

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Citrus/Hernando Waterways Restoration Council

October 20, 2008

The Citrus/Hernando Waterways Restoration Council met at 3:00 p.m. on October 20, 2008 at the Southwest Florida Water Management District, 1st Floor Conference Rooms A & B, Brooksville, Florida.

Council Members Present

Nicholas Nicholson, Chair
James Adkins, Vice Chair
Mike Czerwinski, Secretary
Carl Bertoch, Member
Sandra Clodwick, Member
Ken Frink, Member
James Griffin, Member
Mike Moberley, Member
Charles Morton, Member
Norman Pallot, Member
James Polk, Member
Wayne Sawyer, Member

Technical Advisory

Group Members Present

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

Recording Secretary

Josie Guillen, SWFWMD

Council Members Absent

Eric Latimer, Member
Charlie Miller, Member

Technical Advisory

Group Members Absent

Chris Anastasiou, FDEP
Philip Rhinesmith, SWFWMD
Judy Ashton, FDEP
Mark Edwards, Citrus Co.
Sam Lyons, CRBB
Bo Rooks, WRBB
Colonel Paul L. Grosskruger,
USACOE

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 and Roll Call**

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. Mike Moberley moved, seconded by Mr. Charles Morton to approve the October 1, 2007 meeting minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

4. **Report to the Legislature – Incorporating the Report from the Citrus and Hernando County Task Forces**

Mr. Mark Hammond, SWFWMD, explained to the Council Members that the Hernando County Task Force has requested the same information be placed in the 2008 report. The Citrus County Task Force requested \$4 million for work to begin on Tsala Apopka system. With the current economic condition, the Task Force did not feel comfortable asking for \$4 million again. The Task Force requested \$100,000 this year for the Tsala Apopka system. FFWCC is completing a diagnostic study which began last year. The \$100,000 would be used to begin design and permitting based on the outcome of the diagnostic study. The report was modified to reflect the current request.

A second request the Citrus County Task Force made was funding for a stormwater project the City of Crystal River is proposing. The estimated cost is \$400,000. The City has matching funds for the project.

The third request the Citrus County Task Force made was for \$50,000 for a Springs Coast Environmental Assessment to collect environmental information about the resources on coastal waters, springs and rivers from Weeki Wachee through Cedar Key. Since the coastal waters are in both Citrus and Hernando counties, it was envisioned that the Council would support the request. The funds were requested for the University of Florida to characterize the water resource benefits, the coastal estuaries, and the economic impacts and benefits to the region. When the project was proposed, FDEP was solicited to administer the project. FDEP determined they would not be able to provide staff support as a lead. Currently, there is no lead entity identified for the project.

Mr. Michael Czerwinski made a motion to leave the Springs Coast Environmental Assessment in place in the report with the lead agency “to be determined.” Mr. James Polk seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Moberley made a motion to accept the Report to the Legislature as written with the changes discussed. Mr. Moberley modified his motion to include any future changes as reviewed by each Chair of the Task Forces. Ms. Sandra Clodwick seconded the motion.

Mr. Czerwinski requested to have a little more time to make further comments to the report.

Motion passed unanimously.

5. **Public Input**
None.

6. **Adjournment**

There being no further business or announcements presented before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m.