

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

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

**Thursday  
December 11, 2014**

Governing Board Members Present

George Roberts, Chair  
Jerry Pate, Vice Chair  
John Alter  
Gus Andrews  
Jon Costello  
Nick Patronis  
Bo Spring

Governing Board Members Absent

Gary Clark

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Roberts called the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m., ET. Mr. Steverson called the roll and a quorum was declared present.

2. Invocation

Vice Chair Pate offered the invocation.

3. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Chair Roberts led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

4. Additions, Deletions or Changes to the Agenda

Ms. White stated that there were no changes to the agenda. Mr. Breck Brannen requested that agenda item 6. C. Consideration of Performance Evaluation Criteria for the Executive Director is handled under item 8. Legal Counsel Report.

5. Approval of Minutes for November 13, 2014

MOTIONED BY MR. ALTER, SECONDED BY VICE CHAIR PATE, THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 13, 2014, GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES. MOTION CARRIED.

6. A. Consent Business Agenda

MOTIONED BY MR. COSTELLO, SECONDED BY MR. SPRING, THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD APPROVE THE FINANCIAL REPORT AND SCHEDULE OF DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2014. MOTION CARRIED.

6. B. Consideration of Resolution No. 793 Amending the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Budget

MOTIONED BY VICE CHAIR PATE, SECONDED BY MR. ANDREWS, THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 793 AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015 BUDGET AND ALLOW STAFF TO REALIGN REVENUES AND RESERVES TO MAINTAIN THE PROPER BALANCE IN EACH FUND. MOTION CARRIED.

6. C. Consideration of Performance Evaluation Criteria for the Executive Director

See item 8. Legal Counsel Report.

6. D. Consideration of FY 2014-2015 Consulting Services to Support Minimum Flows and Levels

MOTIONED BY MR. ALTER, SECONDED BY MR. ANDREWS, THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO SPEND UP TO \$1,996,200 FOR DATA COLLECTION, MODELING, ANALYSIS, AND OTHER ACTIVITIES TO SUPPORT THE DEVELOPMENT OF MINIMUM FLOWS AND LEVELS IN FY 2014-2015 AND SPEND UP TO \$510,000 OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION GRANT FUNDING FOR ENHANCED HYDROLOGIC AND WATER QUALITY MONITORING OF WAKULLA SPRINGS AND JACKSON BLUE SPRING. MOTION CARRIED.

6. E. Consideration of Funding Agreements for Springs Restoration Projects

MOTIONED BY VICE CHAIR PATE, SECONDED BY MR. COSTELLO, THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS WITH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION TO RECEIVE \$6,827,500 IN NEW GRANT FUNDING AND TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS UTILIZING THE FUNDING TO IMPLEMENT SPRINGS RESTORATION PROJECTS IN NORTHWEST FLORIDA. MOTION CARRIED.

6. F. Consideration of Additional Grant Funding for the Pine Island Water System

MOTIONED BY MR. COSTELLO, SECONDED BY MR. SPRING, THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO AN EXISTING GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE CALHOUN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, PROVIDING UP TO \$17,000 IN ADDITIONAL FUNDING ASSISTANCE FOR THE PINE ISLAND WATER SYSTEM PROJECT. MOTION CARRIED.

6. G. Consideration of Phase II Pine Forest Inventory for the Choctawhatchee River WMA and the Eastern Land Management Region

MOTIONED BY MR. ANDREWS, SECONDED BY VICE CHAIR PATE, THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD APPROVE FLATWOODS FORESTRY, INC. FEE OF \$23.60 PER PLOT FOR CONDUCTING MERCHANTABLE AND PREMERCHANTABLE PINE TIMBER INVENTORY SERVICES ON 2,008 PLOTS FOR \$47,388.80, SUBJECT TO LEGAL COUNSEL APPROVAL OF THE PINE TIMBER INVENTORY SERVICES AGREEMENT. MOTION CARRIED.

6. H. Consideration of Monitoring Well License Agreement with Naval Air Station, Pensacola

MOTIONED BY VICE CHAIR PATE, SECONDED BY MR. SPRING, THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD APPROVE THE MONITORING WELL LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH NAVAL AIR STATION PENSACOLA, SUBJECT TO LEGAL COUNSEL REVIEW OF THE FINAL DOCUMENT, AND AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT. MOTION CARRIED.

7. Public Hearing on Regulatory Matters

Chair Roberts called the Public Hearing to order at 1:56 p.m., ET.

MOTIONED BY MR. COSTELLO, SECONDED BY MR. PATRONIS, 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. MOTION CARRIED.

8. Legal Counsel Report

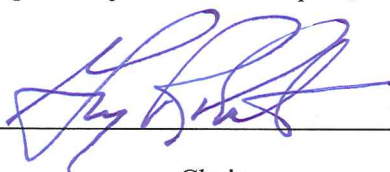
Mr. Breck Brannen stated that he had no legal matters to discuss.

Mr. Brannen informed the Board that Mr. Steverson had a comment to make prior to discussing item 6. C.

Mr. Steverson announced that he will be leaving the District to take on a new role as Secretary of the Department of Environmental Protection.

MOTIONED BY MR. COSTELLO, SECONDED BY MR. ALTER, THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD REMOVE ITEM 6.C. FROM THE AGENDA AND HIRE MR. BRETT CYPHERS AS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE DEPARTURE OF MR. JON STEVERSON. MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:07 p.m., ET.

  
Chair



January 8, 2015

Date

  
Executive Director

  
Agency Clerk