

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Citrus/Hernando Waterways Restoration Council

October 14, 2013

The Citrus/Hernando Waterways Restoration Council met at 3:15 p.m. on October 14, 2013 at the Southwest Florida Water Management District, 1st Floor Conference Rooms A & B, Brooksville, Florida.

Council Members Present

Michael Liberton
Mike Moberley
Bill Eppley
Mike Czerwinski (via phone)
Al Grubman
Charles Morton
Wayne Sawyer
George Foster
Timothy Stoops

Technical Advisory

Group Members Present

Erin Rasnake, FDEP
Philip Rhinesmith, SWFWMD

Recording Secretary

Jennifer Noland, SWFWMD
Veronica Crow, SWFWMD

Council Members Absent

Nicholas Nicholson
Sandra Clodwick
Jim Polk
Eric Latimer
Robert Christensen

Technical Advisory

Group Members Absent

Virginia Creighton, FDOT
James Davidson, USACOE
Mark Edwards, Citrus Co.
Allen Martin, FFWCC
Paul Thomas, FFWCC
Chris Anastasiou, SWFWMD
John Burnett, Hernando Co.

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. Meeting agenda and minutes can be found on the District's Web site (www.WaterMatters.org/projects/waterways/citrus). The numbers preceding the items listed below correspond with the published agenda.

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call**

Mr. Al Grubman convened the meeting. Ms. Jennifer Noland called the roll and noted a quorum was present.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

Mr. Grubman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. **Election of Officer**

Elections were held for the offices of Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary. Motion to elect Mr. Moberly for Chair was made by Mr. Foster and seconded by Mr. Liberton; no other nominations were received. Motion to elect Mr. Grubman as Vice Chairman was made by Mr. Foster and seconded by Mr. Eppley; no other nominations were received. Motion to elect Mr. Liberton as secretary was made by Mr. Foster and seconded by Mr. Grubman; no other nominations were received. All motions passed unanimously.

Officers are as follows: Chairman – Mr. Moberly, Vice Chairman – Mr. Grubman, Secretary – Mr. Liberton.

4. **Approval of the 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012 Minutes**

No changes to the minutes; motion to approve made by Mr. Eppley and seconded by Mr Foster. Motion passed unanimously.

5. **Review of the 2013 Report to the Legislature – Incorporating the Report from the Citrus and Hernando County Task Forces**

Ms. Veronica Craw, SWFWMD, displayed the electronic draft of the 2013 Report to the Legislature for member review/edits.

Mr. Grubman presented additional edits to the Citrus County Task Force portion of the report. All edits were incorporated. The Council then discussed the potential prioritization of projects. The Hernando County Task Force decided to put their projects in priority order for economic reasons. The Council decided to retain the prioritization of the Hernando County projects and to not apply a prioritization to the Citrus County Task Force projects.

The Council decided to add water quantity improvement to its list of primary objectives. A note will be added to those projects listed in the report with a confirmed local match. The Citrus County Task Force statement of Goals and Objectives was edited to become more consistent with the Hernando County Task Force Goals (“and Objective” was deleted from headings). The Council decided to remove the Edwards Cove and Gospel Island projects from the Report.

Mr. Sawyer recommended the advantages that the projects may have on increasing tourism in the area and suggested that be reflected in the cover letters to the Legislature.

The Council determined there would be no need for a follow-up meeting as everyone was in agreement with the changes discussed and suggested Ms. Craw proceed with the additional minor changes based on today’s discussion.

6. **Other Business**

Ms. Craw started routing the two cover letters (House & Senate) for signature by the members who were present. She noted Ms. Noland would contact the absent members and make arrangements for signature.

7. **Public Input**

None

8. **Adjournment**

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