

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

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

**Thursday
November 14, 2013**

Governing Board Members Present

George Roberts, Chair
Jerry Pate, Vice Chair
Angus Andrews
Jon Costello
Bo Spring

Governing Board Members Absent

Stephanie Bloyd
Gary Clark
Nick Patronis

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Roberts called the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m., ET. Mr. Steverson called the roll and a quorum was declared present.

2. Invocation

Vice Chair Pate offered the invocation.

3. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Chair Roberts led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

4. Additions, Deletions or Changes to the Agenda

Ms. White stated that there were no additions, deletions or changes to the agenda.

5. Approval of Minutes for October 10, 2013

MOTIONED BY MR. PATE, SECONDED BY MR. COSTELLO, THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD APPROVE THE OCTOBER 10, 2013, GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES. MOTION CARRIED.

6. A. Committee Reports and Recommendations for Board Action

Ms. Jean Whitten stated that the Audit Committee met and had the following recommendations.

6. A. 1. Selection of Audit Firm to Conduct the Annual Financial Audit

The Audit Committee recommends that the Board select Purvis Gray and Company to conduct the annual financial audit and allow staff to negotiate a contract for one year with the option to renew for four additional years.

MOTIONED BY MR. PATE, SECONDED BY MR. COSTELLO, THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD APPROVE PURVIS GRAY AND COMPANY TO CONDUCT THE ANNUAL FINANCIAL AUDIT AND ALLOW STAFF TO NEGOTIATE A CONTRACT FOR ONE YEAR WITH THE OPTION TO RENEW FOR FOUR ADDITIONAL YEARS. MOTION CARRIED.

7. A. Consent Business Agenda

Ms. Jean Whitten presented the Financial Report and Schedule of Disbursements for the month of September 2013.

MOTIONED BY MR. COSTELLO, SECONDED BY MR. SPRING, THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD APPROVE THE FINANCIAL REPORT AND SCHEDULE OF DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2013. MOTION CARRIED.

7. B. Consideration of Agreements with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services for Springs Protection Projects

Mr. Nick Wooten gave a detailed overview of the proposed agreements with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services for springs protection projects.

Mr. Wooten voiced staff recommendation that the Governing Board authorize the Executive Director to enter into an agreement with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to provide up to \$1,129,000 in grant funding for springs protection projects in Northwest Florida. Combined with funding from participating agencies and producers, this funding will contribute an estimated \$2,643,711 in springs protection projects in the District. He further stated that staff recommends that the Governing Board authorize the Executive Director to enter into an agreement with the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to implement an Agricultural Best Management Practice Equipment Cost Share Grant Program within the Jackson Blue Spring Area in Jackson County as part of the springs protection projects.

MOTIONED BY MR. PATE, SECONDED BY MR. ALTER, THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION TO PROVIDE UP TO \$1,129,000 IN GRANT FUNDING FOR SPRINGS PROTECTION PROJECTS IN NORTHWEST FLORIDA. COMBINED WITH FUNDING FROM PARTICIPATING AGENCIES AND PRODUCERS, THIS FUNDING WILL CONTRIBUTE AN ESTIMATED \$2,643,711 IN SPRINGS PROTECTION PROJECTS IN THE DISTRICT. IN ADDITION, THE GOVERNING BOARD AUTHORIZED THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES (FDACS) TO IMPLEMENT AN AGRICULTURAL BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICE EQUIPMENT COST SHARE GRANT PROGRAM WITHIN THE JACKSON BLUE SPRING AREA IN JACKSON COUNTY AS PART OF THE SPRINGS PROTECTION PROJECTS. MOTION CARRIED.

7. C. Consideration of a Grant Agreement with Bay County for a Drainage Stabilization Project that will Reduce Sedimentation in the St. Andrew Bay Watershed

Mr. John Crowe gave a detailed overview of the proposed agreement with Bay County for a drainage stabilization project that will reduce sedimentation in the St. Andrew Bay watershed.

Mr. Crowe voiced staff recommendation that the Governing Board authorize the Executive Director to enter into an agreement with Bay County to provide up to \$671,000 in grant funding for a drainage stabilization project that will reduce sedimentation in the St. Andrew Bay watershed.

MOTIONED BY MR. PATE, SECONDED BY MR. ANDREWS, THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH BAY COUNTY TO PROVIDE UP TO \$671,000 IN GRANT FUNDING FOR A DRAINAGE STABILIZATION PROJECT THAT WILL REDUCE SEDIMENTATION IN THE ST. ANDREW BAY WATERSHED. MOTION CARRIED.

7. D. Request for Approval to Submit and Publish the Notice of Proposed Rule

Ms. Angela Chelette voiced staff recommendation that the Governing Board authorize submittal of the Notice of Proposed Rule to the required parties and authorize staff to schedule a public hearing before the Governing Board, if requested, once the Office of Fiscal Accountability and Regulatory Reform and Joint Administrative Procedures Committee reviews are complete.

MOTIONED BY MR. PATE, SECONDED BY MR. ANDREWS, THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD AUTHORIZE SUBMITTAL OF THE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE TO THE REQUIRED PARTIES AND AUTHORIZE STAFF TO SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE GOVERNING BOARD, IF REQUESTED. MOTION CARRIED.

8. A. Public Hearing on Consideration of Regulatory Matters

Chair Roberts called the Public Hearing to order at 1:41 p.m., ET.

Mr. Michael Edgar presented the Consent Agenda, which included two permit modification and renewals. Mr. Edgar voiced staff recommendation that the Governing Board approve the Consent Agenda per the recommendations and conditions of the staff reports and per the terms and conditions of the permit documents.

MOTIONED BY MR. COSTELLO, SECONDED BY MR. PATE, THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA PER THE RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONDITIONS OF THE STAFF REPORTS AND PER THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE PERMIT DOCUMENTS. MOTION CARRIED.

9. A. Regulatory Quarterly Report

Mr. Edgar informed the Board that the material was provided for informational purposes only.

10. Legal Counsel Report

Mr. Breck Brannen gave a brief update on the pending litigation between Ms. Crenshaw and the City of Defuniak Springs.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m., ET.

Chair

December 12, 2013
_____ Date

Executive Director

Agency Clerk