

**Northwest Florida Water Management District  
Governing Board Meeting Minutes**

*Thursday, September 26, 2019  
District Headquarters  
81 Water Management Drive  
Havana, Florida 32333*

**1. Opening Ceremonies**

Called to order at 4:11 p.m.

Brett Cyphers called the roll and a quorum was declared present.

Present: George Roberts, Chair; Jerry Pate, Vice Chair; Jon Costello; Ted Everett; Bo Spring

Absent: None

**2. Special Thanks and Recognition**

The Wakulla Springs Alliance, winner of the 2019 Springs Champion award.

MOTIONED BY JON COSTELLO, SECONDED BY BO SPRING, THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 859 AWARDING THE WAKULLA SPRINGS ALLIANCE AS THE 2019 WINNER OF THE NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT'S SPRINGS CHAMPION AWARD. NO PUBLIC COMMENT WAS GIVEN. MOTION CARRIED.

**3. Changes to the Agenda**

Item 14 was removed from the agenda.

**4. Approval of the Minutes for August 22, 2019**

MOTIONED BY TED EVERETT, SECONDED BY JON COSTELLO, THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD APPROVE THE MINUTES FOR AUGUST 22, 2019. NO PUBLIC COMMENT WAS GIVEN. MOTION CARRIED.

**5. Approval of the Financial Reports for the Month of July 2019**

MOTIONED BY JON COSTELLO, SECONDED BY TED EVERETT, THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD APPROVE THE FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2019. NO PUBLIC COMMENT WAS GIVEN. MOTION CARRIED.

**6. Committee Reports and Recommendations for Board Action**

Resource Management Committee:

**Consideration of Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Contractual Services to Support Minimum Flows and Levels**

MOTIONED BY JON COSTELLO, SECONDED BY BO SPRING, THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO SPEND UP TO \$1,545,500 FOR CONTRACTUAL SERVICES TO SUPPORT THE DEVELOPMENT OF MINIMUM FLOWS AND MINIMUM WATER LEVELS IN FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020, CONTINGENT UPON APPROVAL OF THE DISTRICT'S FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 BUDGET. NO PUBLIC COMMENT WAS GIVEN. MOTION CARRIED.

**Consideration of ITB 19B-009, Monitor Well Construction within the Shoal River Watershed of Okaloosa and Walton Counties**

MOTIONED BY JON COSTELLO, SECONDED BY BO SPRING, THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD APPROVE THE BID SUBMITTED IN RESPONSE TO ITB 19B-009 FOR MONITOR WELL CONSTRUCTION WITHIN THE SHOAL RIVER WATERSHED OF OKALOOSA AND WALTON COUNTIES AND AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH HUSS DRILLING, INC., FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$126,430.00, CONTINGENT UPON APPROVAL OF THE DISTRICT'S FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 BUDGET. NO PUBLIC COMMENT WAS GIVEN. MOTION CARRIED.

Consideration of No-Cost Time Extension to Joint Funding Agreement No. 19MCJFA0040 with U.S. Geological Survey for Gulf County Canal Monitoring

MOTIONED BY JON COSTELLO, SECONDED BY BO SPRING, THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE A NO-COST TIME EXTENSION THROUGH JULY 31, 2020, TO JOINT FUNDING AGREEMENT NO. 19MCJFA0040 WITH THE U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY FOR THE INSTALLATION OF TWO DISCHARGE/WATER QUALITY MONITORING STATIONS ALONG THE INTRACOASTAL WATERWAY/SEARCY CREEK. NO PUBLIC COMMENT WAS GIVEN. MOTION CARRIED.

Consideration of Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Contractual Services to Support the District's Regional Wetland Mitigation Program

MOTIONED BY JON COSTELLO, SECONDED BY TED EVERETT, THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO APPROVE EXPENDITURES UP TO \$708,850 FOR CONTRACTUAL ECOLOGICAL AND RESTORATION SERVICES TO SUPPORT THE DISTRICT'S REGIONAL MITIGATION PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020, CONTINGENT UPON APPROVAL OF THE DISTRICT'S FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 BUDGET. NO PUBLIC COMMENT WAS GIVEN. MOTION CARRIED.

Consideration of Agreement with the City of Tallahassee and Leon County for Stormwater Flow Monitoring

MOTIONED BY JON COSTELLO, SECONDED BY BO SPRING, THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT TO CONTINUE HYDROLOGIC MONITORING FOR STORMWATER WITH THE CITY OF TALLAHASSEE AND LEON COUNTY FOR UP TO THREE YEARS BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2019 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2022. A THREE-YEAR CONTRACT WILL TOTAL UP TO \$308,874 NOT TO EXCEED AN ANNUAL MAXIMUM VALUE OF \$102,958. NO PUBLIC COMMENT WAS GIVEN. MOTION CARRIED.

Consideration of U.S. Geological Survey Joint Funding Agreement

MOTIONED BY JON COSTELLO, SECONDED BY TED EVERETT, THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE A JOINT FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH THE U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY FOR CONTINUATION OF MONITORING AT TELOGIA CREEK, APALACHICOLA RIVER AT CHATTAHOOCHEE, APALACHICOLA RIVER AT SUMATRA, YELLOW RIVER AT STATE ROAD 87, AND SPRING CREEK AT SPRING CREEK, FOR A TOTAL COST NOT TO EXCEED \$84,297 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020. NO PUBLIC COMMENT WAS GIVEN. MOTION CARRIED.

Consideration of Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Strategic Water Management Plan

MOTIONED BY JON COSTELLO, SECONDED BY BO SPRING, THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD APPROVE THE FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 UPDATE TO THE DISTRICT STRATEGIC WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN AND AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO FINALIZE THE PLAN PENDING ANY COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC AND THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION. NO PUBLIC COMMENT WAS GIVEN. MOTION CARRIED.

Asset Management Committee:

Adoption of the District's Land Management Plan for the East Region and the Required Reporting Associated with Land Management Review Teams

MOTIONED BY BO SPRING, SECONDED BY JON COSTELLO, THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD ADOPT THE DISTRICT'S LAND MANAGEMENT PLAN – EAST REGION AND AUTHORIZE STAFF TO CONTINUE ACCEPTING PUBLIC COMMENT UNTIL OCTOBER 30, 2019 AND INCORPORATE AS APPROPRIATE AS AN ADDENDUM TO THE PLAN. NO PUBLIC COMMENT WAS GIVEN. MOTION CARRIED.

Authorization to Reimburse the St. Johns River Water Management District for assistance provided under 2018 Florida Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement

MOTIONED BY BO SPRING, SECONDED BY JON COSTELLO, THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD AUTHORIZE PAYMENT TO THE ST. JOHNS RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT FOR EFFORTS MADE TO ASSIST THE DISTRICT IN RECOVERING FROM THE IMPACTS OF HURRICANE MICHAEL. NO PUBLIC COMMENT WAS GIVEN. MOTION CARRIED.

Consideration of Invitation to Bid 19B-011: Williford Spring Hurricane Repair Project

MOTIONED BY BO SPRING, SECONDED BY JON COSTELLO, THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD APPROVE THE BIDS SUBMITTED IN RESPONSE TO INVITATION TO BID 19B-011 AND AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR THIS PROJECT WITH THE LOW BIDDER, MISSY & MOSSY, LLC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 129,635.00. NO PUBLIC COMMENT WAS GIVEN. MOTION CARRIED.

Consideration of Purchase of Parcel Database Services

MOTIONED BY BO SPRING, SECONDED BY JON COSTELLO, THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF PARCEL DATA ACQUISITION AND STANDARDIZATION SERVICES FOR \$86,273 FROM QUANTUM SPATIAL, INC. FOR THE NEXT FIVE YEARS FOR ALL SIXTEEN COUNTIES IN THE NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT. NO PUBLIC COMMENT WAS GIVEN. MOTION CARRIED.

Consideration of Request for Authorization to Declare and Dispose of Surplus Property

MOTIONED BY BO SPRING, SECONDED BY TED EVERETT, THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD DECLARE PROPERTY ITEM NUMBER 01435 AS SURPLUS, AUTHORIZE STAFF TO DISPOSE OF THE ITEM IN ACCORDANCE WITH ESTABLISHED PROCEDURES, AND REMOVE IT FROM THE DISTRICT'S PROPERTY RECORDS. NO PUBLIC COMMENT WAS GIVEN. MOTION CARRIED.

7. Consideration of Acceptance of Audit Reports Presented by the District's Inspector General

MOTIONED BY TED EVERETT, SECONDED BY JON COSTELLO, THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD ACCEPT REPORTS #19-03, #19-04, AND THE ANNUAL REPORT SUMMARIZING THE INSPECTOR GENERAL ACTIVITIES FOR FY 2018-19 AS PRESENTED. NO PUBLIC COMMENT WAS GIVEN. MOTION CARRIED.

8. Public Hearing on Consideration of Regulatory Matters

Called to order at 4:32

A-1 APPLICANT: EGLIN AIR FORCE BASE  
APP. NO.: 2B-091-3005-7  
USE: INSTITUTIONAL

B-1 APPLICANT: STURGEON AQUAFARMS, LLC  
APP. NO.: 2B-063-7043-5  
USE: AGRICULTURAL

MOTIONED BY TED EVERETT, SECONDED BY JON COSTELLO, THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD APPROVE APPLICATION NO. 2B-091-3005-7, EGLIN AIR FORCE BASE, AND APPLICATION NO. 2B-063-7043-5, STURGEON AQUAFARMS, LLC, 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.

9. Consideration of Interagency Agreement with Suwannee River Water Management District, Simpson Nursery Project, Jefferson County

MOTIONED BY JON COSTELLO, SECONDED BY BO SPRING, THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD APPROVE THE INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT WITH THE SRWMD REGARDING THE SIMPSON NURSERY PROJECT IN JEFFERSON COUNTY. NO PUBLIC COMMENT WAS GIVEN. MOTION CARRIED.

10. Request for Authorization to Undergo Rulemaking on Chapter 40A-3, F.A.C.

MOTIONED BY BO SPRING, SECONDED BY JON COSTELLO, THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD APPROVE INITIATION OF RULE DEVELOPMENT ON SECTION 40A-3.451 WITHIN CHAPTER 40A-3, FLORIDA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, REGULATION OF WELLS, DURING THE NEXT TWELVE MONTHS AND APPROVE INCLUDING THE PROPOSED RULEMAKING ITEM IN THE 2019-2020 ANNUAL REGULATORY PLAN PURSUANT TO SECTION 120.74, FLORIDA STATUTES. NO PUBLIC COMMENT WAS GIVEN. MOTION CARRIED.

11. Annual Regulatory Plan

Informational purposes only.

12. 2020 Legislative Overview  
Informational purposes only.

13. Legal Counsel Report

No pending cases in which the District is a party.

14. Hurricane Michael Recovery Update

Item 14 was removed from the agenda.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:43 p.m.

15. Public Hearing on Consideration of Adoption of the Millage Rate and Budget for Fiscal Year 2019-2020

Called to order at 5:05

MOTIONED BY TED EVERETT, SECONDED BY JON COSTELLO, THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD APPROVE THE AD VALOREM TAX MILLAGE RATE OF .0327 OF A MILL FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 BY ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NUMBER 857. NO PUBLIC COMMENT WAS GIVEN. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTIONED BY JON COSTELLO, SECONDED BY BO SPRING, THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD ADOPT RESOLUTION NUMBER 858 ADOPTING THE FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 BUDGET AS PRESENTED THEREIN. NO PUBLIC COMMENT WAS GIVEN. MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:11 p.m.

Chair

Date

October 24, 2019

Executive Director

Agency Clerk

