

**WITHLACOOCHEE REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
June 19, 2013**

TIME: 4:30 p.m.
PLACE: Lecanto Government Building
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 (WRWSA) meeting to order at 4:37 p.m. and asked for a roll call.

2. Roll Call

Mr. Richard Owen, Executive Director, called the roll and a quorum was declared present.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Rebecca Bays, Citrus County Commissioner
Al Butler, Sumter County Commissioner
Dennis Damato, Chairman, Citrus County Commissioner
Gary Ernst, Belleview City Councilor
Don Hahnfeldt, Sumter County Commissioner

MEMBERS ABSENT

Scott Adams, Citrus County Commissioner
Jim Adkins, Hernando County Commissioner
Ken Brown, Crystal River City Councilor
Kathy Bryant, Marion County Commissioner
Wayne Dukes, Hernando County Commissioner
Joseph Johnston, Brooksville City Councilor
Stan McClain, Marion County Commissioner
Nick Nicholson, Hernando County Commissioner
David Russell, Hernando County Commissioner
Dale Swain, Bushnell City Councilor
Carl Zalak, Marion County Commissioner

3. Introductions and Announcements

Members of the audience introduced themselves. There were no announcements.

STAFF PRESENT

Richard Owen, WRWSA Executive Director
Larry Haag, WRWSA Attorney
Diane Salz, Governmental Affairs Liaison
Nancy Smith, WRWSA Administrative Assistant

OTHERS PRESENT

Gregg Jones, Cardno Entrix
Debra Burden, Citrus County Water Resources
John Ferguson, SWFWMD
Chris Zajac, SWFWMD

Al Grubman, TOO FAR
Kim Dinkins, Marion County Water Resources
Veronica Crow, SWFWMD
Sean King, SWFWMD
Paul Duchesneau, Citrus County Utilities
Richard Radacky, City of Brooksville, DPW
Dave Moore, Adkins

4. Approval of Minutes of May 15, 2013 Meeting

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

Following consideration, **a motion was made by Mr. Butler to approve the minutes for the May 15, 2013 meeting. Mr. Hahnfeldt seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.**

< Due to technical difficulties, the order of business was revised to review Items 7 through 8.g. prior to Item 5. Springs Restoration. >

7. Fiscal Year 2013-14 Budget . . . Richard S. Owen, Executive Director

Mr. Owen presented the proposed WRWSA operating and project budget for the 2013-14 fiscal year. The proposed budget is based on previous budgets with a review of each line item. A written explanation is included in the Board's packet to each of five general areas within the budget: Revenues, Administrative; Revenues, Water Supply Facility Development; Expenditures, General Administration; Expenditures, Water Supply Studies and Facilities; and Fund Balances. In addition to the Exhibit containing the budget, there are two attachments containing some of the background information that was used to develop the budget. Mr. Owen reviewed the proposed 2013-14 Budget Exhibit, including details about each of the revenue and expenditures as presented in the Exhibit. The total Administration and WRDF expenses, including fund balances, is \$1,794,557, or 6.1 percent less than the 2012-2013 fiscal year budget. The actual budget for administration and project expenses, not including fund balances, is \$664,347. The budget includes the use of \$177,273 in reserves.

The staff recommendation was for approval of the 2013-14 budget, in a total amount of \$1,794,557, as presented in the Exhibit.

Following consideration, **a motion was made by Mr. Butler to approve the budget as presented in a total amount of \$1,794,557. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ernst and carried unanimously.**

8. Executive Director's Report ... Richard S. Owen, Executive Director

a. Bills to be Paid

The June 2013 bills were provided in the handout. Mr. Owen requested the Board approve payment of the June 2013 bills totaling \$39,686.49.

Following consideration, **a motion was made by Mr. Butler to approve payment of the June 2013 bills of \$39,686.49. The motion was seconded by Ms. Bays and carried unanimously.**

b. Second Quarter Financial Report

Mr. Owen presented the second quarter financial report prepared by Purvis Gray and Company.

Following consideration, **a motion was made by Ms. Bays to approve the second quarter financial report as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hahnfeldt and carried unanimously.**

c. Board Meeting Times

Mr. Owen requested direction from the Board on whether or not to amend the meeting schedule to begin the WRWSA meetings at an earlier time. Mr. Ernst stated that he preferred that the meetings begin at either 3:00 or 3:30 p.m.

Following consideration, **a motion was made by Ms. Bays to change the WRWSA Board meeting time to 3:30 p.m. beginning with the new fiscal year starting October 2013, to accommodate publication of the new fiscal year meeting schedule. The motion was seconded by Mr. Butler and carried unanimously.**

d. Status Report on the Chassahowitzka and Homosassa River MFLs Petition

No further information is available at this time.

e. Correspondence

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

f. News Articles

News articles were presented in the Board's package and additional articles in a handout. This item was presented for the Board's information; no action was required.

g. Other

Mr. Owen presented updates to the Board on the following issues:

- ***Consumptive Use Permit Consistency Rule Making.*** Mr. Owen attended the most recent SWFWMD rulemaking workshop on May 23, 2013 at the SWFWMD office in Brooksville. He related to the Board that a number of changes that the WRWSA proposed were incorporated into the final product. This rule was originally intended to be Phase One with additional changes to be considered subsequent to adoption of this rule. However, this rule may be the only set of changes made. A number of unresolved issues remain, such as MFL methodologies. Mr. Owen continues to stay apprised of issues that may affect our member governments.
- ***Adena Springs Ranch Consumptive Use Permit, SJRWMD.*** There is no further action at this time. It is still a pending action.

< Returned to Item 5 for presentation on Springs Restoration >

5. Approach to Springs Restoration . . . Veronica Craw, SWFWMD

Mr. Owen introduced Veronica Craw, Springs and Environmental Flows Section Manager, Southwest Florida Water Management District (District).

Ms. Craw presented a visual summary of the status of springs and spring flows within the WRWSA region and the projects and programs that the District is using to protect and restore these spring systems to environmental health. The District approach uses regulations, monitoring, planning, education & outreach, restoration and land acquisitions to manage and protect the springs and spring systems. Specific restoration projects for FY2013 include reclaimed water, sediment removal, stormwater management and treatment projects, and restoration projects for a number of springs including Chassahowitzka, Weeki Wachee, Hunters Springs, and Kings Bay. A

list of FY2013 projects and budget was included in the presentation as well as proposed projects for FY2014. The District continues to seek partnerships with local governments and agencies to implement solutions to restore the regions' springs.

Discussion after the presentation included the potential disposition of \$10 million that Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) has for springs' restoration projects. The District and three other water management districts will each submit a list of five projects to FDEP. The District and WRWSA will continue to engage in and monitor this process.

Ms. Bays requested that the Springs Restoration information be presented to the Citrus County Board of County Commissioners. Mr. Damato also requested that Ms. Craw return to the WRWSA to present this information later in the year. In addition, he requested a correlation between rainfall and spring flow, if possible and a discussion of the underlying problems in Kings Bay, where the nitrate level is shown to be within acceptable limits. He further requested that the presentation be made available to Citrus, Hernando, Marion and Sumter counties in print format.

6. Regional Water Supply Plan Update . . . Gregg Jones, Cardno ENTRIX

Mr. Jones presented the third progress report for the Regional Water Supply Plan Update. Work is ongoing in five of the eight task areas including water demand estimates, availability of ground and surface water, conservation and reclaimed water strategies, and meetings with the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC). The TAC met for the second time on June 18, 2013. Preliminary demand projections have been calculated for Public Supply through 2035. Cardno ENTRIX team members continue to work with the local public utilities to get data for the University of Florida EZ Guide Conservation model (Conserve Florida). In addition to the Conserve Florida model, the Northern District Groundwater Model continues to progress. This model is expected to be available by August 2013. If available, this model will be used to determine the availability of groundwater for development through 2035. The team will use the projections of groundwater availability, reclaimed and surface water availability, and conservation as the basis for water supply projects.

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

9. Legislative Update ... Diane Salz, Governmental Affairs Liaison

Ms. Salz reviewed the legislative update on budget issues. Of the five water projects passed by the Legislature for the WRWSA members, two were vetoed. The Governor's budget veto message was included in part. In the handout, Ms. Salz included a schedule for interim committee meetings beginning in September. She will be monitoring the meetings and issues that arise prior to the 2014 legislative session.

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

10. Attorney's Report ... Larry Haag, WRWSA Attorney

a. Senate Bill 50 – Relating to Public Participation at Board Meetings

Senate Bill 50 adopts new requirements for public participation on agenda items at public meetings. These requirements are effective October 1, 2013. Mr. Haag recommends that the WRWSA should change its agenda to include the following items:

1. Provide for public participation at the beginning of the meeting, prior to any action taken by the WRWSA board;
2. Establish time limits for each speaker, either individually or for a group;

3. Prepare a form that can be filled out by anyone wishing to speak, including name, address, phone number, agenda item they wish to speak to, whether for, against or neutral, or whether they wish to designate someone to speak in their behalf.

The specific procedure and form should be available to the Board at either the July or September meeting for the Board's consideration and adoption.

b. Other

There were no further items from the attorney.

11. Other Business

There was no other business.

12. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

13. Next Meeting Time and Location

Next meeting is scheduled for July 17, 2013, 4:30 p.m., at the Lecanto Government Building, Room 166, 3600 W. Sovereign Path, Lecanto, Florida 34461.

14. Adjournment

Chairman Damato announced there was no further business or discussion to come before the WRWSA and adjourned the meeting at 6:25 p.m.

Dennis Damato, Chairman

Richard S. Owen, Executive Director