

APPROVED
MINUTES OF THE MEETING

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

January 7, 2008

The Hernando County Task Force met at 3:30 p.m. on January 7, 2008, at the Southwest Florida Water Management District, Governing Board Room, 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

Chris Anastasiou, FDEP
John Burnett, Hernando Co.
Denise Tenuto, SWFWMD

SWFWMD Staff
Members Present

Veronica Craw
Mark Rials
Jimmy Brooks

Task Force
Members Absent

Jim Griffin, Member

Technical Advisory
Group Members Absent

Colonel Paul L. Grosskruger,
USACE
Bruce Hasbrouck, FDOT
Sam Lyons, CRBB Member
Paul Thomas, FFWCC

Recording Secretary
Josie Guillen, SWFWMD

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
USACE – 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. Norman Pallot moved, seconded by Mr. Charles Morton to approve the October 1, 2007 meeting minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

4. **Update on the Report to the Legislature**

Mr. Mark Rials stated to the Task Force members that the report was finalized and mailed out on time. Mr. Rials stated possibly some time in May we may know what the veto list is from the Governor. This will also be dependent upon the property tax reform which will be voted on by the citizens in January. Amendments to the report requested by the Task Force at the last meeting were included in the final version.

5. **New Projects**

Chair Nicholson requested that the Technical Advisory Group develop a list of lakes in Hernando County by priority, based upon public access, habitat/wildlife, and water quality to bring to the next meeting. Chair Nicholson recommended Task Force members take a look at this in the future and perhaps request funding to improve other lakes in Hernando County.

6. **Open Discussion**

Mr. John Burnett, Hernando County, gave an update on activities at Hunters Lake. Mr. Burnett stated that any work underway would have no impact on the proposed Hunters Lake project.

Mr. James Polk stated he received an inquiry from a gentlemen who wants to illustrate a process to nurture specific bacteria that is capable of reducing sediments in the lakes at a rate of 1 – 1 1/2 feet a year. Mr. Polk added if the process has merit, he would like to request for this person to attend the March meeting.

7. **Agenda and Location for Next Meeting**

- Update on the status of the Shoal Line Blvd. canal going to the Week Wachee River
- List of lakes prioritized by public access, habitat/wildlife, and water quality in Hernando County

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 4. The Task Force members requested to have the meeting in the Weeki Wachee area. Ms. Josie Guillen suggested to have the meeting at the Spring Coasts Environmental Education Center.

8. **Public Input**

Mr. David Perkins, citizen, stated he would like to get information regarding the dredging of the canals going to the Weeki Wachee River.

9. **Adjournment**

There being no further business or announcements presented before the Task Force, the meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.