

**NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**District Headquarters
81 Water Management Drive
Havana, FL 32333**

**Thursday
October 13, 2016**

Governing Board Members Present

George Roberts, Chairman

Jerry Pate, Vice Chairman

John W. Alter, Secretary-Treasurer

Gus Andrews

Jon Costello

Marc Dunbar

Ted Everett

Nick Patronis

Bo Spring

Governing Board Members Absent

None

1. Opening Ceremonies

Governing Board Chairman George Roberts called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m. ET. Brett Cyphers called the roll and a quorum was declared present.

2. Additions, Deletions or Changes to the Agenda

There were no additions, deletions or changes to the agenda.

3. Approval of the Minutes for September 8, 2016, and September 22, 2016

MOTIONED BY JOHN W. ALTER, SECONDED BY JON COSTELLO, THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD APPROVE THE MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 8, 2016, AND SEPTEMBER 22, 2016. NO PUBLIC COMMENT WAS GIVEN. MOTION CARRIED.

4. Approval of the Financial Reports for the Month of August 2016

MOTIONED BY NICK PATRONIS, SECONDED BY MARC DUNBAR, THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD APPROVE THE FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2016. NO PUBLIC COMMENT WAS GIVEN. MOTION CARRIED.

5. Committee Reports and Recommendations for Board Action

Lands Committee:

Consideration of First Right of Refusal on the Jackson Conservation Easement: Ochlockonee River

MOTIONED BY NICK PATRONIS, SECONDED BY GUS ANDREWS, THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD NOT EXERCISE ITS FIRST RIGHT OF REFUSAL ON THE JACKSON CONSERVATION EASEMENT. NO PUBLIC COMMENT WAS GIVEN. MOTION CARRIED.

Consideration of Invitation to Bid 17B-002: 2017 Upland Wiregrass Seed Collection

MOTIONED BY NICK PATRONIS, SECONDED BY TED EVERETT, THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD APPROVE SOUTHERN HABITATS, LLC NEGOTIATED BID PRICE OF \$5.45 PER BULK POUND FOR THE COLLECTION AND SALE OF UPLAND WIREGRASS SEED. NO PUBLIC COMMENT WAS GIVEN. MOTION CARRIED.

Consideration of Cooperative Wiregrass Donor Site Management and Seed Collection Agreement: Quail Run Plantation

MOTIONED BY NICK PATRONIS, SECONDED BY JOHN W. ALTER, THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD APPROVE THE COOPERATIVE WIREGRASS DONOR SITE MANAGEMENT AND SEED COLLECTION AGREEMENT FOR QUAIL RUN PLANTATION. NO PUBLIC COMMENT WAS GIVEN. MOTION CARRIED.

6. Consideration of New FEMA Cooperating Technical Partner Funding for Fiscal Year 2016-2017

MOTIONED BY JERRY PATE, SECONDED BY BO SPRING, THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD APPROVE TO AMEND THE COOPERATING TECHNICAL PARTNER AGREEMENT WITH THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY TO ACCEPT AND AUTHORIZE

SPENDING \$1,275,200 IN NEW FUNDING TO DEVELOP TOOLS TO ASSIST COMMUNITIES IN REDUCING FLOOD RISK. NO PUBLIC COMMENT WAS GIVEN. MOTION CARRIED.

7. Consideration of Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Funding for Springs Restoration Projects

MOTIONED BY JERRY PATE, SECONDED BY BO SPRING, THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS WITH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION TO RECEIVE \$15,338,200 IN NEW GRANT FUNDING AND TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND AGRICULTURAL PRODUCERS TO IMPLEMENT SPRINGS RESTORATION PROJECTS IN NORTHWEST FLORIDA, SUBJECT TO LEGAL COUNSEL REVIEW. NO PUBLIC COMMENT WAS GIVEN. NICK PATRONIS ABSTAINED FROM VOTING. MOTION CARRIED.

8. Public Hearing on Consideration of Amendment No. 1 to Syfrett Conservation Easements; Econfina Creek WMA

Chairman George Roberts called the meeting to order at 1:28 p.m. ET.

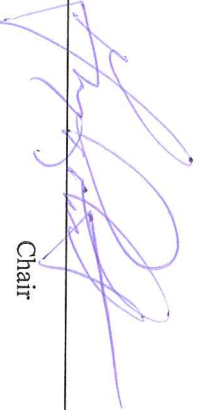
MOTIONED BY GUS ANDREWS, SECONDED BY JERRY PATE, THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD APPROVE AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE SYFRETT CONSERVATION EASEMENTS IN WASHINGTON COUNTY SUBJECT TO LEGAL COUNSEL REVIEW AND APPROVAL. NO PUBLIC COMMENT WAS GIVEN. MOTION CARRIED.

9. Legal Counsel Report

Mr. Breck Brannen gave a detailed overview of the case referenced below. A copy of the report can be found on page 53 of the October 13, 2016, board folder.

CGUPS, LLC, Steven Cox, and Claudia Cox, Petitioners v. Northwest Florida Water Management District and Florida Department of Transportation, Respondents, DOAH Case No. 16-4691

Meeting was adjourned at 1:34 p.m. ET.



Chair

November 10, 2016

Date



Executive Director



Agency Clerk

