

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

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

July 7, 2009

The Hernando County Task Force met at 3:30 p.m. on July 7, 2009 at the Southwest Florida Water Management District, Conference Rooms A & B, Brooksville, Florida.

Task Force

Members Present

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

Technical Advisory

Group Members Present

Chris Anastasiou, FDEP
John Burnett, Hernando Co.
Chris Zajac, SWFWMD

Recording Secretary

Josie Guillen, SWFWMD

Task Force

Members Absent

Jim Griffin, Member
Norman Pallot, Member

Technical Advisory

Group Members Absent

Colonel Paul L. Grosskruger,
USACOE
Katasha Cornwell, FDOT
Sam Lyons, CRBB Member
Elaine Perry, Alt. CRBB Member
Paul Thomas, FFWCC

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. Charles Morton moved, seconded by Mr. James Adkins to approve the May 4, 2009 meeting minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

4. **Election of Officers**

Chair Nicholson opened the floor for nominations. Mr. Adkins nominated Chair Nicholson to remain as Chair for another term. Mr. Morton seconded the motion. There being no further nominations, the motion passes unanimously.

Chair Nicholson opened the floor for nominations. Chair Nicholson nominated Mr. Adkins to remain as Secretary for another term. Mr. Morton seconded the motion. There being no further nominations, the motion passed unanimously.

5. **Sand at Rogers Park**

Mr. John Burnett, Hernando County, stated he spoke with the staff who maintains Rogers Park. Essentially from 1999 – 2003 the county rebuilt the seawall system in the park. It keeps all the sand within the park and minimizes any loss to the riverine area. The staff informed Mr. Burnett that they replenish the sand approximately twice a year within the park, as needed, but only within the volleyball, and children's play area. The replenishment does not take place on the beach beyond the seawall.

Mr. Adkins asked Mr. Burnett if there would be a certain amount of volume or yards they would replenish it with. Mr. Burnett stated he would get the information and bring the results back to the next meeting.

6. **Outstanding Florida Water/Navigation**

Mr. Chris Anastasiou, FDEP, explained the definition of an Outstanding Florida Water (OFW). An OFW is a water quality designation and it allows for a greater protection of a waterbody with respect to the waterbody's natural significance, (Weeki Wachee is one of those systems). Mr. Anastasiou provided an answer to a question from one of the Members in a previous meeting regarding navigational concerns and down trees and whether an OFW designation had any provisions. Mr. Anastasiou stated to the Members, essentially there is nothing statutorily that obligates the FDEP to handle down trees in general. It is mostly a water quality classification. The only way it would pertain to an OFW, is if an entity (such as a Port Authority) decides there are logs in the river that needs to be removed, the Port Authority would need to obtain a permit.

7. **Grant Funding Update**

Mr. Paul Thomas, FFWCC, was not in attendance. Item was tabled and will be moved to the next meeting.

8. **Public Input**

No public input.

9. **Agenda for Next Meeting**

- Grant Funding Update
- Sand at Rogers Park Update
- Excellence Award for Stormwater Projects, Veronica Crow, requested by Mr. Morton after the meeting.

Mr. Mark Rials reminded the Members that the Report to the Legislature is due in November. Mr. Rials asked the Members if they wanted to add the topic to the next meeting agenda for the September meeting or if they preferred to discuss it at this meeting to consider what projects to include on the report. Chair Nicholson asked the Members what they wanted to do. After some discussion between the members, they decided to

leave the projects the same as last year and to include major accomplishments within the county such as the Lyngbya clean-up project at the Weeki Wachee Spring.

10. **Adjournment**

There being no further business or announcements presented before the Task Force, the meeting was adjourned at 3:58 p.m.

APPROVED