

**WITHLACOOCHEE REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
July 20, 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 4:35 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

Stan McClain, Chairman, Marion County Commissioner
Dennis Damato, Vice-Chairman, Citrus County Commissioner
Jim Adkins, Hernando County Commissioner
Mike Amsden, Marion County Commissioner
Randy Mask, Sumter County Commissioner
Maureen McNiff, Crystal River City Councilwoman
Winn Webb, Citrus County Commissioner

MEMBERS ABSENT

John Druzbeck, Treasurer, Hernando County Commissioner
Wayne Dukes, Hernando County Commissioner
Rebecca Bays, Citrus County Commissioner
Gary Ernst, Belleview City Councilman
Richard Hoffman, Sumter County Commissioner
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
Carl Zalak, Marion County Commissioner

3. Introductions and Announcements

Mr. Jack Sullivan introduced others in the audience.

OTHERS PRESENT

Jack Sullivan, WRWSA Executive Director
Jeanne Haag, WRWSA Attorney
Dianne Salz, WRWSA Legislative Liaison
Debra Burden, Citrus County

Kim Dinkins, Marion County
John Ferguson, SWFWMD
Al Grubman, TOO FAR
Jan Grubman, TOO FAR
Jeff Halcomb, City of Ocala
David Hornsby, SJRWMD
Peter Hubbell, Water Resource Associates
Robert Knight, Citrus County Utilities
Cara Martin, SWFWMD
Connie Mullis, Legislative Aide to Senator Evelyn Lynn
Darryl Muse, City of Ocala
Nancy Smith, Nancy H. Smith, Inc.
Joe Stapf, Hernando County
Flip Mellinger, Marion County
Tahla Paige, Recording Secretary

4. Approval of Minutes of June 15, 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 June 15, 2011 meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. McNiff and carried unanimously.**

5. Local Government Water Conservation Grant Awards

- a. Hernando County Water Conservation Program**
- b. Citrus County Water Conservation Program**
- c. Marion County Water Conservation Program**
- d. City of Belleview Storm Water Reuse Augmentation**

Mr. Sullivan reviewed the grant applications and stated the requests totaled \$150,830. He stated that since the WRWSA had a budget of \$130,000 for grants, he adjusted each grant to stay within budget. Hernando County was reduced from \$48,150 to 43,500, Citrus County was reduce from \$45,000 to \$41,500, Marion County was reduced from \$41,100 to \$39,000, and the City of Belleview was reduced from \$16,580 to \$6,000.

Following consideration, **a motion was made by Mr. Adkins to approve the adjusted award amounts for the grant applications. The motion was seconded by Mr. Webb and carried unanimously.**

6. Update on Progress of Regional Framework and Chassahowitzka Spring/River MFL

Mr. Peter Hubbell, Water Resource Associates, gave an update of the progress on the Regional Framework which was discussed at the WRWSA Technical Review Committee (TRC) meeting on March 16, which included discussion regarding existing water supply systems, alternative water supplies and any expansion plans being contemplated. He reviewed the Marion County Water Conservation and Reclaimed Water Project which is aiming at developing efficient and cost-effective water conservation and reclaimed water programs within the SJRWMD area of the WRWSA. Mr. Hubbell stated SWFWMD is

holding public workshops on establishment of the MFLs on the Chassahowitzka River, Crystal River and the Homosassa River. Ms. McNiff asked how this affected the timeline for the approval of the MFLs. Ms. Cara Martin, SWFWMD, stated it was delayed for several months until the public workshops have been completed.

Mr. Webb stated he had two comments. First, there were a lot of unhappy people in Yankeetown due the poor water quality coming from their wells, which turns the houses brown. And, he said Kings Spring's water had zero visibility due to the algae bloom and low water flow contributing to the degradation of the water.

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

7. Executive Director's Report

a. Bills to be Paid

Mr. Sullivan provided a handout to the WRWSA detailing June 2011 bills, which totaled \$19,739.11. 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 \$19,739.11. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mask and carried unanimously.**

b. Report on Regional Irrigation Audit Program

Mr. Sullivan gave a brief explanation of the funding for the program.

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

c. Correspondence

Mr. Sullivan stated several letters were enclosed in the packet for review.

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

d. 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 reviewed the items in the packet which included a list of members on the House Select Committee on Water Policy, the merging of the SWFWMD Basin Boards with the Governing Board, and the Septic Tank Evaluation Program Update.

9. Attorney's Report

Mrs. Jeanne Haag stated she had nothing new to report to the board.

10. Other Business

Mr. Sullivan requested the August meeting be cancelled due to lack of agenda items. It was the consensus of the WRWSA Board to cancel the August meeting.

11. Public Comment

None.

12. Next Meeting Time and Location

Next meeting is scheduled for September 21, 2011 at 4:30 p.m. at the Withlacoochee Regional Planning Council Headquarters Conference Room, 1241 Southwest 10th Street (SR 200), Ocala, Florida 34474-0323.

13. Adjournment

Chairman McClain announced there was no further business or discussion to come before the Board and adjourned the meeting at 5:52 p.m.

Stan McClain, Chairman

Jackson E. Sullivan, Executive Director