

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

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

**Thursday
July 11, 2014**

Governing Board Members Present

George Roberts, Chair
John Alter
Gary Clark
Nick Patronis
Bo Spring

Governing Board Members Absent

Jerry Pate, Vice Chair
Gus Andrews
Stephanie Bloyd
Jon Costello

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Roberts called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m., ET. Mr. Steverson called the roll and a quorum was declared present.

2. Invocation

Chair Roberts 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. Murray stated Item 6.A. that was to be presented at a Regulatory Committee meeting had been moved to the Governing Board meeting agenda as a Committee of the Whole and would be presented and considered during the full Governing Board meeting.

5. Approval of Minutes for June 12, 2014

MOTIONED BY MR. CLARK, SECONDED BY MR. PATRONIS, THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD APPROVE THE JUNE 12, 2014, GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES. MOTION CARRIED.

6. A. Committee Reports and Recommendations for Board Action

6. A. 1. Committee of the Whole - Request for Authorization to Proceed with Rule Development for Chapters 40A-1 and 40A-2, Florida Administrative Code

MOTIONED BY MR. CLARK, SECONDED BY MR. ALTER, THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD AUTHORIZE STAFF TO INITIATE RULE DEVELOPMENT FOR CHAPTERS 40A-1 AND 40A-2, FLORIDA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, AND CORRECT REFERENCES MADE DURING THE STATEWIDE RULEMAKING EFFORT. MOTION CARRIED.

7. A. Public Hearing on Consideration of Regulatory Matters

Chair Roberts called the Public Hearing to order at 1:07 p.m., ET.

MOTIONED BY MR. CLARK, SECONDED BY MR. 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. MOTION CARRIED.

7. B. Public Hearing on Consideration of District Lands Matters

Chair Roberts called the Public Hearing to order at 1:10 p.m., ET.

MOTIONED BY MR. ALTER, SECONDED BY MR. CLARK, THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD MAKE A DETERMINATION THAT THE 1,176.6 ACRES ARE NOT REQUIRED FOR DISTRICT PURPOSES BUT INSTEAD ARE BEST USED FOR CONSOLIDATION AND MANAGEMENT WITH OTHER AGENCY-OWNED LANDS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

AND IN FURTHERANCE THEREOF, DONATE THIS ACREAGE TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT TRUST FUND OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 373.056, FLORIDA STATUTES. IN ADDITION, THE GOVERNING BOARD CHOSE NOT TO RESERVE THE INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY'S PHOSPHATE, MINERALS, METALS AND PETROLEUM, IF ANY. MOTION CARRIED.

8. A. Consent Business Agenda

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

8. B. Consideration of Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Tentative Budget, Millage Rate and Dates and Locations of Public Hearings on the Budget

MOTIONED BY MR. CLARK, SECONDED BY MR. PATRONIS, THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD SET THE AD VALOREM TAX MILLAGE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015 AT .039 OF A MILL, APPROVE THE TENTATIVE FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015 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, 2014, AND THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD SET THE PUBLIC HEARINGS ON THE BUDGET FOR THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2014, AT 5:05 P.M., ET, AT THE DISTRICT'S HEADQUARTERS IN MIDWAY AND THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2014, AT 5:05 P.M. CT IN PANAMA CITY. MOTION CARRIED.

8. C. Consideration of Consulting Services for Minimum Flows and Levels Development for the St. Marks River Rise, Wakulla Springs and Sally Ward Spring

MOTIONED BY MR. ALTER, SECONDED BY MR. SPRING, THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO SPEND UP TO \$375,000 TO SUPPORT THE DEVELOPMENT OF MINIMUM FLOWS AND LEVELS FOR THE ST. MARKS RIVER RISE, WAKULLA SPRINGS AND SALLY WARD SPRING. MOTION CARRIED.

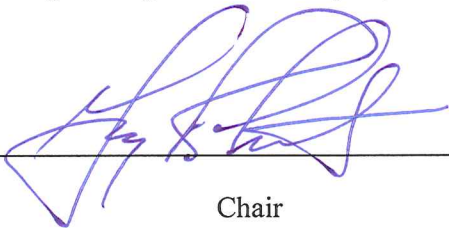
9. Legal Counsel Report

Mr. Breck Brannen stated that the District is currently involved in an enforcement action against Jan Sebastian for improper modification of and failure to maintain a dam. Mr. Brannen informed the Board that the case is set for a final hearing on August 26 – 27, 2014, before Administrative Law Judge Bram D.E. Canter.

10. Employee Recognition


Ms. Grace Adams began with recognizing the retirement of Lance Laird and gave a brief overview of Mr. Laird's career with the District. Chair Roberts then gave a brief biography of Mr. Laird and presented him with a plaque as a token of the District's appreciation for his many years of service.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:43 p.m., ET.


Chair

August 14, 2014
Date


Executive Director


Agency Clerk

