

**WITHLACOOCHEE REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES  
April 21, 2010**

**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 Richard Hoffman called the Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority (WRWSA) meeting to order at 4:30 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  
Barbara Fitos, Vice-Chairman, Marion County Commissioner  
Rose Rocco, Treasurer, Hernando County Commissioner  
John Druzbeck, Hernando County Commissioner  
Dennis Damato, Citrus County Commissioner  
Randy Mask, Sumter County Commissioner  
Stan McClain, Marion County Commissioner  
John Priester, Ocala City Councilman  
Mary S. Rich, Ocala City Councilwoman  
Dale Swain, Bushnell City Councilman  
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  
Christine Dobkowski, Belleview City Commissioner  
Ken Hinkle, Inverness 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  
Al Grubman, TOO FAR  
Ken Herd, SWFWMD  
Cara Martin, SWFWMD  
Todd Petrie, Marion County  
Kim Dinkins, Marion County  
Peter Hubbell, Water Resource Associates  
Benadine Flood, Citrus County Utilities  
Jeff Halcomb, Director, Ocala Water Utilities  
Darryl Muse, City of Ocala  
Richard Radacky, City of Brooksville  
Peter Rocco, Hernando County Citizen  
Josh Schmitz, Water Resource Associates  
Tahla Paige, Recording Secretary

**4. Approval of Minutes of March 17, 2010 Meeting**

Following consideration, **a motion was made by Mr. Damato to approve the minutes for the March 17, 2010 meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Druzbeck and carried unanimously.**

**5. Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority (WRWSA) – Regional Water Supply Plan Update, Phase II – Approval of Workshop Recommendations for Further Study by Staff.**

The Board reviewed the importance of the eight points discussed during the workshop, which included, Population and Water Demand, Data Collection and Monitoring, Regional Groundwater Assessment, Water Conservation, Reclaimed Water, Water Supply Options, Partnerships, and Regional Framework. Discussion centered on informing the public and possible presentations to various County and City Municipalities.

Following consideration, **a motion was made by Mr. Hoffman to approve Regional Water Supply Plan Update, Phase II ideas discussed at the earlier workshop today, and obtain direction from Mr. Sullivan and with help from Mr. Hubbell to flesh out those items and bring them back to the Board in subsequent meetings over the next several months. The motion was seconded by Mr. Damato and carried unanimously.**

**6. Executive Director's Report**

Item 6.b. was moved to be voted on before Item 6.a.

**b. Approval of Phase II Study for Payment**

Mr. Sullivan requested the study be approved first so it could be included in the approval of 6.a. Bills to be Paid.

Following consideration, **a motion was made by Mr. Swain to approve Regional Water Supply Plan Update, Phase II Plan for payment. The motion was seconded by Ms. Rocco and carried unanimously.**

**a. Bills to be Paid**

Mr. Sullivan provided a handout to the Board detailing April 2010 bills which totaled \$86,565.14. Mr. Sullivan requested the Board approve the payment of those bills.

Following consideration, **a motion was made by Mr. McClain to approve payment of the April 2010 bills totaling \$86,565.14. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mask and carried unanimously.**

**c. Local Government Water Conservation Grant Application Notification**

Mr. Sullivan informed the Board that the grant applications had been mailed to the Utility Managers, County Managers and City Managers. Applications would be accepted from May 1 through June 30. He stated \$130,000 was spent on grants last year and recommended not exceeding the \$130,000 this year.

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

**d. Correspondence**

Mr. Sullivan noted there were two correspondence items enclosed in the packet.

**e. News Articles**

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

**7. Legislative Update**

Mr. Sullivan stated that Ms. Diane Salz could not be present, as she was attending Committee meetings. He handed out her latest Legislative report.

Mr. Sullivan told the Board there would be a Water Forum 2010 in Orlando sponsored by Associated Industries of Florida (AIF) and American Water Works Association (AWWA) on June 4, 2010. He felt it was beneficial for Ms. Salz to attend and asked the Board to approve funding not to exceed \$500.

Following consideration, **a motion was made by Mr. Webb to approve expenditures up to \$500 for Ms. Salz to attend the Water Forum 2010. The motion was seconded by Mr. Damato and carried unanimously.**

**8. Attorney's Report**

Mr. Haag, Esq., stated he did not have anything new to report to the WRWSA.

**9. Other Business**

Mr. McClain asked how the Regional Water Supply Plan Update, Phase II worked with the water management districts. Mr. Hubbell replied they were coordinating with both Southwest Florida Water Management District and the St. Johns River Water Management District.

**10. Public Comment**

Mr. Jeff Halcomb, Water Utilities, City of Ocala stated that the Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority was important in coordinating with water management districts. A regional water framework may be necessary even if it was an unpopular idea. He stated difficult decisions will need to be made on area water issues in the future, and those decisions needed to be based on sound principles and scientific evidence.

Mr. Hoffman expressed his appreciation for the work done by the Board on the development of the Phase II Water Supply Plan.

**11. Next Meeting Time and Location**

Next meeting is scheduled for May 19, 2010 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 Hoffman announced there was no further business or discussion to come before the Board and adjourned the meeting at 5:38 p.m.

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Richard Hoffman, Chairman

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Jackson E. Sullivan, Executive Director