

**NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**District Headquarters
81 Water Management Drive
Havana, FL 32333**

**Thursday
July 13, 2017**

Governing Board Members Present

George Roberts, Chair
Jerry Pate, Vice Chair
John Alter, Secretary-Treasurer
Gus Andrews
Jon Costello
Ted Everett
Nick Patronis
Bo Spring

Governing Board Members Absent

Marc Dunbar

1. Opening Ceremonies

Governing Board Chairman George Roberts called the meeting to order at 1:09 p.m.
Brett Cyphers called the roll and a quorum was declared present.

2. Additions, Deletions or Changes to the Agenda

None.

3. Approval of the Minutes for June 8, 2017

MOTIONED BY BO SPRING, SECONDED BY TED EVERETT, THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD APPROVE THE MINUTES FOR JUNE 8, 2017. NO PUBLIC COMMENT WAS GIVEN. MOTION CARRIED.

4. Approval of the Financial Reports for the Month of May 2017

MOTIONED BY JOHN ALTER, SECONDED BY JON COSTELLO, THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD APPROVE THE FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2017. NO PUBLIC COMMENT WAS GIVEN. MOTION CARRIED.

5. Committee Reports and Recommendations for Board Action

Committee of the Whole:

Consideration of Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Tentative Budget, Millage Rate and Date, Times, and Locations of Public Hearings on the Budget

MOTIONED BY JERRY PATE, SECONDED BY NICK PATRONIS, THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD SET THE AD VALOREM TAX MILLAGE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018 AT THE ROLLED-BACK RATE, WHICH AS OF JULY 13 IS 0.0353. NO PUBLIC COMMENT WAS GIVEN. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTIONED BY JERRY PATE, SECONDED BY JON COSTELLO, THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD APPROVE THE FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018 TENTATIVE BUDGET AS PRESENTED, ALLOW STAFF TO MAKE RECOMMENDED ADJUSTMENTS AND CORRECTIONS, AND SUBMIT THE STANDARD FORMAT TENTATIVE BUDGET TO THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE AND LEGISLATURE BY AUGUST 1, 2017. NO PUBLIC COMMENT WAS GIVEN. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTIONED BY JERRY PATE, SECONDED BY JON COSTELLO, THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD SCHEDULE THE PUBLIC HEARINGS ON THE BUDGET FOR THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2017, AT 5:05 P.M., ET, AT THE DISTRICT'S HEADQUARTERS IN MIDWAY AND THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2017, AT 5:05 P.M. CT, IN PANAMA CITY. NO PUBLIC COMMENT WAS GIVEN. MOTION CARRIED.

6. Consideration of ITB 17B-014 for 2017 Pine and Hardwood Tree Eradication Services

MOTIONED BY JERRY PATE, SECONDED BY JOHN ALTER, THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD

APPROVE THE BIDS FOR THE 2017 PINE AND HARDWOOD TREE ERADICATION SERVICES PROJECT AND AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH FORESTREE NETWORK SERVICES, LLC, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$181,155.00 TO FACILITATE THIS WORK. NO PUBLIC COMMENT WAS GIVEN. MOTION CARRIED.

7. Consideration of New FEMA Cooperating Technical Partner Funding for Fiscal Year 2017-2018

MOTIONED BY JERRY PATE, SECONDED BY NICK PATRONIS, THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD APPROVE TO AMEND THE COOPERATING TECHNICAL PARTNER AGREEMENT WITH THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY TO ACCEPT AND AUTHORIZE SPENDING \$2,330,350.00 IN NEW FUNDING TO DEVELOP TOOLS TO ASSIST COMMUNITIES REDUCE FLOOD RISK. NO PUBLIC COMMENT WAS GIVEN. MOTION CARRIED.

8. Employee Recognition

Nick Wooten was recognized for his 31+ years of service. Mr. Wooten is retiring from his position of Director, Division of Resource Management.

9. Legal Counsel Report

Breck Brannen provided a status report on the cases referenced below.

CGUPS, LLC, Steven Cox, and Claudia Cox, Petitioners v. Northwest Florida Water Management District and Florida Department of Transportation, Respondents, DOAH Case No. 16-4691

Robert C. Yon v. Harold Pickron, et al, Fourteenth Judicial Circuit Court Case No. 11000088CAAXMX

Meeting was adjourned at 1:39 p.m.



Chair

10/26/17

Date



Executive Director

C. Costello

Agency Clerk

