

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

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

**Thursday
November 13, 2014**

Governing Board Members Present

George Roberts, Chair
Jerry Pate, Vice Chair
John Alter
Gus Andrews
Jon Costello
Gary Clark
Nick Patronis

Governing Board Members Absent
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1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Roberts called the meeting to order at 1:04 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.

5. Approval of Minutes for October 9, 2014

MOTIONED BY MR. ALTER, SECONDED BY MR. ANDREWS, THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD APPROVE THE OCTOBER 9, 2014, GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES. MOTION CARRIED.

6. A. Committee Reports and Recommendations for Board Action

Mr. Alter stated that the District Lands Committee met and had the following recommendations.

6. A. 1. Consideration of License Agreement between Northwest Florida Water Management District and Southern Forest Recyclers, Inc. for Access and Temporary Work Space; Cotton Lake Recreation Site

MOTIONED BY MR. ALTER, SECONDED BY MR. ANDREWS, THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE A LICENSE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT AND SOUTHERN FOREST RECYCLERS, INC., FOR ACCESS AND A TEMPORARY WORK SPACE AT COTTON LAKE RECREATION SITE IN ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA. MOTION CARRIED.

6. A. 2. Consideration of ITB 15B-004; Choctawhatchee River/Holmes Creek 2015 Timber Sale

MOTIONED BY MR. ALTER, SECONDED BY MR. COSTELLO, THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD APPROVE THE BIDS SUBMITTED IN RESPONSE TO INVITATION TO BID 15B-004, AND AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR THIS TIMBER SALE WITH THE HIGH BIDDER, NATURE COAST TIMBER, LLC, AT THE BID PRICES OF \$17.12 PER TON FOR PINE PULPWOOD; \$23.10 PER TON FOR PINE CHIP-N-SAW; \$27.00 PER TON FOR PINE SAW TIMBER; AND \$5.00 PER TON FOR HARDWOOD PULPWOOD. MOTION CARRIED.

6. A. 3. Consideration of ITB 15B-006; Upland Wiregrass Seed Collection and Sale

MOTIONED BY MR. ALTER, SECONDED BY MR. PATRONIS, THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD APPROVE THE BID SUBMITTED BY SOUTHERN HABITATS, LLC, FOR THE COLLECTION AND SALE OF UPLAND WIREGRASS SEED AT A PER BULK POUND OF \$6.12. MOTION CARRIED.

7. A. Consent Business Agenda

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

7. B. Consideration of Northwest Florida Water Management District Strategic Plan Update

MOTIONED BY MR. PATE, SECONDED BY MR. ALTER, THAT THE GOVERNING APPROVE THE FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015 UPDATE TO THE NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT STRATEGIC WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN. MOTION CARRIED.

7. C. Consideration of Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Grant Funding Awards for Local Water Supply Development Projects

MOTIONED BY MR. PATE, SECONDED BY MR. ANDREWS, THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD APPROVE THE PROJECTS LISTED IN TABLE 1 FOR GRANT FUNDING TOTALING \$7,982,597 AND AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS WITH THE LISTED APPLICANTS TO PROVIDE FUNDING NOT TO EXCEED THE AMOUNTS STATED, SUBJECT TO LEGAL COUNSEL REVIEW. MOTION CARRIED.

7. D. Consideration of Grant Agreement with the West Florida Resource Conservation and Development Council for Northwest Florida Mobile Irrigation Lab Services for Fiscal Year 2014-2015

MOTIONED BY MR. ALTER, SECONDED BY MR. PATRONIS, THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE WEST FLORIDA RESOURCE CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL TO PROVIDE UP TO \$71,125 IN DISTRICT GRANT FUNDING FOR NORTHWEST FLORIDA MOBILE IRRIGATION LAB SERVICES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015. MOTION CARRIED.

7. E. Consideration of FDEP Agreement S0775, for Enhanced Hydrologic Water Quality Monitoring of Wakulla Springs and Jackson Blue Spring

MOTIONED BY MR. CLARK, SECONDED BY MR. ANDREWS, THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT S0775 WITH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENHANCED HYDROLOGIC AND WATER QUALITY MONITORING OF WAKULLA SPRINGS AND JACKSON BLUE SPRING. MOTION CARRIED.

7. F. Consideration of New FEMA Cooperating Technical Partner Funding for Fiscal Year 2014-2015

MOTIONED BY MR. CLARK, SECONDED BY MR. ANDREWS, THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD APPROVE TO AMEND THE COOPERATING TECHNICAL PARTNER AGREEMENT WITH THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA) TO ACCEPT AND AUTHORIZE SPENDING \$670,000 IN NEW FUNDING TO DEVELOP TOOLS TO ASSIST COMMUNITIES REDUCE FLOOD RISK. MOTION CARRIED.

7. G. Consideration of the Proposed Governing Board Meeting Schedule for 2015

MOTIONED BY MR. CLARK, SECONDED BY MR. ALTER, THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD APPROVE THE MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2015. MOTION CARRIED.

8. A. Internal Audit Overview

Informational purposes only.

9. Public Hearing on Consideration of Regulatory Matters

Chair Roberts called the Public Hearing to order at 1:42 p.m., ET.

MOTIONED BY MR. ALTER, SECONDED BY MR. CLARK, 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.

10. Public Hearing on Consideration of Land Acquisition Matters

Chair Roberts called the Public Hearing to order at 1:44 p.m., ET.

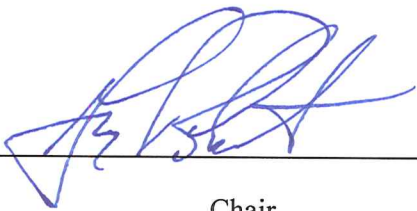
MOTIONED BY MR. CLARK, SECONDED BY MR. PATRONIS, THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD DETERMINE THAT THE UTILITY EASEMENT AREA IS NOT REQUIRED ONLY FOR DISTRICT CONSERVATION PURPOSES AND INGRESS/EGRESS TO DISTRICT LANDS BUT CAN ALSO BE USED TO PROVIDE A UTILITY EASEMENT TO GULF COAST ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE (GCEC) FOR A WATER SUPPLY PROJECT; AND IN FURTHERANCE THEREOF, GRANT THE UTILITY EASEMENT TO GCEC. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTIONED BY MR. CLARK, SECONDED BY MR. PATE, THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD DETERMINE THAT THE AREA OCCUPYING THE UTILITY EASEMENT TO GCEC IN RECOMMENDATION 1 IS NOT ONLY REQUIRED FOR DISTRICT CONSERVATION PURPOSES AND FOR PROVIDING UTILITIES TO GCEC, BUT CAN ALSO BE USED TO PROVIDE AN ACCESS EASEMENT TO BAY COUNTY FOR A WATER SUPPLY PROJECT; AND IN FURTHERANCE THEREOF, GRANT THE ACCESS EASEMENT TO BAY COUNTY. MOTION CARRIED.

9. Legal Counsel Report

Mr. Breck Brannen reported that the Sebastian case has been settled.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:47 p.m., ET.



Chair

December 11, 2014
Date



Executive Director



Agency Clerk

