# Northwest Florida Water Management District Governing Board Meeting Minutes

## Thursday, May 23, 2019 District Headquarters 81 Water Management Drive Havana, Florida 32333

1. Opening Ceremonies

Called to order at 1:15 p.m.

Brett Cyphers called the roll and a quorum was declared present.

Present: Jerry Pate, Vice Chair; John Alter, Secretary-Treasurer; Gus Andrews; Ted Everett; Nick Patronis; Bo Spring

Absent: Jon Costello

2. Special Thanks and Recognition

None.

3. Changes to the Agenda

None.

#### 4. Approval of the Minutes for April 25, 2019

MOTIONED BY NICK PATRONIS, SECONDED BY BO SPRING, THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD APPROVE THE MINUTES FOR APRIL 25, 2019. NO PUBLIC COMMENT WAS GIVEN. MOTION CARRIED.

#### 5. Approval of the Financial Reports for the Month of March 2019

MOTIONED BY TED EVERETT, SECONDED BY JOHN ALTER, THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD APPROVE THE FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2019. NO PUBLIC COMMENT WAS GIVEN. MOTION CARRIED.

6. Committee Reports and Recommendations for Board Action

Administration, Budget, and Finance Committee:

Consideration of Acceptance of the Audited Financial Statements for Fiscal Year 2017-2018

MOTIONED BY JOHN ALTER, SECONDED BY NICK PATRONIS, THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD ACCEPT THE DISTRICT'S SEPTEMBER 30, 2018, AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS. NO PUBLIC COMMENT WAS GIVEN. MOTION CARRIED.

#### Consideration of Amendments No. 11 and No. 12 to the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Budget

MOTIONED BY JOHN ALTER, SECONDED BY NICK PATRONIS, THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 851 AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019 BUDGET AND ALLOW STAFF TO REALIGN REVENUES AND RESERVES TO MAINTAIN THE PROPER BALANCE IN EACH FUND. NO PUBLIC COMMENT WAS GIVEN. MOTION CARRIED.

Consideration of Amendment No. 13 to the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Budget Adjusting Beginning Fund Balances

MOTIONED BY JOHN ALTER, SECONDED BY TED EVERETT, THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD APPROVE AMENDMENT NO. 13 TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2018-19 BUDGET ADJUSTING FUND BALANCES. NO PUBLIC COMMENT WAS GIVEN. MOTION CARRIED.

Resource Management Committee:

### Consideration of Grant Funding for Natural Resource Damage Assessment Projects

MOTIONED BY JERRY PATE, SECONDED BY GUS ANDREWS, THAT THE GOVERNING AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO (1) ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS WITH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION TO RECEIVE GRANT FUNDING UP TO \$3,662,488 FOR PROJECTS FUNDED BY THE NATURAL RESOURCE DAMAGE ASSESSMENT TRUSTEES, SUBJECT TO BUDGET APPROVAL AND LEGAL COUNSEL REVIEW, AND (2) ENTER INTO GRANT FUNDING AGREEMENTS WITH THE CITY OF PORT ST. JOE AND THE CITY OF CARRABELLE TO IMPLEMENT RESPECTIVE PROJECTS AS DISCUSSED. NO PUBLIC COMMENT WAS GIVEN. MOTION CARRIED.

#### <u>Consideration of Extension and Renewal of Agreement with the Florida Department of</u> <u>Transportation for the Regional Mitigation Program</u>

MOTIONED BY JERRY PATE, SECONDED BY BO SPRING, THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, SUBJECT TO LEGAL COUNSEL REVIEW, TO ENSURE CONTINUED IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DISTRICT'S REGIONAL MITIGATION PROGRAM IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 373.4137, FLORIDA STATUTES. NO PUBLIC COMMENT WAS GIVEN. MOTION CARRIED.

#### Consideration of Grant Agreement Extension for the North Bay Wastewater Reuse Project

MOTIONED BY JERRY PATE, SECONDED BY JOHN ALTER, THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD APPROVE THE TIME EXTENSION OF THE BAY COUNTY NORTH BAY WASTEWATER REUSE PROJECT UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 2020. NO PUBLIC COMMENT WAS GIVEN. MOTION CARRIED.

#### Consideration of Grant Agreement Extension for the Lighthouse Estates Septic to Sewer Project

MOTIONED BY JERRY PATE, SECONDED BY NICK PATRONIS, THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD APPROVE THE TIME EXTENSION FOR THE CITY OF CARRABELLE LIGHTHOUSE ESTATES SEPTIC TO SEWER PROJECT UNTIL SEPTEMBER 30, 2021. NO PUBLIC COMMENT WAS GIVEN. MOTION CARRIED.

## Consideration of Grant Agreement Extension for the ECUA Pensacola Beach Reclaimed Water System Expansion Project

MOTIONED BY JERRY PATE, SECONDED BY GUS ANDREWS, THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD APPROVE THE TWO-YEAR EXTENSION OF THE ECUA PENSACOLA BEACH RECLAIMED WATER SYSTEM EXPANSION PROJECT UNTIL SEPTEMBER 30, 2021. NO PUBLIC COMMENT WAS GIVEN. MOTION CARRIED.

#### U.S. Geological Survey Joint Funding Agreement for Gulf County Canal Monitoring

MOTIONED BY JERRY PATE, SECONDED BY NICK PATRONIS, THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE A JOINT FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH THE U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY TO INSTALL AND OPERATE TWO DISCHARGE/WATER QUALITY MONITORING STATIONS ALONG THE INTRACOASTAL WATERWAY/SEARCY CREEK TO DETERMINE THE VOLUME AND QUALITY OF FRESHWATER BEING DISCHARGED INTO ST. JOSEPH BAY VIA THE GULF COUNTY CANAL. THE TOTAL COST FOR THIS EFFORT IS NOT TO EXCEED \$182,200 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018 – 2019. NO PUBLIC COMMENT WAS GIVEN. MOTION CARRIED.

7. Overview of Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Tentative Budget

Informational purposes only.

8. Consideration of Request to Place Solar Panels on the Lark Sims Conservation Easement Property; Econfina Creek Water Management Area

Informational purposes only.

9. Consideration of Acceptance of the Appraisals and Approval of the Purchase and Sale Agreement for the Dry Creek Plantation, LLC Conservation Easement; Chipola River Water Management Area

MOTIONED BY JOHN ALTER, SECONDED BY TED EVERETT, THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD ACCEPT THE APPRAISALS PREPARED BY BELL, GRIFFITH AND ASSOCIATES, INC. AND CANDLER, MOSES AND ASSOCIATES AND THE REVIEW APPRAISAL PREPARED BY BROWN BEVIS REAL ESTATE APPRAISERS, INC., FOR THE DRY CREEK PLANTATION, LLC CONSERVATION EASEMENT IN JACKSON COUNTY AND AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE THE PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT, CONSERVATION EASEMENT AND ALL CLOSING DOCUMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE DISTRICT WITH DRY CREEK PLANTATION, LLC FOR THE ACQUISITION OF THE DRY CREEK PLANTATION, LLC CONSERVATION EASEMENT FOR \$194,378.40, SUBJECT TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE AGREEMENT, APPROVAL OF THE AGREEMENT BY LEGAL COUNSEL AND THE SELLER AND THE APPROVAL BY THE LEGISLATIVE BUDGET COMMITTEE. NO PUBLIC COMMENT WAS GIVEN. MOTION CARRIED.

10. Legislative Update

Informational purposes only.

11. Legal Counsel Report

No pending cases in which the District is a party.

12. Hurricane Michael Recovery Update

Informational purposes only.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:43 p.m.

at Chair

June 27, 2019 Date

Executive Director

