

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

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

July 6, 2010

The Hernando County Task Force met at 3:30 p.m. on July 6, 2010 at the Southwest Florida Water Management District, Brooksville, Florida.

Task Force

Members Present

Nicholas Nicholson, Chair
James Adkins, Secretary
Charlie Miller, Member
Charles Morton, Member
Norman Pallot, Member
James Polk, Member

Technical Advisory

Group Members Present

John Burnett, Hernando Co.
Jeff Willitzer, FFWCC
Chris Zajac, SWFWMD

Recording Secretary

Josie Guillen, SWFWMD

Task Force

Members Absent

Jim Griffin, Member

Technical Advisory

Group Members Absent

Colonel Alfred Pantano, USACOE
Chris Anastasiou, FDEP
Katasha Cornwell, FDOT
Vacant, CRBB Member
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SWFWMD – Southwest Florida Water Management District
FDEP – Florida Department of Environmental Protection
CRBB – Coastal Rivers Basin Board Member

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

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**

Chair Nicholson convened the meeting. Members were in attendance and a quorum was present.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

Chair Nicholson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. **Approval of the Minutes**

Following consideration, Mr. Charlie Miller moved, seconded by Mr. James Adkins to approve the March 1, 2010 meeting minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

4. **Water Quality Report on Spring Lake**

Mr. Chris Zajac, SWFWMD, stated land use around Spring Lake is predominately residential and agricultural. Mr. Zajac gave a brief history on Spring Lake. Mr. Zajac showed the Members the proposed EPA criteria and the water quality data the SWFWMD has available. Mr. Zajac stated that Spring Lake is a clear acidic lake. Mr. Zajac stated there are six water quality sample events on Spring Lake dated from 2001 – 2008 (as shown on the graph presentation), parameters tested include: Total Phosphorous, Total Nitrogen, and Chlorophyll a.

5. **Project Review for the Annual Report to the Legislature**

Mr. Jeff Willitzer, FFWCC (alternate for Paul Thomas), stated he was not aware he needed to speak on this subject and deferred to the next meeting. The Members stated nothing has changed for this year, therefore, the report will remain the same.

Other Business not on the Agenda

Mr. Jeff Willitzer, FFWCC, gave a brief statement on the tussock harvesting project on Lake Lindsey. Mr. Willitzer stated the muck levels on Lake Lindsey were not as bad as staff had thought. Mr. Willitzer stated FFWCC was able to get funding for the tussock removal. Mr. Willitzer provided a handout of the harvesting project.

6. **2011 Meeting Dates**

Ms. Guillen stated in an effort to reduce advertising costs, she was informed by SWFWMD staff in the Executive department that the task force meetings can be posted on the SWFWMD Annual Meeting Calendar, which would be considered legal noticing for these meetings as well as other public meetings such as, Basin Board, Governing Board, and advisory committee meetings. Ms. Guillen stated it will save the SWFWMD a considerable amount of money as we will not have to advertise these meetings in the District's 16-county area (based on Florida Statutes 189.417). Ms. Guillen stated she will continue to advertise in the Hernando County newspaper. Ms. Guillen asked the Members to approve the 2011 meeting dates to be able to post these dates on the SWFWMD meeting calendar. Ms. Guillen stated if additional meetings need to be held and are not listed on the approved meeting calendar, she will need to advertise in the 16 counties.

Ms. Guillen stated because the July meeting was not advertised within 7 days, the motion and voting will need to be reaffirmed at the next meeting.

Mr. Miller made a motion to accept the 2011 meeting dates to reduce the cost of advertising. Mr. Charles Morton seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

7. **Public Input**

Ms. Rose Rocco, Hernando County Commissioner, stated at the last Withlacoochee River Planning Board meeting there were concerns regarding the oil spill and how it will affect the springs, natural water sources, contamination of natural resources, and the nuclear power plant if a hurricane should hit the west coast area of Hernando County. Commissioner Rocco handed out letters addressed to the President of the United States and to Governor Charlie Crist, signed by Mr. Jackson Sullivan, Executive Director with the Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority. Commissioner Rocco requested to the Member to compose a companion letter.

8. **Agenda for Next Meeting**

Oil Spill Letters (handed to the Members by Commissioner Rose Rocco)
Report to the Legislature – Paul Thomas

9. **Adjournment**

There being no further business or announcements presented before the Task Force, the meeting was adjourned at 4:03 p.m.

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