

# REVISED

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING

### Citrus County Task Force of the Citrus/Hernando Waterways Restoration Council

March 9, 2009

The Citrus County Task Force met at 3:02 p.m. March 9, 2009 at the Lecanto Government Building, Lecanto, Florida.

#### Task Force

##### Members Present

Michael Moberley, Chair  
Sandra Clodwick, Secretary  
Carl Bertoch, Member  
Michael Czerwinski, Member  
Ken Frink, Member  
Eric Latimer, Member  
Wayne Sawyer, Member

#### Technical Advisory

##### Group Members Present

Janey Baldwin, Alt., WRBB  
Jack Dennis, Alt., WRBB  
Sam Lyons, CRBB  
Allen Martin, FFWCC  
Philip Rhinesmith, SWFWMD

#### Recording Secretary

Josie Guillen, SWFWMD

#### Task Force

##### Members Absent

#### Technical Advisory

##### Group Members Absent

Judy Ashton, FDEP  
Katasha Cornwell, FDOT  
Mark Edwards, Citrus Co.  
Colonel Paul L. Grosskruger, USACOE  
Bo Rooks, WRBB

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SWFWMD – Southwest Florida Water Management District  
FDEP – Florida Department of Environmental Protection  
CRBB – Coastal Rivers Basin Board Member  
WRBB – Withlacoochee River Basin Board Member

FFWCC – Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission  
FDOT – Florida Department of Transportation  
USACOE – United States Army Corp of Engineers

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A list of others present who signed the attendance roster is filed in the permanent files of the Task Force. The numbers preceding the items listed below correspond with the published agenda.

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call**  
Chair Michael Moberley convened the meeting. Ms. Josie Guillen called the roll and noted a quorum was present.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**  
Chair Moberley led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Approval of Minutes**  
Following consideration, Mr. Wayne Sawyer moved, seconded by Ms. Sandra Clodwick, to approve the October 13, 2008 meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

4. **Flying Eagle Marsh-Historical Water Levels & Topography**

Chair Moberley made a brief comment regarding the field trip to Flying Eagle on January 13. In spite of the weather, the field trip was successful.

Dr. Mark Fulkerson, SWFWMD, outlined the water levels, rainfall history and other issues of Flying Eagle Marsh. Dr. Fulkerson presented graphs showing history of the Withlacoochee River Watershed dated from the 1940s to present. Dr. Fulkerson included graphs showing the aquifer levels of the Tsala Apopka area. Dr. Fulkerson's data suggests it would not be effective to divert flows through Flying Eagle through the Dead River Marsh and modifications would potentially impact the hydrology of the marshes.

5. **Sediment Characterization Study of the Lake Tsala Apopka Chain**

Mr. Ed Hayes, FFWCC, gave a presentation of the diagnostic study of sediment and vegetation on the Tsala Apopka Chain of Lakes. The study was recommended by the Task Force. The study was to identify 15 lakes to investigate. Mr. Hayes stated that FFWCC oversaw the study and provided \$720,000. Mr. Hayes stated the tasks associated with the study are to determine composition and quantify accumulation of sediments; and to assess the extent of tussock vegetation. Mr. Hayes stated two accomplishments of the study which were: 1) the hydrographic survey of all 15 lakes which determined the distribution and the total quantity of organic sediment and, 2) the chemical/physical sediment assessment which determined possible spoil contamination issues.

6. **Lake Bradley**

Mr. Philip Rhinesmith, SWFWMD, gave a brief presentation on the proposed Lake Bradley restoration. Mr. Rhinesmith stated of the background of Lake Bradley. Some of the information Mr. Rhinesmith stated was that Lake Bradley is 600 acres in size, currently 90 percent is filled with fibrous peat (decomposed aquatic vegetation), the lake shore is privately owned with approximately 100 owners, there is no public access, and the lake bottom is sovereign and submerged lands. Mr. Rhinesmith stated that District staff was contacted by the landowner to determine the possibility of dredging the lake. At the resident's request, District staff contacted a local peat company to conduct a material diagnostic evaluation. Reliable Peat, in Leesburg, Florida, found the material to be high in value and expressed an interest in mining. Mr. Rhinesmith presented arials comparing tussocks and sediment coverage in Lake Trask in Dundee to Lake Bradley. Mr. Rhinesmith stated the next steps are for the mining company to submit a conceptual plan to FDEP to determine the feasibility and permitability of the project, coordinate with the mining company and FDEP, and to update the Task Force on the progress.

**Other Business/Topics of Discussion**

Mr. Norman Hopkins, Amy H. Remley Foundation and Kings Bay Association, stated that the last 5-6 years of research went into Kings Bay/Crystal River in order to develop the Amy H. Remley Foundation website as a teaching instrument for teachers and students.

Mr. Hopkins presented the Foundation's work on the Fracture Trace Analysis. This work was done to determine the source of flows into Crystal River and Kings Bay so it can be protected. Mr. Hopkins showed various historical maps that depict the aquifer and linear fractures.

Chair Moberly asked Mr. Hopkins if he brought this information to the Task Force as an information item or as an action item for the Task Force.

Mr. Hopkins stated that the Foundation's goal is to protect and restore the waters of Kings Bay and Crystal River and Citrus County. He suggested that if the Commons Development were to be completed, there is the potential for contaminants and pollutants to be released into Kings Bay and Crystal River. Mr. Hopkins stated that the information he presented was sent to the Citrus County Board of County Commissioners as a paper document.

7. **Agenda for Next Meeting**

- FDEP Representative to address the berms (Chester Bradshaw's discussion)
- Lake Bradley – presentation from the Reliable Peat Company
- Questions on the Diagnostic Study

Chair Moberley suggested having an April meeting and skip the meeting in May to accommodate the budget constraints of TAG members agencies. Mr. Sawyer suggested holding the meetings earlier than 3:00 p.m. Chair Moberley stated if FDEP cannot provide the presentation at the April meeting, the meeting will be cancelled and resume in May at 2:00 p.m. instead of 3:00 p.m.

8. **Public Input**

- Mr. Chester Bradshaw, citizen, stated he had a chance to join an irate landowner for a meeting in Tallahassee after the landowner was (going to be) ticketed by a Florida Fish and Wildlife Officer for destroying wetlands in the marsh, which the officer determined that the marsh was not sovereign lands. Mr. Bradshaw read a portion of a letter addressed to Mr. Bob Ballard, State Land Director with FDEP, signed by Mr. Charles Strange, citizen, regarding Potts Preserve Restoration Plan. Mr. Bradshaw's concern is to remove a dike on Potts Preserve.

- Mr. Al Grubman, TOOFAR, stated TOOFAR supports the dike removal at Potts Preserve.

Mr. Grubman stated today's meeting was excellent. Mr. Grubman felt that the Task Force is not having enough meetings. Mr. Grubman stated to plan only four meetings this year is not enough. There is much work to do. Mr. Grubman pleaded the Task Force members to resume monthly meetings. Mr. Grubman also recommended the TAG hold meetings to contribute information to the Task Force members.

- Mr. Duane Brooks, citizen, referenced Dr. Fulkerson's analysis and stated that water comes down through the chain-of-lakes and then goes through the canal to the River. During the four (4) hurricanes they let the water into Two-Mile Prairie and it did not flood Arrowhead. Mr. Brooks encouraged that water behind Wysong-Coogler should be held continually. He acknowledged that what is coming from Croom should be discharged downstream.
- Mr. John Phillips, Muck Masters and General Aluminum, stated that his company is submitting a bid for the Hunter Springs Project including seawall, small boat slip and dredging. Mr. Phillips stated that he is looking into additional work in the little

bay area. He asked the Task Force if he can take the boat into that area. The Task Force suggested Mr. Phillips contact the agency that issued the permit for the work.

**Other Business/Topics of Discussion**

Mr. Mark Hammond, SWFWMD, stated FDEP has requested the Task Force accommodate their TAG member by teleconferencing the meeting, because of travel restrictions and reduced budget. Other State agencies may have these same issues and concerns, with the exception of the SWFWMD since it is fairly close. Mr. Hammond stated that the District Basin Boards meet six times a year and recently merged two basins. FDOT also made some changes. The FDOT consultant will no longer be attending the meetings. FDOT has assigned an internal staff member to attend the meetings.

9. **Adjournment**

There being no further business or announcements presented before the Task Force, the meeting was adjourned at 5:47 p.m.

APPROVED