

APPROVED
MINUTES OF THE MEETING

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

October 20, 2008

The Hernando County Task Force met at 3:48 p.m. on October 20, 2008 at the Southwest Florida Water Management District, Conference Rooms A & B, Brooksville, Florida.

Task Force

Members Present

Nicholas Nicholson, Chair
James Adkins, Secretary
Jim Griffin, Member
Charles Morton, Member
Norman Pallot, Member
James Polk, Member

Technical Advisory

Group Members Present

John Burnett, Hernando Co.
Bruce Hasbrouck, FDOT
Paul Thomas, FFWCC
Denise Tenuto, SWFWMD

Recording Secretary

Josie Guillen, SWFWMD

Task Force

Members Absent

Charlie Miller, Member

Technical Advisory

Group Members Absent

Colonel Paul L. Grosskruger,
USACOE
Chris Anastasiou, FDEP
Sam Lyons, CRBB Member

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. James Adkins moved, seconded by Mr. Charles Morton to approve the August 25, 2008 meeting minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

4. **Duties and Responsibilities of the Task Force and Agency Jurisdictions**

Mr. Paul Thomas, FFWCC, clarified the duties and responsibilities of the Task Force and noted the appropriate lead agencies for topics such as: lake and river restoration techniques, sport fish population recovery, strategies for shoreline restoration, navigation, water quality, fish and wildlife habitat improvement, sand and other sediment control and removal, exotic species management, and floating tussock management or removal.

5. **Agenda for Next Meeting**

Mr. Mark Rials, SWFWMD, stated to the Task Force members that the location of the meeting will be noted on the agenda in a border with a bold and large font; and listed on the cover letter as well. Mr. Rials also stated that the duties and responsibilities are listed at the bottom part of the agenda.

Ms. Veronica Craw, SWFWMD, gave a brief presentation on the Citrus/Hernando Waterways Restoration Council website.

Mr. Rials suggested to the Task Force to have a central location for future meetings. The Task Force would prefer having the meetings at Weeki Wachee, Brooksville, and Ridge Manor locations.

6. **Public Input**

Mr. Bill Johnson, citizen, was curious of any discussions on Hunters Lake. Mr. Johnson asked who controls the lake. Mr. John Burnett, Hernando County, answered that Hernando County maintains the lake. Chair Nicholson stated to Mr. Johnson that Hunters Lake is one of the lakes the Task Force requested funding for from the Legislature.

Mr. Johnson asked what is to be done on Hunters Lake? Mr. Burnett responded tussock removal of vegetation from the boat ramp and the access canal.

7. **Adjournment**

There being no further business or announcements presented before the Task Force, the meeting was adjourned at 4:46 p.m.