

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

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

**Thursday
December 8, 2016**

Governing Board Members Present

George Roberts, Chairman
Jerry Pate, Vice Chairman
Gus Andrews
Jon Costello
Ted Everett
Nick Patronis
Bo Spring

Governing Board Members Absent

John W. Alter, Secretary-Treasurer
Marc Dunbar

1. Opening Ceremonies

Governing Board Chairman George Roberts called the meeting to order at 1:08 p.m.
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 November 10, 2016

MOTIONED BY TED EVERETT, SECONDED BY JON COSTELLO, THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD APPROVE THE MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 10, 2016. NO PUBLIC COMMENT WAS GIVEN. MOTION CARRIED.

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

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

5. Consideration of Invitation to Bid 17B-004; Prescribed Burning Services on District Lands in Northwest Florida

MOTIONED BY JERRY PATE, SECONDED BY GUS ANDREWS, THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE AGREEMENTS WITH CHLOETA FIRE, LLC FOR PRESCRIBED BURNING SERVICES ON DISTRICT LANDS IN PRESCRIBED BURN AREAS II AND III AT THE RATE OF \$32.00 PER ACRE AND APPROVE INDIVIDUAL OR CUMULATIVE TASK ORDERS UNDER THESE AGREEMENTS THAT EXCEED THE \$65,000 DELEGATED AUTHORITY. NO PUBLIC COMMENT WAS GIVEN. MOTION CARRIED.

6. Consideration of Hourly Rate Increase for Legal Services

MOTIONED BY JERRY PATE, SECONDED BY NICK PATRONIS, THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD APPROVE THE AMENDED FEE SCHEDULE TO PROVIDE FOR A REVISED HOURLY RATE OF \$200 FOR ATTORNEYS EMPLOYED BY THE LAW FIRM OF PENNINGTON, P.A., TO BE EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2017. NO PUBLIC COMMENT WAS GIVEN. MOTION CARRIED.

7. Consideration of Funding for a Sod-Based Rotation Pilot Program

MOTIONED BY TED EVERETT, SECONDED BY JON COSTELLO, THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS WITH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION TO RECEIVE \$480,032 IN NEW GRANT FUNDING AND TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS WITH AGRICULTURAL PRODUCERS TO IMPLEMENT SOD-BASED CROP ROTATION PROJECTS IN THE JACKSON BLUE SPRING GROUNDWATER CONTRIBUTION AREA IN NORTHWEST FLORIDA SUBJECT TO LEGAL COUNSEL REVIEW. NO PUBLIC COMMENT WAS GIVEN. MOTION CARRIED.

8. Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Strategic Water Management Plan

MOTIONED BY TED EVERETT, SECONDED BY NICK PATRONIS, THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD APPROVE THE FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017 UPDATE TO THE DISTRICT STRATEGIC WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN AND AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO FINALIZE THE PLAN PENDING ANY COMMENTS FROM THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION. NO PUBLIC COMMENT WAS GIVEN. MOTION CARRIED.

9. Executive Director's Performance Evaluation

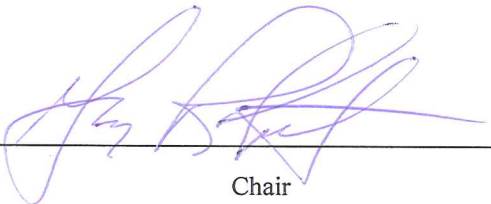
Breck Brannen announced that he had received and reviewed the performance evaluations and submitted the documents for the official record.

10. Legal Counsel Report

Breck Brannen gave a detailed overview of the case referenced below. A copy of the report can be found on page 32 of the December 8, 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 1:50 p.m.


Chair

1/12/17
Date


Executive Director

C. Costello
Agency Clerk

