

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

**Emerald Coast Utilities Authority
9255 Sturdevant Street
Pensacola, FL 32514**

**Thursday
February 8, 2018**

Governing Board Members Present

George Roberts, Chair
John Alter, Secretary-Treasurer
Gus Andrews*
Ted Everett*
Bo Spring

Governing Board Members Absent

Jerry Pate, Vice Chair
Jon Costello
Marc Dunbar
Nick Patronis

*via Telephone

1. Opening Ceremonies

Governing Board Chairman George Roberts called the meeting to order at 1:02 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 January 11, 2018

MOTIONED BY BO SPRING, SECONDED BY JOHN ALTER, THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD APPROVE THE MINUTES FOR JANUARY 11, 2018. NO PUBLIC COMMENT WAS GIVEN. MOTION CARRIED.

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

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

5. Consideration of Renewal of Employee Health and Life Insurance

MOTIONED BY JOHN ALTER, SECONDED BY BO SPRING, THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO NEGOTIATE AND SELECT EMPLOYEE HEALTH AND LIFE INSURANCE POLICIES FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING APRIL 1, 2018, AND ENDING MARCH 31, 2019, THAT INCREASE COSTS NO MORE THAN 5 PERCENT OVER THE CURRENT BUDGET. NO PUBLIC COMMENT WAS GIVEN. MOTION CARRIED.

6. Consideration of 2018 Consolidated Annual Report

MOTIONED BY BO SPRING, SECONDED BY JOHN ALTER, THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD APPROVE THE 2018 CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL REPORT, SUBJECT TO BOARD APPROVAL OF THE FLORIDA FOREVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT WORK PLAN. NO PUBLIC COMMENT WAS GIVEN. MOTION CARRIED.

7. Consideration of Joint Funding Agreement with the United States Geological Survey for the Acquisition of LIDAR Elevation Data

MOTIONED BY BO SPRING, SECONDED BY JOHN ALTER, THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A JOINT FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED STATES GEOLOGICAL SURVEY FOR THE ACQUISITION OF LIDAR, SUBJECT TO LEGAL COUNSEL REVIEW. NO PUBLIC COMMENT WAS GIVEN. MOTION CARRIED.

8. Consideration of Invitation to Bid 18B-004: 2018 Greenhead Road Sand Pine Timber Sale

MOTIONED BY JOHN ALTER, SECONDED BY BO SPRING, THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD APPROVE THE BIDS SUBMITTED IN RESPONSE TO INVITATION TO BID 18B-004 AND AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR THIS TIMBER SALE WITH THE HIGH BIDDER, DEERPOINT TIMBER PRODUCTS, INC. AT THE BID

PRICE OF \$14.20 PER TON FOR PINE PULPWOOD. NO PUBLIC COMMENT WAS GIVEN. MOTION CARRIED.

9. Consideration of Acceptance of the Appraisals and Approval of the Purchase and Sale Agreement for the Hodson Conservation Easement; Econfina Creek WMA

MOTIONED BY BO SPRING, SECONDED BY JOHN ALTER, THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD ACCEPT THE APPRAISALS PREPARED BY CARLTON APPRAISAL COMPANY AND BELL, GRIFFITH AND ASSOCIATES, INC. AND THE REVIEW APPRAISAL PREPARED BY BROWN BEVIS REAL ESTATE APPRAISERS, INC. FOR THE HODSON CONSERVATION EASEMENT IN BAY COUNTY AND AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE THE PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE DISTRICT WITH LARRY L. AND CAROLE A. HODSON AS TRUSTEES OF THE FAMILY HODSON CONSERVATION TRUST DATED SEPTEMBER 11, 2014 FOR THE ACQUISITION OF THE HODSON CONSERVATION EASEMENT FOR \$572,336.40, SUBJECT TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE AGREEMENT, APPROVAL OF THE AGREEMENT BY LEGAL COUNSEL AND THE SELLER. NO PUBLIC COMMENT WAS GIVEN. MOTION CARRIED.

10. Public Hearing on Consideration of Regulatory Matters

Chair Roberts called the public hearing to order at 1:28 p.m.

MOTIONED BY JOHN ALTER, SECONDED BY BO SPRING, THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA PER THE RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONDITIONS OF THE STAFF REPORTS AND PER THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE PERMIT DOCUMENTS. NO PUBLIC COMMENT WAS GIVEN. MOTION CARRIED.

11. Public Hearing on Consideration of Florida Forever Water Management District Work Plan

Chair Roberts called the public hearing to order at 1:29 p.m.

MOTIONED BY BO SPRING, SECONDED BY JOHN ALTER, THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD APPROVE THE FLORIDA FOREVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT WORK PLAN. NO PUBLIC COMMENT WAS GIVEN. MOTION CARRIED.

12. Legislative Update

Informational purposes only.

13. Legal Counsel Report

Brian Newman provided a status report on the case 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

Meeting was adjourned at 1:48 p.m.

Chair

Date

3/8/2018

Executive Director

Agency Clerk

