued on private wells, and some people considered it an invasion of privacy to monitor versus the need to get accurate data for water conservation. However, the number of wells could be estimated by the construction permits issued by the SWFWMD. Mr. Flip Mellinger, Marion County Utilities, stated that USGS in conjunction with SWFWMD is currently working on a program to monitor a test group of 300 private wells to estimate domestic use. Following the well discussion, Chairman McClain asked for a vote to hold a Water Forum with local utilities in April.

Following consideration, **a motion was made by Ms. McNiff to hold the Water Forum. The motion was seconded by Mr. Damato and carried unanimously.**

**d. Correspondence**

Mr. Sullivan reviewed the correspondence enclosed in the meeting handouts.

This item was presented for the WRWSA's information; no action was required.

**e. News Articles**

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

This item was presented for the WRWSA's information; no action was required.

**7. Legislative Update**

Mr. Sullivan stated Ms. Diane Salz is in Tallahassee and a list of the bills she is tracking was included in the handouts.

**8. Attorney's Report**

**a. Contract with The Villages CDDs for Irrigation Audit Program**

Mr. Haag reviewed the edited Cooperative Funding Agreements with the North Sumter County Utility Dependent District and the Village Center Community Development District.

Following consideration, **a motion was made by Mr. Webb to approve the Cooperative Funding Agreement with the North Sumter County Utility Dependent District as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Damato and carried unanimously.**

Following consideration, **a motion was made by Mr. Damato to approve the Cooperative Funding Agreement with the Village Center Community Development District as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Webb and carried unanimously.**

**b. Other**

None.

**9. Other Business**

None.

**10. Public Comment**

Mr. Mellinger commented it is unfair for public use of wells being limited on consumption when private use is unlimited; however, it is intrusive of government to meter private wells. He stated it was a difficult situation. Mr. Mellinger stated there is a cost to water conservation. He explained that utilities have the same cost of running facilities; so lowering consumption would result in higher fees to customers to cover current operating expenses.

Mr. Grubman representing TOO FAR stated that the new Board needed to be aware that the Authority had proposed a pipeline from Citrus to Hernando County in the Master Plan. He also mentioned that the Authority proposed taking 7.5 mgd of groundwater from the Homosassa spring shed.

**11. Next Meeting Time and Location**

Next meeting is scheduled for March 16, 2011 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.

**1. Adjournment**

Chairman McClain announced there was no further business or discussion to come before the Board and adjourned the meeting at 5:59 p.m.

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Stan McClain, Chairman

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Jackson E. Sullivan, Executive Director