

**Northwest Florida Water Management District  
Governing Board Meeting Minutes**

*Thursday, August 22, 2019  
9255 Sturdevant Street  
Pensacola, Florida 32514*

**1. Opening Ceremonies**

Called to order at 1:00 p.m.

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

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

Absent: George Roberts, Chair; Ted Everett

**2. Special Thanks and Recognition**

None.

**3. Changes to the Agenda**

None.

**4. Approval of the Minutes for July 25, 2019**

MOTIONED BY JOHN ALTER, SECONDED BY JON COSTELLO, THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD APPROVE THE MINUTES FOR JULY 25, 2019. NO PUBLIC COMMENT WAS GIVEN. MOTION CARRIED.

**5. Approval of the Financial Reports for the Month of June 2019**

MOTIONED BY NICK PATRONIS, SECONDED BY JON COSTELLO, THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD APPROVE THE FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE 2019. NO PUBLIC COMMENT WAS GIVEN. MOTION CARRIED.

**6. Committee Reports and Recommendations for Board Action**

Asset Management Committee:

Consideration of ITB No. 19B-008; Devils Swamp North 2019 Thinning Timber Sale

MOTIONED BY JON COSTELLO, SECONDED BY NICK PATRONIS, THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD APPROVE THE BIDS SUBMITTED IN RESPONSE TO INVITATION TO BID 19B-008, AND AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR THIS TIMBER SALE WITH THE HIGH BIDDER, DEERPOINT TIMBER, AT THE BID PRICES OF \$8.00 PER TON FOR PINE PULPWOOD; \$23.00 PER TON FOR PINE CHIP-N-SAW; AND \$34.00 PER TON FOR PINE SAW TIMBER. NO PUBLIC COMMENT WAS GIVEN. MOTION CARRIED.

Consideration of Extension to Agreement 18-032; 2018 Greenhead Road Sand Pine Timber Sale

MOTIONED BY JON COSTELLO, SECONDED BY GUS ANDREWS, THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD AUTHORIZE STAFF TO EXECUTE A SECOND EXTENSION OF AGREEMENT 18-032, ALLOWING AN ADDITIONAL 180 DAYS TO COMPLETE THE TIMBER HARVEST. NO PUBLIC COMMENT WAS GIVEN. MOTION CARRIED.

Consideration of Extension to Agreement 18-052; Econfina Creek 2018 Sand Pine Timber Sale

MOTIONED BY JON COSTELLO, SECONDED BY NICK PATRONIS, THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD AUTHORIZE STAFF TO EXECUTE A SECOND EXTENSION OF AGREEMENT 18-052, ALLOWING AN ADDITIONAL 180 DAYS TO COMPLETE THE TIMBER HARVEST. NO PUBLIC COMMENT WAS GIVEN. MOTION CARRIED.

Consideration of Amendment No. 1 to Contract with Washington County Sheriff's Office for Law Enforcement and Security Services; Choctawhatchee River and Holmes Creek and Econfina Creek WMAs

MOTIONED BY JON COSTELLO, SECONDED BY BO SPRING, THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE AMENDMENT NO. 1 WITH THE WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AND ADOPTION OF THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020. NO PUBLIC COMMENT WAS GIVEN. MOTION CARRIED.

Consideration of Agreement with Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services for Prescribed Fire Enhancement Funding

MOTIONED BY JON COSTELLO, SECONDED BY BO SPRING, THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACTUAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES TO RECEIVE FUNDING FOR PRESCRIBED FIRE ENHANCEMENT, SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF THE DISTRICT'S FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 BUDGET AND ADMINISTRATIVE AND LEGAL REVIEW. NO PUBLIC COMMENT WAS GIVEN. MOTION CARRIED.

Consideration of Agreement with The Nature Conservancy for the Perdido River and Bay Paddle Trail Project

MOTIONED BY JON COSTELLO, SECONDED BY NICK PATRONIS, THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE NATURE CONSERVANCY FOR THE PERDIDO RIVER PADDLE TRAIL PROJECT. NO PUBLIC COMMENT WAS GIVEN. MOTION CARRIED.

Consideration of Resolution No. 854 to the Department of Environmental Protection for Acquisition of the Dry Creek Conservation Easement; Chipola River WMA

MOTIONED BY JON COSTELLO, SECONDED BY JOHN ALTER, THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD APPROVE AND ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 854 TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FOR ACQUISITION OF THE DRY CREEK PLANTATION CONSERVATION EASEMENT IN THE CHIPOLA RIVER WMA. NO PUBLIC COMMENT WAS GIVEN. MOTION CARRIED.

Consideration of Grant of Easements to the Regional Utilities for Access and Reclaimed Water Pipeline Through District Lands; Lafayette Creek

MOTIONED BY JON COSTELLO, SECONDED BY BO SPRING, THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD (i) MAKE A DETERMINATION THAT THE ACCESS AND PIPELINE EASEMENTS TO THE REGIONAL UTILITIES ARE COMPATIBLE WITH THE RESOURCE VALUES OF, AND MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES OF, THE DISTRICT'S LANDS, (ii) GRANT THE EASEMENTS, AND (iii) AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE THE EASEMENTS WITH THE REGIONAL UTILITIES, SUBJECT TO LEGAL COUNSEL REVIEW AND APPROVAL. GUS ANDREWS ABSTAINED FROM VOTING DUE TO A FAMILIAL RELATIONSHIP. NO PUBLIC COMMENT WAS GIVEN. MOTION CARRIED.

Consideration of Sale of Access Easement to Petersen et al; Econfina Creek WMA

MOTIONED BY JON COSTELLO, SECONDED BY NICK PATRONIS, THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD (i) MAKE A DETERMINATION THAT THE ACCESS EASEMENT IS COMPATIBLE WITH CONSERVATION, PRESERVATION OR RECREATION PURPOSES, (ii) APPROVE THE SALE OF AN ACCESS EASEMENT TO PETERSEN ET AL AT APPRAISED VALUE AND, (iii) AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE THE EASEMENT, SUBJECT TO LEGAL COUNSEL REVIEW AND APPROVAL. NO PUBLIC COMMENT WAS GIVEN. MOTION CARRIED.

Consideration of Acceptance of the Appraisals and Approval of the Contract for Sale and Purchase on 38-Acres; Choctawhatchee River WMA

MOTIONED BY JON COSTELLO, SECONDED BY NICK PATRONIS, THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD (i) ACCEPT THE APPRAISAL PREPARED BY BELL, GRIFFITH AND ASSOCIATES, INC. AND THE REVIEW APPRAISAL PREPARED BY CARROLL APPRAISAL COMPANY FOR THE 38-ACRE SURPLUS TRACT IN WALTON COUNTY, (ii) AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT FOR SALE AND PURCHASE, THE DEED OF CONVEYANCE TO A PRIVATE ENTITY AND ALL CLOSING DOCUMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE DISTRICT FOR THE SALE OF THE 38-ACRE TRACT FOR \$42,000, SUBJECT TO THE TERMS

AND CONDITIONS OF THE AGREEMENT, APPROVAL OF THE AGREEMENT BY LEGAL COUNSEL AND THE PURCHASER, AND (iii) CHOOSE NOT TO RESERVE THE INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY'S PHOSPHATE, MINERALS, METALS, AND PETROLEUM. NO PUBLIC COMMENT WAS GIVEN. MOTION CARRIED.

Consideration of Sole Source Purchase from F4 Tech for Support, Training and Hosting

MOTIONED BY JON COSTELLO, SECONDED BY BO SPRING, THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD APPROVE F4 TECH'S PROPOSAL OF \$30,695 FOR ONGOING ANNUAL SUPPORT, TRAINING, AND HOSTING OF SILVASSIST DASHBOARD, ASSOCIATED SOFTWARE AND HARDWARE TOOLS, AND AUTHORIZE STAFF TO PREPARE A PURCHASE ORDER, SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 BUDGET. NO PUBLIC COMMENT WAS GIVEN. MOTION CARRIED.

Consideration of Request for Authorization to Declare and Dispose of Surplus Property

MOTIONED BY JON COSTELLO, SECONDED BY BO SPRING, THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD DECLARE ASSET TAG #s 2188, 00379, 2204, AND 2550 AS SURPLUS AND AUTHORIZE STAFF TO DISPOSE OF THE ITEMS IN ACCORDANCE WITH ESTABLISHED PROCEDURES AND REMOVE THEM FROM THE DISTRICT'S PROPERTY RECORDS. NO PUBLIC COMMENT WAS GIVEN. MOTION CARRIED.

7. Request for Release of Fiscal Year 2019-2020 State Appropriations

MOTIONED BY JON COSTELLO, SECONDED BY JOHN ALTER, THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 855 TO REQUEST THE SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION TO RELEASE FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL REVENUE FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,211,231 AND FROM THE LAND ACQUISITION TRUST FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,421,000. NO PUBLIC COMMENT WAS GIVEN. MOTION CARRIED.

8. Consideration of Committing Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Fund Balances as Required by GASB Statement No. 54

MOTIONED BY JON COSTELLO, SECONDED BY NICK PATRONIS, THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 856 TO COMMIT FUND BALANCES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019 AS FOLLOWS:

- COMMIT \$540,763 OF THE GENERAL FUND BALANCE FOR WATER SUPPLY DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE GRANTS;
- COMMIT \$500,000 FROM THE GENERAL FUND BALANCE FOR THE BAY COUNTY NORTH BAY REUSE GRANT;
- COMMIT \$100,000 FROM THE GENERAL FUND BALANCE FOR THE WEEMS ROAD PASS GRANT;
- COMMIT \$61,345 FROM THE GENERAL FUND BALANCE FOR THE APALACHICOLA BAY GRANT; AND
- COMMIT THE AMOUNT OF THE GENERAL FUND BALANCE FOR AN ECONOMIC STABILIZATION FUND PURSUANT TO DISTRICT POLICY.

NO PUBLIC COMMENT WAS GIVEN. MOTION CARRIED.

9. Consideration of Grant Agreement Extension for the Moore Creek Mount Carmel Utilities Water Production Wells Project

MOTIONED BY JON COSTELLO, SECONDED BY NICK PATRONIS, THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD APPROVE THE PROPOSED EXTENSION OF MOORE CREEK MOUNT CARMEL UTILITIES WATER PRODUCTION WELLS PROJECT UNTIL SEPTEMBER 30, 2020. NO PUBLIC COMMENT WAS GIVEN. MOTION CARRIED.

10. Consideration of Amendment to extend the Revenue Contract with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection for Water Resource Monitoring

MOTIONED BY JON COSTELLO, SECONDED BY NICK PATRONIS, THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD APPROVE CONTINUED PARTICIPATION IN THE INTEGRATED WATER RESOURCES MONITORING PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO EXTEND THE REVENUE CONTRACT 17-070 FOR THE CONTRACT PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2019 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2020. NO PUBLIC COMMENT WAS GIVEN. MOTION CARRIED.

11. Consideration of New FEMA Cooperating Technical Partner Funding for Fiscal Year 2019-2020

MOTIONED BY NICK PATRONIS, SECONDED BY BO SPRING, THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD APPROVE THE AMENDMENT OF THE COOPERATING TECHNICAL PARTNER AGREEMENT WITH THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY TO ACCEPT AND AUTHORIZE SPENDING \$1,347,000 IN NEW FUNDING TO DEVELOP TOOLS TO ASSIST COMMUNITIES IN REDUCING FLOOD RISK. NO PUBLIC COMMENT WAS GIVEN. MOTION CARRIED.

12. Consideration of Projects for FY 2019-2020 Alternative Water Supply Funding

MOTIONED BY JON COSTELLO, SECONDED BY BO SPRING, THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD APPROVE SUBMITTAL OF THE OKALOOSA COUNTY/EGLIN AFB/NICEVILLE RECLAIMED WATER PROJECT TO THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FOR FUNDING CONSIDERATION. NO PUBLIC COMMENT WAS GIVEN. MOTION CARRIED.

13. Request for Authorization to Undergo Rule Development

MOTIONED BY BO SPRING, SECONDED BY NICK PATRONIS, THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD APPROVE INITIATION OF RULE DEVELOPMENT ON SECTIONS 40A-3.037 AND 40A-3.041 WITHIN CHAPTER 40A-3, F.A.C., REGULATION OF WELLS, AND ESTABLISH CHAPTER 40A-7, F.A.C., CONTRACTOR SUSPENSION, DURING THE NEXT TWELVE MONTHS AND APPROVE THE PROPOSED RULEMAKING ITEMS IN THE 2019-2020 ANNUAL REGULATORY PLAN PURSUANT TO SECTION 120.74, FLORIDA STATUTES. NO PUBLIC COMMENT WAS GIVEN. MOTION CARRIED.

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 1:40 p.m.

Chair

Sept. 26, 2019

Date

Executive Director

Agency Clerk

