

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

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

**Thursday  
January 10, 2013**

Governing Board Members Present

George Roberts, Chair  
Jerry Pate, Vice Chair  
Joyce Estes, Secretary/Treasurer  
John Alter  
Angus Andrews  
Stephanie Bloyd  
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Governing Board Members Absent

Jon Costello  
Nick Patronis

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Roberts called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m., ET. Mr. Steverson called the roll and a quorum was declared present.

2. Invocation

Mr. Jerry 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. Introductions

There were no introductions.

5. Additions, Deletions or Changes to the Agenda

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

6. Approval of Minutes for November 30, 2012, and December 3, 2012

MOTIONED BY MS. ESTES, SECONDED BY MS. BLOYD, THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 30, 2012, AND DECEMBER 3, 2012, GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES. MOTION CARRIED.

7. A Committee Reports and Recommendations for Board Action

Ms. Bloyd stated that the District Lands Committee met and had the following recommendations.

7. A. 1. Consideration of Amendment No. 4 to Contract for Law Enforcement/Security Services with Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

MOTIONED BY MS. BLOYD, SECONDED BY MS. ESTES, THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE AMENDMENT NO. 4 TO THE EXISTING AGREEMENT WITH THE FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION AND COMMISSION FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT/SECURITY SERVICES (SCHEDULED ENHANCED PATROL AND AS-NEEDED ENHANCED PATROL) ON DISTRICT LANDS FOR THE 2012-2013 FISCAL YEAR WITH A MAXIMUM TOTAL COMPENSATION AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$89,000. MOTION CARRIED.

7. A. 2. Consideration of Invitation to Bid No. 13B-002; St. Andrews 2013 Timber Sale

MOTIONED BY MS. BLOYD, SECONDED BY MR. SPRING, THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD APPROVE THE BID SUBMITTED BY WHITFIELD TIMBER CO., INC., AND AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR THIS TIMBER SALE UTILIZING THE TIMBER PRODUCT PER-TON BID PRICES SPECIFIED IN EXHIBIT A. MOTION CARRIED

7. A. 3. Consideration of Local Government Agreement with Washington County for Streambank Restoration and Protection and Repairs and Improvements to Hightower, Spurling and Live Oak Landings; Holmes Creek WMA

MOTIONED BY MS. BLOYD, SECONDED BY MS. ESTES, THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD APPROVE THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGREEMENT WITH WASHINGTON COUNTY FOR STREAMBANK RESTORATION AND PROTECTION MEASURES AND REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO HIGHTOWER, SPURLING, AND LIVE OAK LANDINGS ON THE HOLMES CREEK WMA. MOTION CARRIED.

7. A. 4. Consideration of Resolution Nos. 764 and 765 to Declare Two Tracts of District Land for Exchange; Yellow River and Econfina Creek WMAs

MOTIONED BY MS. BLOYD, SECONDED BY MS. ESTES, THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD APPROVE RESOLUTION NUMBER 764 FOR THE EXCHANGE AND SURPLUS OF 61.1 ACRES IN THE YELLOW RIVER WMA AND DECLARE THAT THE TRACT WAS ACQUIRED FOR CONSERVATION PURPOSES AND IS NO LONGER NEEDED FOR CONSERVATION PURPOSES AND RESOLUTION NUMBER 765 FOR THE EXCHANGE AND SURPLUS OF 8.39 ACRES IN THE ECONFINA CREEK WMA AND DECLARE THAT THE TRACT IS NO LONGER NEEDED FOR CONSERVATION PURPOSES. MOTION CARRIED.

8. Public Hearing on Consideration of Land Acquisition Matters

Chair Roberts called the public hearing to order at 1:14 p.m., ET.

8. A Consideration of Grant of Easement to PowerSouth Energy to Relocate Transmission Line; Escambia River WMA

Ms. Carol Bert stated that PowerSouth Energy is requesting authorization to relocate a transmission line immediately west of the current line that exists on District property in Section 10, Township 5 North, Range 30 West, Santa Rosa County on the Escambia River WMA. She reported that the current easement for the transmission line occupies 1.47 acres; the proposed easement would occupy 1.46 acres. Ms. Bert

informed the board that in exchange for allowing the relocation of this easement, PowerSouth Energy will restore the abandoned easement back to its natural state and condition and quitclaim the easement rights back to the District. Ms. Bert submitted the documents for the official record and opened the floor for public comment. With no public comment, Ms. Bert voiced staff recommendation that the Governing Board grant an easement to PowerSouth Energy totaling 1.46 acres on the Escambia River WMA to relocate a transmission line and approve the quitclaim deed for the release of easement rights on 1.47 acres back into District ownership.

MOTIONED BY MR. PATE, SECONDED BY MR. ANDREWS, THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD GRANT AN EASEMENT TO POWERSOUTH ENERGY TOTALING 1.46 ACRES ON THE ESCAMBIA RIVER WMA TO RELOCATE A TRANSMISSION LINE AND APPROVE THE QUITCLAIM DEED FOR THE RELEASE OF EASEMENT RIGHTS ON 1.47 ACRES BACK INTO DISTRICT OWNERSHIP. MOTION CARRIED.

9. A. Consent Business Agenda

Ms. Jean Whitten presented the Financial Report and Schedule of Disbursements for the month of November 2012.

MOTIONED BY MS. ESTES, SECONDED BY MR. PATE, THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD APPROVE THE FINANCIAL REPORT AND SCHEDULE OF DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2012. MOTION CARRIED.

9. B. Consideration of Resolution to Amend the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Budget

Ms. Whitten reported that the District is authorized under Chapter 373, F.S., to enter into cooperative land management agreements with state and local governments to provide for cost effective management of lands. She stated that the District desires to enter into an agreement with Washington County providing for streambank restoration and protection and repair and improvement activities at Hightower Landing, Spurling Landing and Live Oak Landing recreation areas.

She stated that the net effect of the changes is an increase of \$100,000 in contractual services in the Lands Management Fund and a \$100,000 decrease in unbudgeted reserves. Ms. Whitten voiced staff recommendation that the Governing Board approve Resolution 763 amending the adopted fiscal year 2012-2013 budget.

MOTIONED BY MR. SPRING, SECONDED BY MR. PATE, THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD APPROVE RESOLUTION 763 AMENDING THE ADOPTED FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013 BUDGET. MOTION CARRIED.

9. C. Consideration of Grant Agreement with the City of Blountstown for the State Road 20 Water Line Replacement Project

Mr. Paul Thorpe informed the board that the proposed agreement would provide District grant funding to the City of Blountstown for repairs and upgrades to the City's water distribution system. He stated that the existing pipeline requires extensive annual maintenance and repairs resulting in periodic disruptions for the public due to the need to repeatedly cut into and then restore the roadway surface. He gave a

detailed overview of the water line replacement project and noted that the City will match District grant funding. Additionally, Mr. Thorpe stated that the project will be coordinated with a Florida Department of Transportation roadway resurfacing project, which will result in significant savings during construction.

Mr. Thorpe stated that in addition to improving service to the public, this grant would provide needed assistance to a community within a designated Rural Area of Critical Economic Concern. Mr. Thorpe voiced staff recommendation that the Governing Board authorize the Executive Director to enter into agreement with the City of Blountstown to provide up to \$235,835 in District grant funding for the State Road 20 Water Line Replacement Project.

MOTIONED BY MS. BLOYD, SECONDED BY MR. ALTER, THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF BLOUNTSTOWN TO PROVIDE UP TO \$235,845 IN DISTRICT GRANT FUNDING FOR THE STATE ROAD 20 WATER LINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT. MOTION CARRIED.

10. Legal Counsel Report

Mr. Kevin Crowley stated that there were no legal matters to report.

11. Executive Director's Briefing and Announcements

Mr. Jon Steverson began his briefing by congratulating Ms. Kathleen Coates, Senior Hydrologist in the District's Resource Regulation Division, for obtaining her Ph.D. in Forestry and Natural Resources from Purdue University. Mr. Steverson gave a detailed overview of the 2013 Operation Outdoor Freedom Hunt that will take place at the end of this month on the Econfina Creek WMA. He stated that this hunt is being hosted by the District in cooperation with the Florida Forest Service, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, and Wounded Warrior Project.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:31 p.m., ET.

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Chair

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Date

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Executive Director

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Agency Clerk