

**WITHLACOOCHEE REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
June 15, 2011**

TIME: 4:30 p.m.
PLACE: Withlacoochee Regional Planning Council
1241 SW 10th 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 4:37 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

Stan McClain, Chairman, Marion County Commissioner
Dennis Damato, Vice-Chairman, Citrus County Commissioner
Jim Adkins, Hernando County Commissioner
Mike Amsden, Marion County Commissioner
Rebecca Bays, Citrus County Commissioner
Gary Ernst, Bellview City Councilman
Richard Hoffman, Sumter County Commissioner
Randy Mask, Sumter County Commissioner
Winn Webb, Citrus County Commissioner
Carl Zalak, Marion County Commissioner

MEMBERS ABSENT

John Druzbeck, Treasurer, Hernando County Commissioner
Wayne Dukes, Hernando County Commissioner
Maureen McNiff, Crystal River City Councilwoman
Emory Pierce, Brooksville City Councilman
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. Jack Sullivan introduced others in the audience.

OTHERS PRESENT

Jack Sullivan, WRWSA Executive Director
Johnnye Friedrich, WRWSA Attorney
Dianne Salz, WRWSA Legislative Liaison
Alys Brockway, Hernando County Utilities

John Ferguson, SWFWMD
Al Grubman, TOO FAR
David Hornsby, SJRWMD
Peter Hubbell, Water Resource Associates
Robert Knight, Citrus County Utilities
Cara Martin, SWFWMD
Darryl Muse, City of Ocala
Joe Quinn, SWFWMD
Richard Radacky, City of Brooksville
Jimmie T. Smith, Florida House of Representative
Nancy Smith, Nancy H. Smith, Inc.
Jack Verdorff, Eco-Land Design
Tahla Paige, Recording Secretary

4. Approval of Minutes of May 18, 2011 Meeting

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

Following consideration, **a motion was made by Mr. Mask to approve the minutes for the May 18, 2011 meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ernst and carried unanimously.**

5. Proposed FY 2011-12 Budget

Mr. Sullivan gave an overview of the budget. He stated he intended to retire during the next fiscal year and has included an additional \$37,500.00 for salary overlap in order to train his replacement. He also asked for a salary increase of \$2,000 for Ms. Diane Salz to pay her for writing press releases. Mr. Sullivan also reviewed the expenses associated with water conservation and the Implementation of the Phase II Recommendations.

Following consideration, **a motion was made by Mr. Damato to approve the budget. The motion was seconded by Mr. Akins and carried unanimously.**

6. Proposed Bid Award for Irrigation Audit Evaluation Program

Mr. Sullivan reviewed the three bids for Irrigation Audits for the Withlacoochee River and Coastal Rivers Basin Boards; and he reviewed the three bids for the Irrigation Audit Administrative Support. Mr. Sullivan had contracts written for the recommended bids - Eco Land Design, LLC and Nancy H. Smith, Inc.

Following consideration, **a motion was made by Mr. Damato to approve the recommended bid awards as written. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mask and carried unanimously.**

The contracts for the bid awards were then considered.

a. Irrigation Audit Evaluation Program Contract – Administrative Support

Mr. Sullivan recommended the contract for \$30,000.00 be awarded to Nancy H. Smith, Inc.

Following consideration, **a motion was made by Mr. Hoffman to approve the bid for \$30,000.00 to be awarded to Nancy H. Smith, Inc. The motion was seconded by Mr. Damato and carried unanimously.**

b. Irrigation Audit Evaluation Program Contract - Irrigation Auditor

Mr. Sullivan recommended the contract for \$133,750 be awarded to Eco Land Design, LLC.

Following consideration, **a motion was made by Mr. Adkins to approve the bid for \$133,750 to be awarded to Eco Land Design, LLC. The motion was seconded by Mr. Webb and carried unanimously.**

7. Executive Director's Report

a. Bills to be Paid

Mr. Sullivan provided a handout to the WRWSA detailing June 2011 bills, which totaled \$27,618.37. Mr. Sullivan requested the WRWSA approve the payment of those bills.

Following consideration, **a motion was made by Mr. Hoffman to approve payment of the June 2011 bills totaling \$27,618.37. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mask and carried unanimously.**

b. FY 2010-11 Second Quarter Financial Report

Mr. Sullivan reviewed the Balance Sheet, Statement of Revenue and Expenses, and Income Statement from the FY 2010-11 Second Quarter Financial Report from Purvis Gray & Company.

Following consideration, **a motion was made by Mr. Ernst to approve the FY 2010-11 Second Quarter Financial Report. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hoffman and carried unanimously.**

c. FY2011-12 Local Government Grant Program

Mr. Sullivan stated grant applications were being accepted starting on May 1, 2011 and the deadline for applications was June 30, 2011.

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

d. Renew Contract for North Sumter Data Collection Program

Mr. Sullivan presented an extension of the contract for the North Sumter Data Collection Program. He said the extension was necessary due to the lengthy process of purchasing the well sites for the project.

Following consideration, **a motion was made by Mr. Damato to approve the contract for extension of the North Sumter Data Collection Program. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mask and carried unanimously.**

e. Correspondence

Mr. Sullivan stated among the correspondence was a copy of a Preliminary Budget Request letter that he mailed to the member governments of the WRWSA. He had received feedback that Hernando County would be holding a workshop on June 28, 2011 to determine the value of continued membership on the WRWSA Board. After a lengthy discussion of the benefits of being a WRWSA member, Mr. Sullivan was directed to prepare a letter to the Hernando County Commission, and Mr. Damato asked him to include a breakdown of the cost/benefit analysis for Hernando County for the past five to ten years. Mr. Adkins stated he would present the information to the Hernando County Commission at the workshop.

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

f. 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.

8. Legislative Update

Ms. Dianne Salz stated the Legislative Session will start early next year on January 10, 2012, and the Interim Committee meetings will start September 19, 2011. She said the House Select Committee on Water Policy will be meeting two times over the summer. Ms. Salz stated it was important to attend the two meetings and requested reimbursement for her travel.

Following consideration, **a motion was made by Mr. Damato to approve expenditures for Ms. Salz to attend the House Select Committee on Water Policy meetings. The motion was seconded by Ms. Bays and carried unanimously.**

Ms. Salz stated the Withlacoochee River Basin Board still had \$2 million in its reserve account that the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) Governing Board will discuss at its June 28 meeting. She stated that Senate Bill 2142 had reduced SWFWMD's budget by 30 percent. Mr. Salz added the SWFWMD Governing Board will also be discussing recruitment of a new Executive Director in a workshop on June 17.

Chair McClain asked if there were new members on the House Select Committee on Water Policy (Committee) and asked for a list of the members. Ms. Salz replied there were no local members on the Committee and felt it was important to monitor the meetings since the Committee had no local representation. She said she would email the WRWSA Board a list of the Committee members.

Mr. Damato asked for an update on the bill for septic tanks. Ms. Salz stated it had to be approved by the Legislative Budget Commission before it would be funded. Mr. Damato asked when it would go in effect. Ms. Salz estimated it would be after FY 2012.

9. Attorney's Report

Ms. Johnnye Friedrich stated she had nothing new to report to the board.

10. Other Business

None.

11. Public Comment

Mr. Al Grubman, TOO FAR, Inc. stated he attended a SWFWMD Springs Coast Minimum Flows and Levels Public Workshop on June 8. Mr. Grubman expressed his concerns of lowered water levels and saltwater intrusion.

12. Next Meeting Time and Location

Next meeting is scheduled for July 20, 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.

13. Adjournment

Chairman McClain announced there was no further business or discussion to come before the Board and adjourned the meeting at 5:37 p.m.

Stan McClain, Chairman

Jackson E. Sullivan, Executive Director