

**WITHLACOOCHEE REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
September 15, 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
Barbara Fitos, Vice-Chairman, Marion County Commissioner
Rose Rocco, Treasurer, Hernando County Commissioner
Gary Bartell, Citrus County Commissioner
Dennis Damato, Citrus County Commissioner
Christine Dobkowski, Belleview City Commissioner
Dale Swain, Bushnell City Councilman
Winn Webb, Citrus County Commissioner

MEMBERS ABSENT

Jim Adkins, Hernando County Commissioner
Mike Amsden, Marion County Commissioner
Joe Bernardini, Brooksville City Councilman
John Druzbeck, Hernando County Commissioner
Ken Hinkle, Inverness City Councilman
Randy Mask, Sumter County Commissioner
Stan McClain, Marion County Commissioner
John Priestler, Ocala City Councilman
Mary S. Rich, Ocala City Councilwoman
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
Diane Salz, WRWSA Legislative Liaison
Alys Brockway, Hernando County
Veronica Craw, SWFWMD
Al Grubman, TOO FAR
Dan Hilliard, Withlacoochee Area Residents
Peter Hubbell, Water Resource Associates
Bob Knight, Citrus County Utilities
Cara Martin, SWFWMD
Connie Mullis, Legislative Assistant Senator Evelyn Lynn
Todd Petrie, Marion County Utilities
Joseph Quinn, SWFWMD
David Rathke, SWFWMD
Miki Renner, SWFWMD
Peter Rocco, Hernando County Citizen
Tyler Scotland, SWFWMD
Tahla Paige, Recording Secretary

4. Presentation of Plaque of Appreciation to Senator Charlie Dean

Chair Hoffman announced that Senator Charlie Dean was caught in traffic and the presentation would be done when he arrived.

5. Approval of Minutes of July 21, 2010 Meeting

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

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

6. Report on Progress Re: FERC Inglis Hydropower Application

Mr. Sullivan reported that the WRWSA had been added to the FERC e-mail list to receive information on this project. However, the WRWSA could not be added to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection A-95 Federal Project review mailing list, as it did not include special districts as a commenting agency. He did obtain e-mail addresses from DEP to research information on projects throughout the state. Mr. Sullivan stated he had contacted Cara Martin, SWFWMD to obtain information on the Inglis project, since SWFWMD was listed as a commenting agency.

Mr. Hubbell explained the concerns for the proposed project in the Inglis Spillway are: will this project have adverse impact to the establishment of Minimum Flows and Levels (MFLs) for the Lower Withlacoochee River; what is the potential impact and alteration of the regulation schedule for the Lake Rousseau Pool; and, does a potential power plant in the bypass structure of Lake Rousseau conflict with any future WRWSA projects? Mr. Hubbell stated the best option was to have a meeting with Hydropower Inc. to discuss these issues.

Mr. Quinn, Planner, SWFWMD stated that SWFWMD did not have enough information to determine if a Water Use Permit was required for the project and needed to schedule a meeting with Hydropower Inc. to make such a determination. Mr. Sullivan asked if WRWSA representatives could be present at the meeting. Mr. Quinn stated the meetings were usually between the applicant and the SWFWMD. However, he would check into the possibility of a joint meeting.

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

4. Presentation of Plaque of Appreciation to Senator Charlie Dean

Ms. Diane Salz introduced Senator Charlie Dean thanking him for his support for protecting the water resources within the region. Chair Hoffman presented him with a plaque of appreciation. Senator Charlie Dean gave a short speech thanking the Board.

7. Report on Discussions Re: Use of Cross Florida Barge Canal as a Water Supply

Mr. Hubbell gave a brief presentation on the possible uses of the Cross Florida Barge Canal (CFBC) as a water supply source. He stated Mr. Dan Hilliard, Withlacoochee Area Residents, Inc. (WAR), had presented the concept of creating a fresh water reservoir in the CFBC approximately six miles south of the Inglis Lock. Mr. Hubbell said he and Mr. Sullivan would meet with WAR and report back at the next Board meeting.

8. Executive Director's Report

a. Bills to be Paid

Mr. Sullivan stated since there was no August meeting the bills for August were paid in the amount of \$23,951.49. He requested the Board ratify payment of these bills.

Following consideration, **a motion was made by Ms. Fitos to ratify payment of the August 2010 bills totaling \$23,951.49. The motion was seconded by Mr. Damato and carried unanimously.**

Mr. Sullivan provided a handout to the Board detailing September 2010 bills which totaled \$20,173.24. Mr. Sullivan requested the Board approve the payment of those bills.

Following consideration, **a motion was made by Mr. Bartell to approve payment of the September 2010 bills totaling \$20,173.24. The motion was seconded by Ms. Fitos and carried unanimously**

b. 3rd Quarter Financial Report

Mr. Sullivan reviewed the financial report.

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

c. Report on Skyland Utilities Public Service Commission Certification

Mr. Sullivan stated he contacted the Hernando County Attorney's Office, as instructed at the July 15, 2010 WRWSA meeting, and was told it was too late to testify on the Skyland Utilities Certification. Subsequently, he prepared a letter to Ms. Nancy Argenziano, Chairperson, Public Service Commission, stating the concerns of the WRWSA on the Skyland Utilities Certification. Mr. Sullivan stated the letter was enclosed in the WRWSA packet for the Board's review.

d. Purvis Gray Contract for Quarterly Financial Reports

Mr. Sullivan stated the current contract would expire on September 30, 2010 and requested approval to renew the contract.

Following consideration, **a motion was made by Mr. Bartell to approve renewal of the contract. The motion was seconded by Mr. Damato and carried unanimously.**

e. Correspondence

Mr. Sullivan reviewed the correspondence in the packet. He stated that FEMA had responded to his letter to the President with the suggestion to contact the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Mr. Sullivan asked if the Board wanted him to contact the EPA for additional information. Ms. Rocco said she felt it was a good idea. A consensus of the Board was for him to contact the EPA.

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 Board's information; no action was required.

Mr. Sullivan stated he had an add-on item for the agenda. The Hernando County Water Conservation Division was requesting an extension for its 2009-10 water conservation grant to December 31, 2010. The grant currently has \$15,000 with a balance of approximately \$7,500 of WRWSA funds. The current contract ends September 30, 2010.

Following consideration, **a motion was made by Mr. Bartell to approve the extension of the Hernando County grant to December 31, 2010. The motion was seconded by Mr. Damato and carried unanimously.**

9. Legislative Update

Ms. Salz asked the WRWSA to approve Resolution No. 2010-1 objecting to the costly approach of the EPA's Proposed Numeric Nutrient Criteria for Florida in the "Water Quality Standard for the State of Florida's Lakes and Flowing Waters" ruling. Mr. Bartell asked if the cost was at the state level or would counties and municipalities cover the expense. Ms. Salz replied that counties and municipalities would have to cover the cost.

Following consideration, **a motion was made by Mr. Bartell to approve the resolution as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Damato and carried unanimously.**

10. Attorney's Report

a. Local Government Grant Contracts

Mr. Haag presented the Project Grant Agreements for Citrus County for the sum of \$45,000, for Hernando County for the sum of \$47,400, and for Marion County for the sum of \$37,500.

Following consideration, **a motion was made by Mr. Bartell to approve the grant contracts as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Damato and carried unanimously.**

b. Water Resources Associates General Service Contract

Mr. Haag presented the Water Resources Associates General Service Contract renewal for approval.

Following consideration, **a motion was made by Mr. Bartell to approve the contract as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Damato and carried unanimously.**

c. WRA Marion County Conservation/Reclaimed Water Contract

Mr. Haag presented the Water Resources Associates contract to prepare a Water Conservation/Reclaimed water program for the portions of Marion County in the St. Johns Water Management District for renewal.

Following consideration, **a motion was made by Mr. Bartell to approve the contract as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Damato and carried unanimously.**

d. Update to Phase VII Contract

Mr. Haag presented the Water Resource Associates contract to continue work on developing the Regional Framework concept for approval.

Following consideration, **a motion was made by Ms. Rocco to approve the contract as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Webb and carried unanimously.**

e. Resolution Re: Policy on Location of Public Records and Copying Costs.

Mr. Haag presented Resolution 2010-2 defining Board policy regarding Location of Public Records and Copying costs for approval.

Following consideration, **a motion was made by Mr. Bartell to approve the resolution as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Damato and carried unanimously.**

11. Other Business

Mr. Sullivan announced he would like to recognize Mr. Bartell for approximately 20 years of service on the WRWSA Board at the next meeting. By consensus the Board agreed.

12. Public Comment

None.

13. Next Meeting Time and Location

The next meeting is scheduled for October 20, 2010 at 4:30 p.m., at the Withlacoochee Regional Planning Council Headquarters Conference Room, 1241 Southwest 10th Street (SR 200), Ocala, Florida 34474-0323.

14. Adjournment

Chairman Hoffman announced there was no further business or discussion to come before the Board and adjourned the meeting at 5:34 p.m.

Richard Hoffman, Chairman

Jackson E. Sullivan, Executive Director