

**WITHLACOOCHEE REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
May 19, 2010**

TIME: 4:30 p.m.
PLACE: Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD)
2379 Broad Street (SR 41)
Brooksville, Florida 34604

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 4:35 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

Richard Hoffman, Chairman, Sumter County Commissioner
Rose Rocco, Treasurer, Hernando County Commissioner
Jim Adkins, Hernando County Commissioner
Mike Amsden, Marion County Commissioner
Dennis Damato, Citrus County Commissioner
Stan McClain, Marion County Commissioner
Winn Webb, Citrus County Commissioner

MEMBERS ABSENT

Barbara Fitos, Vice-Chairman, Marion County Commissioner
Gary Bartell, Citrus County Commissioner
Joe Bernardini, Brooksville City Councilman
Christine Dobkowski, Belleview City Commissioner
John Druzbeck, Hernando County Commissioner
Ken Hinkle, Inverness City Councilman
Randy Mask, Sumter County Commissioner
John Priester, Ocala City Councilman
Mary S. Rich, Ocala City Councilwoman
David Russell, Hernando County Commissioner
Dale Swain, Bushnell City Councilman

3. Introductions and Announcements

Mr. Sullivan introduced others in the audience.

OTHERS PRESENT

Jack Sullivan, WRWSA Executive Director
Larry Haag, WRWSA Attorney
Diane Salz, WRWSA Legislative Liaison
Janey Baldwin, Withlacoochee River Basin Board
Tom Baldwin, Hernando County Citizen
Alys Brockway, Hernando County Utilities
John Ferguson, SWFWMD
Al Grubman, TOO FAR
Ken Herd, SWFWMD
Robert Knight, Citrus County Utilities
Cara Martin, SWFWMD
Connie Mullis, Legislative Assistant Senator Evelyn Lynn
Fritz Musselmann, Coastal Rivers Basin Board
Darryl Muse, City of Ocala
Joseph Quinn, SWFWMD
Richard Radacky, City of Brooksville
Miki Renner, SWFWMD
Peter Rocco, Hernando County Citizen
Tahla Paige, Recording Secretary

Mr. Sullivan announced the joint meeting with SWFWMD in June had been postponed due to time constraints of the SWFWMD Governing Board. Mr. Sullivan would do a short presentation to the SWFWMD Governing Board at its June 29 meeting. He will also make presentations on the WRWSA Regional Water Supply Plan to the Coastal Rivers and Withlacoochee River Basin Boards at their August meetings.

Following consideration, **a motion was made by Ms. Rocco to postpone the Joint WRWSA and SWFWMD Workshop. The motion was seconded by Mr. Damato and carried unanimously.**

4. Approval of Minutes of April 21, 2010 Meeting

Mr. Sullivan stated the April 21, 2010 workshop minutes had been provided for review and asked for the Board's approval.

Following consideration, **a motion was made by Mr. Webb to approve the minutes for the April 21, 2010 workshop. The motion was seconded by Ms. Rocco and carried unanimously.**

Chair Hoffman asked for approval of the April 21, 2010 regular meeting minutes enclosed in the Board packet.

Following consideration, **a motion was made by Mr. McClain to approve the minutes for the April 21, 2010 meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Amsden and carried unanimously.**

5. WRWSA– Regional Water Supply Plan Update, Phase II – Preliminary Analysis of Prioritization of Recommendations for Further Study

Mr. Sullivan stated he is in the process of writing an action plan to implement the recommendations from the workshop, but he requires input in four areas to complete the plan:

- a. Mr. Sullivan wanted a clear understanding of the motion, which was to review the recommendations and come back with overall plan of implementation to include cost, staffing, and timing of the plan. The Board had no additional comments.
- b. He would prepare a letter to county administrators/city managers stating that the WRWSA Board has reviewed and adopted the master plan. However, the recommendations of the plan were not self-implementing and would be analyzed for specific actions at subsequent meetings. The letter would ask if the governing boards of cities and counties wanted a presentation or additional information sent to them on the master plan. The Board agreed.
- c. Mr. Sullivan stated 30 hard copies of the study would be printed and said they should be distributed to the Withlacoochee Regional Planning Council, St. Johns River Water Management District, SWFWMD, and to each of the four counties to be made available to the public. Chair Hoffman asked the Board members to contact their individual counties and notify Mr. Sullivan before the next WRWSA meeting on the number of copies they needed.
- d. He requested input on the budget for next year. The current per capita is 19 cents. Mr. Sullivan stated there had been no growth and maintaining the 19 cents per capita would maintain the current local assessment. Ms. Rocco agreed and asked if the grant programs would continue. Mr. Sullivan stated it would and recommended not going over the \$130,000 that was budgeted the previous year.

Following consideration, **a motion was made by Ms. Rocco to maintain the 19 cents per capita for the Fiscal Year 2010 budget. The motion was seconded by Mr. Damato and carried unanimously.**

6. Legislative Update

Ms. Diane Salz stated Senate Bill (SB) 550 had passed the House and Senate, and was on the way to the Governor's desk. The bill covered reorganizing existing sections of Chapter 373, Florida Statutes, addressing supply policy, planning, production and funding; expanding the state's Drinking Water Revolving Fund for financing public water system planning, design and construction; authorizing the State Board of Administration to invest the net assets of the system trust fund in alternative water supply and water resource development projects; and water conservation endeavors that result in quantifiable water savings. Ms. Salz said the bill had a lot of provisions, many that did not affect the WRWSA.

Ms. Salz stated additional items included the Florida Forever Fund received \$15 million for its statewide budget; SB 1752 covering permit extensions; SB 1565 on rulemaking requiring agencies and water management districts to prepare a statement on regulatory cost in excess of \$200,000.

Ms. Salz noted the Board members that had been confirmed and stated Mr. Fritz Musselmann had not been confirmed because his paperwork had not been processed before the end of the session.

Mr. Damato asked Ms. Salz to update the Board on when and how septic inspection maintenance and upgrade programs will be implemented, as it is not defined in SB 550 and on the Florida Waterfront Program which is funding \$2 million for purchasing Three Sisters Springs. Mr. Webb asked for specifics on SB 1752. Ms. Salz said she would research the information and bring it back to the Board.

Mr. Sullivan wanted to acknowledge Senator's Dean input this session to make sure that local sources were protected and legislative intent in the bill. Mr. Sullivan suggested a plaque or certificate of appreciation with an invitation to a Board meeting would be appropriate. The board was in agreement.

7. **Executive Director's Report**

a. **Bills to be Paid**

Mr. Sullivan provided a handout to the Board detailing May 2010 bills which totaled \$93,179.69. Mr. Sullivan requested the Board approve the payment of those bills.

Following consideration, **a motion was made by Mr. Damato to approve payment of the May 2010 bills totaling \$93,179.69. The motion was seconded by Ms. Rocco and carried unanimously.**

b. **Inglis Hydropower Project Application**

Mr. Sullivan stated the application was for a license which proposed using the existing Inglis Bypass Chanel and the spillway on the Withlacoochee River to generate power to be sold to a local power company. The application was made to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), that had taken input until April 15. Mr. Sullivan stated the essential issue was the facility would be using excess flow to generate power which could be a possible conflict with the WRWSA using the excess flow for water supply. He recommended working with Water Resources Associates and the SWFWMD to send a letter with a list of concerns to FERC. Discussion ensued on the possible location and effects on environment. Mr. Haag stated various applications for a power plant had occurred in the past, none of which were approved. Mr. Joe Quinn, Staff Planner, SWFWMD stated he had requested information from FERC and it indicated another scoping document would be issued, which would allow more comments to be submitted. Mr. Sullivan stated he would have a response ready for approval at the next Board meeting.

c. **Correspondence**

Mr. Sullivan reviewed the various letters and memorandums. He brought to the board's attention a letter Mr. Amsden had given Mr. Sullivan from Gene Andrews stating there was no provisions in the Public Records Law allowing charges for postage to obtain a copy of information (ie. board packet) and public records should be stored with the WRWSA boundaries not in Tallahassee. Mr. Sullivan stated a response had been sent indicating the bulk of the WRWSA records were currently stored in the Hernando

County Records Repository in Brooksville and the WRWSA Board had voted in March of 1995 to charge for postage. Mr. Sullivan asked Mr. Haag if the WRWSA could legally charge for postage. Mr. Haag replied that Florida Statutes allow only for a price per page charge, not for postage. He added records are required to be stored within the jurisdiction of the WRWSA. Mr. Sullivan noted the board package was also posted to the WRWSA website. After a lengthy discussion, it was a consensus of the Board to have a new policy written and remove the statement in the board packet requesting \$3 for postage.

d. News Articles

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

8. Attorney's Report

Mr. Haag stated he did not have any additional items to report to the WRWSA.

9. Other Business

None.

10. Public Comment

None.

11. Next Meeting Time and Location

Next meeting is scheduled for June 16, 2010 at 4:30 p.m., Withlacoochee Regional Planning Council Headquarters Conference Room, 1241 Southwest 10th Street (SR 200), Ocala, Florida 34474-0323.

12. Adjournment

Chairman Hoffman announced there was no further business or discussion to come before the Board and adjourned the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Richard Hoffman, Chairman

Jackson E. Sullivan, Executive Director