

Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting
PEACE RIVER MANASOTA REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY
DeSoto County Administrative Building
201 East Oak Street, Arcadia, Florida

June 1, 2016

Board Members Present:

Commissioner Christopher G. Constance, Charlotte County, Chairman
Commissioner Alan Maio, Sarasota County, Vice Chairman
Commissioner Elton A. Langford, DeSoto County
Commissioner John R. Chappie, Manatee County

Staff Present:

Patrick Lehman, Executive Director
Doug Manson, General Counsel
Mike Coates, Deputy Director
Kevin Morris, Science and Technology Officer
Richard Anderson, System Operations Manager
Ann Lee, Finance/Administration Manager
Ford Ritz, Project Engineer
Linda Stewart, Executive Secretary

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Others Present:

A list of others present who signed the attendance roster for this meeting is filed with the permanent records of the Authority. Commissioner Constance recognized Charlotte County Commissioners Ken Doherty and Bill Truex and North Port Commissioner Cheryl Cook.

CALL TO ORDER

INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

RESOLUTIONS/PRESENTATIONS

1. Employee Service Recognition

The following employees were recognized for their service:

Milestone	Employee	Position
10 Years	Brenda Crouthamel	Accounting Clerk
25 Years	Gary Molnar	Operations Specialist II
25 Years	Samuel Stone	Land & Environmental Services Manager

2. Silver Anniversary Celebration Presentation

Mr. Lehman said the Authority celebrated its silver anniversary of the acquisition of the Peace River Facility [PRF] in conjunction with 'National Drinking Water Week' May 1-7, 2016. A one-page supplement recognizing the Authority's accomplishments over the past twenty-five years was published in the May 1st Sunday edition of the Herald Tribune and the Sun Newspapers to kick off 'National Drinking Water Week'. In addition, Commissioner Constance wrote a guest column about the Authority and the value of water which was published in both newspapers. The festivities concluded on May 6th at the PRF with a BBQ sponsored by Friends of Peace Water, Inc.

Mr. Lehman provided some history of the early years of the Authority and said a video memorializing these aspects was created so as time goes by we do not lose sight of the beginning years. The video documents where the Authority came from; how it got here; and how it is strategically prepared for the future. Mr. Lehman said a copy of the video was given to each of the member governments.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Constance said revisions/additions were made to the below listed agenda items as noted—

- Consent Agenda Item 6 – Revision to lease agreement correcting two paragraph/section references.
- Consent Agenda Item 7 – Addition of location map for the easement crossing.
- Regular Agenda Item 2B – Addition of executed Interlocal Agreement by Sarasota County BOCC.
- Regular Agenda Item 5 – Addition of Orange Hammock presentation materials.

Commissioner Constance requested Consent Item 8 be removed for discussion. Referring to Consent Item 6, renewal of the cattle grazing/haying lease on the RV Griffin Reserve, Commissioner Constance said at the recent Charlotte County Commission meeting, Commissioner Doherty asked how the lease payment compares within the area; and he was able to respond that Authority staff provided a good cross section of other leases in the area in the supporting materials and pointed out that the lease payment is mid-range in the industry and an increase over the current payment. Commissioner Constance said his colleagues did not have an issue with this item.

1. **Minutes of April 6, 2016 Board of Directors meeting**
2. **Set Public Hearing for FY2017 Budget for July 28, 2016 at 9:30 a.m., Charlotte County Administration Center, Commission Chambers, 18500 Murdock Circle, Port Charlotte, FL**
3. **Receive and File Authority Financial Reports—**
 - **Mid-Year Financial Report for FY 2016**
 - **Semi-Annual Investment Report for March 31, 2016**
4. **Approve One Year Extension to Agreement for Financial Advisory Services with FirstSouthwest, a Division of Hilltop Securities Inc. through July 31, 2017**
5. **Approve One Year Extension to Agreement for Investment Banking Services with Citigroup Global Markets, Inc. through July 29, 2017**
6. **Renew Cattle Grazing/Haying Lease on RV Griffin Reserve with Harrison Cattle LLC**
7. **Approve 'Consent for Use of Easement Area' with Sarasota County for Pedestrian and Equestrian Trail Crossing Authority Pipeline Easement**
8. **[REMOVED FOR DISCUSSION] Work Order No. 16-01 with Hazen & Sawyer for Peace River Facility SCADA Master Plan**

Motion was made by Commissioner Langford, seconded by Commissioner Maio, to approve the consent agenda, with the exception of Item 8, for June 1, 2016. Motion was approved unanimously.

8. Work Order 16-01 with Hazen & Sawyer for Peace River Facility SCADA Master Plan

Commissioner Constance said questions were raised at the recent Charlotte County Commission meeting regarding this item that he wanted to address. He asked if the \$168,770 to fund the SCADA master plan would come from R&R. Mr. Lehman replied 'yes'.

Commissioner Constance asked if the master plan will include cost estimates for the prescribed improvements to the SCADA system. Mr. Lehman replied the master plan will provide a budget number along with a timetable.

Commissioner Constance asked if these costs would also come from R&R. Mr. Lehman replied that is the expectation.

Commissioner Constance said those were all of the questions raised by his colleagues and therefore said he would accept a motion to approve this item.

Motion was made by Commissioner Langford, seconded by Commissioner Maio, to approve and authorize the Executive Director to execute Work Order No. 16-01 with Hazen & Sawyer in the amount not-to-exceed \$168,770 for Peace River Facility SCADA Master Plan. Motion was approved unanimously.

REGULAR AGENDA

**1. Water Supply Conditions – Staff Report
Presented by Richard Anderson, System Operations Manager**

Mr. Anderson said rainfall in the Peace River basin has been average to above-average for the past year. For the reporting period through May 15th the basin received 5.0 inches. River flow has been running between 500 - 2,000 cubic feet per second [cfs] which is very good for this time of year. There has been no river withdrawal however because staff is being selective and taking water only when the water quality is excellent. Surface water storage is 5.5 BG for both reservoirs and there is 5.33 BG in the ASR system. Water quality and water quantity is excellent. Recharge was initiated into the ASR system.

For the region, Mr. Anderson said the Authority and its customers maintain close to 103 MGD of finished water supply capacity. For the month of April, the Authority produced about 27.57 MGD and the member utilities produced 46.69 MGD for a total regional use of 74.26 MGD, or approximately 71% utilization of the region's capacity.

Mr. Anderson reviewed the current demand and supply conditions for each of the members/customers for the month of April including their twelve-month rolling average and their historical annual average usage for the last six years. Overall, demands are a little higher than last year.

Mr. Anderson referred to the Southwest Florida Water Management District [SWFWMD] demand projections for the southern region taken from their 2016 regional water supply plan that includes Authority and non-Authority customers. For the time period beginning in 2010 SWFWMD numbers show the Authority members continue to account for about 72-75% of the south region's demand.

Commissioner Constance asked what the rainfall variation has been in years past.

Mr. Anderson answered that he did not readily have that information but he would research it and bring it back to the Board.

Commissioner Constance replied that historically he did not know what might be available but we are getting better data and more data today versus ten years ago; twenty years ago; thirty years ago and did not know what Mr. Anderson may be able to gather, nonetheless the rainfall distribution chart for the year is a good snapshot of where we are now.

Commissioner Maio said there is significant development in Sarasota County and North Port and from Mr. Anderson's report he understands Sarasota County is using 60% of their available capacity. He asked if it is accurate for him to say Sarasota County has sufficient supply for new users when he is asked the question "where is the water going to come from?"

Mr. Anderson responded that Sarasota County's April usage was about 78% of available capacity and long-term the County is at 68-70% and so the answer is 'yes' the County has 32% in reserves for supply.

Commissioner Constance asked if and when the Phase 3B and Phase 3D interconnects come on-line is staff looking at the number of end users.

Mr. Lehman replied 'yes' everything is being coordinated. He said Sarasota County actually base loads to the PRF. The County has adequate capacity including their other supplies at the Carlton WTP and the Venice Wellfields. Part of the visioning goals of SWFWMD is for the entire region to base load surface water and minimize ground water and that is exactly what is happening.

2. Regional Integrated Loop System Phase 3B Interconnect Update [S.R. 681 to Clark Road] Presented by Kevin Morris, Science and Technology Officer

a. Project Status Report

Mr. Morris said the Phase 3B Interconnect project will include installation of approximately 4.2 miles of 48-inch diameter pipeline from the northern terminus of the existing Phase 3A Regional Interconnect north to Clark Road. The project will support Sarasota County's water needs and ultimately serve to extend the regional system toward an interconnection with Manatee County. Estimated total project cost for design and construction is \$27M and project completion is scheduled in 2020.

Mr. Morris said the Board selected King Engineering Associates, Inc. for engineering design and construction management services. The design work was initiated in February 2016. Meetings have been ongoing with Sarasota County and the various stakeholder departments including water and wastewater, solid waste, transportation and planning. There are a number of possible routes being evaluated. The starting point is where the existing Phase 3A pipeline terminates but the ending point is yet to be determined. Each route presents some design challenges which Mr. Morris briefly explained. Mr. Morris said the preliminary design is scheduled to be completed fall 2016.

b. Interlocal Agreement for Regional Integrated Loop System Phase 3B Interconnect between the Peace River Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority and Sarasota County.

Mr. Morris said an interlocal agreement is a standard element of every project the Authority undertakes and covers financial, ownership, capacity, property use, coordination and other pertinent requirements of

the project. The interlocal agreement also demonstrates to SWFWMD there is a local match for cooperative funding and is a requirement for receipt of those dollars. The Sarasota County Commission approved the interlocal agreement for this project on May 24, 2016 and the staff recommendation was for Board approval.

Motion was made by Commissioner Chappie, seconded by Commissioner Langford, to approve Interlocal Agreement for Regional Integrated Loop System Phase 3B Interconnect between the Peace River Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority and Sarasota County. Motion was approved unanimously.

3. SWFWMD FY 2017 Cooperative Funding Applications Presented by Mike Coates, Deputy Director

Mr. Coates said in September 2015 the Authority submitted the FY 2017 cooperative funding applications to SWFWMD for the three regional pipeline projects briefly described below:

1) Phase 3B Interconnect (S.R. 681 to Clark Road) will include installation of about 4.2 miles of 48-inch diameter pipeline from the northern terminus of the existing Phase 3A Regional Interconnect north to Clark Road. The Authority's 2015 Water Supply Master Plan (WSMP) estimated total project cost is \$27M and completion scheduled in 2020. Preliminary design work commenced in February 2016.

2) Phase 3D Interconnect (Fruitville Road to Manatee) will include installation of about 3.6 miles of 24-inch diameter pipeline from Fruitville Road north along the Lorraine Road corridor to the Manatee County line. The pipeline is to be installed by Schroeder Manatee Ranch (SMR) as part of the Lorraine Road corridor improvements in Lakewood Ranch. Project design is complete. The Authority's 2015 WSMP estimated total project cost is \$15.5M and project completion is scheduled in 2018.

3) Phase 4 Interconnect (Burnt Store WTP to Phase 1A) will include installation of about 15.4 miles of 24-inch diameter pipeline from Burnt Store WTP in south Charlotte County to the Phase 1A Regional Interconnect facilities along U.S. 17 east of Punta Gorda. The Authority's 2015 WSMP estimated cost is \$28M and completion timeframe is approximately five years.

Mr. Coates said as Mr. Morris earlier reported the Phase 3B Interconnect is moving forward. Because the interlocal agreement has been negotiated, SWFWMD staff ranked this project 'high' and it is anticipated this project will be approved to receive cooperative funding. Interlocal agreements for the Phase 3D and Phase 4 regional interconnects however are not negotiated and consequently SWFWMD staff ranked these projects 'low' for cooperative funding. At this time for the Phase 3D Interconnect, Sarasota County and SMR have developed a draft agreement providing for SMR installation of the pipeline facilities and sale/conveyance of those facilities to the County. Thereafter the County and the Authority must work out terms for Authority acquisition of the pipeline. At this time for the Phase 4 Interconnect, the Authority and Charlotte County continue discussions on the timing of the pipeline. Mr. Coates said since the projects are not well-defined and the interlocal agreements are not developed the staff recommendation is to withdraw the applications for cooperative funding for these two projects with the express intent of better defining the projects and developing the interlocal agreements in a timely manner and re-submit both pipeline projects to SWFWMD for FY 2018 cooperative funding.

Commissioner Constance responded that these projects were originally submitted without interlocal agreements and made the comment 'what changed'. He said even if the interlocal agreements are not developed why not keep the projects in the pipeline for funding. He asked if the Phase 3B Interconnect would be negatively affected.

Mr. Coates replied that leaving the applications in place would not negatively affect the Phase 3B Interconnect for funding. It is basically a formality to withdraw the applications that are ranked low and not recommended for funding by SWFWMD staff.

Commissioner Constance said he understands the sentiment but does not want to withdraw these projects and perhaps have the thought they are not going to move forward. He said let's keep them on the docket and if they do not get funded they are still on the radar. He is trying to understand what the negative is.

Mr. Coates said the negative is the fact they are not receiving funding. The path will be the same whether the projects are withdrawn or not. In both instances, applications will need to be re-submitted for FY 2018 cooperative funding and the interlocal agreements negotiated and in place by early 2017 to make sure these projects will be eligible for funding in FY 2018.

Commissioner Maio said he is leaning toward what Commissioner Constance is saying. He recently gave a speech at a ribbon cutting in Lakewood Ranch and made a big deal in his remarks about the Phase 3D Interconnect and does not want a newspaper story reporting that this project is off-track or not going to happen. He asked if there are any of those possible repercussions from the Authority withdrawing the projects or will the communications cover his concern.

Mr. Coates said our communications with SWFWMD can cover that. Both projects are still viable projects; they are still in our master plan; and SWFWMD is still aware of them. It is more or less a formality because these projects are not going to be recommended by SWFWMD staff for funding for FY 2017.

Commissioner Chappie asked if there are projects from member utilities/counties that are ranked higher for funding and so the Authority is backing away. Is that what this is about?

Mr. Coates replied that is not what this is about. These projects were ranked low by the SWFWMD staff because of the lack of an interlocal agreement. The Authority is not pulling them back in favor of another project by a member government.

Commissioner Constance asked if the Authority has a letter from SWFWMD that states these projects will not be funded unless the interlocal agreement is in place.

Mr. Coates said, in fact, that is what SWFWMD staff cited in their low ranking of these projects.

Commissioner Constance said if you are not in the game there is no way you are going to get funding and feels withdrawing sends the wrong signal.

Mr. Lehman said on the last page of the supporting materials for this item is the SWFWMD staff recommendation to the Governing Board for final ranking of the projects for the southern region where the Authority is located. The ranking shows low for the Phase 3D and Phase 4 projects. Mr. Lehman said it is staff's intent to withdraw the projects for FY 2017 and make every effort to better define these projects and develop the interlocal agreements and resubmit both projects for the FY 2018 funding cycle. He said it can go either way but the big thing is to understand that we need to better define the projects and we need an interlocal agreement.

Commissioner Constance said understood and that will happen. He said he will leave it to the Board.

Commissioner Langford said he felt the projects should be withdrawn as staff recommended.

Commissioner Chappie said he did not have a problem with the staff recommendation.

Motion was made by Commissioner Langford, seconded by Commissioner Chappie to withdraw FY 2017 cooperative funding applications with SWFWMD for the Phase 3D and Phase 4 Regional Interconnects. Motion failed 2 to 2 with Commissioners Maio and Constance voting no.

Commissioner Langford asked what will happen since the motion was not approved.

Commissioner Constance responded that the motion was to withdraw the cooperative funding applications so the applications will not be withdrawn.

Mr. Manson confirmed what Commissioner Constance said and restated that since the motion did not carry, the status quo is that the applications will stay pending at SWFWMD.

**4. Reservoir System Operations – Staff Presentation
Presented by Kevin Morris, Science and Technology Officer**

At the April Board meeting, Commissioner Chappie said he has heard a lot about reservoir No. 2 but not much about reservoir No. 1 and said it would be interesting to hear more about reservoir No. 1. Mr. Morris provided some details about both reservoirs including how reservoir No. 1 was actually dredged by General Development Corporation and the major restoration projects over the years; the operational concerns of both reservoirs; some of the unique features and activities for reservoir No. 2; and the overall care and maintenance of these reservoirs to ensure safe and reliable operation.

**5. Orange Hammock Ranch Conservation – Staff Presentation
Presented by Patrick Lehman, Executive Director**

Mr. Lehman said the Orange Hammock Ranch property is located in southeastern Sarasota County within the city limits of North Port. The property is undeveloped and borders the western boundary of the RV Griffin Reserve which is owned by SWFWMD and managed by the Authority. The Conservation Foundation of the Gulf Coast is facilitating a collaborative process of agencies, including Sarasota County, North Port and SWFWMD, for the purchase of the property. Mr. Lehman said he would talk about the significance of the Orange Hammock Ranch property to the Authority and Christine Johnson, President of the Conversation Foundation, was present to also address the Board.

Mr. Lehman said the Orange Hammock Ranch property is not new to the Authority. Ten years ago under different ownership it was called Isles of Athena and the Authority was very active in the DRI process being undertaken by the developer at that time. One of the key considerations is if the property is privately owned and developed or if it is publicly owned and preserved so it could potentially provide an environmental buffer to the RV Griffin Reserve.

SWFWMD purchased the RV Griffin Reserve from General Development in 1992 specifically for the purpose of the expansion and protection of the water supply facilities owned by the Authority. It was written into the documents; it is validated; there was a future vision. At the time 25 years ago nobody knew exactly what that vision was but a reservoir was a key concept. Fast forward 25 years and the concept is a reality with the construction of reservoir No. 2 coming on-line in 2009. In 2009 SWFWMD granted the Authority a perpetual easement and the Authority took over the management and operations of the entire reserve. During construction of the reservoir, all of the mitigation was done on site which saved millions of dollars. So not only did the Authority save millions of dollars by not having to pay the capital cost to purchase the property but saved millions of dollars in mitigation. The RV Griffin Reserve

is a multi-use property and in addition to water supply facilities includes mitigation sites, horse trails, cattle grazing and site for a model airplane club facility.

So what can happen in the future? Mr. Lehman said the Authority's Water Use Permit provides for expansion of the ASR wellfield on the RV Griffin Reserve. The recently completed Integrated Regional Water Supply Master Plan also provides for potential expansion of the reservoir system and development of brackish groundwater. Mr. Lehman said the Authority contracted with HDR to take a look at the feasibility of these options on the RV Griffin Reserve. The engineering and hydrologic evaluation indicates that site conditions are suitable for construction of a future reservoir.

So where does the Orange Hammock Ranch property come into play. It is located adjacent to the RV Griffin Reserve so it truly becomes an environmental buffer if it is publicly owned. It is also the missing link that would connect all of the public lands within Sarasota County to the RV Griffin Reserve and down to the Peace River making a contiguous habitat corridor. The Authority's main focus is water supply but there are a lot of other options. The Orange Hammock Ranch property provides perfect opportunity for mitigation for future development of a reservoir on the RV Griffin Reserve; provides for better water quality to the City of North Port; and provides flood protection, surface water development, wildlife habitat, and also recreational opportunities.

Mr. Lehman said what he is looking for today is Board discussion/concurrence that the Authority be part of the conversation. The draft report is what he would take forward to the table as the Authority's interests in the property. A new reservoir is not going to happen overnight but we want to set the stage and be the visionaries that those people were 25 years ago.

Commissioner Maio said there is a lot more that goes on than citizens realize to protect this water source and thanked Mr. Lehman for his efforts in this endeavor, for attending meetings and answering questions on this subject of Orange Hammock Ranch. All that said just for the purposes of the record because he gets asked with some frequency what the Authority's interest is and the Authority has no intention of building a reservoir on the Orange Hammock Ranch property. He asked "Is that correct?"

Mr. Lehman said correct. The Authority's interest in water supply development is solely related to the RV Griffin Reserve.

Commissioner Maio said and the Authority's interest is also to aid and mitigate and enhance the water that flows south that eventually flows into the City of North Port's water treatment plant.

Mr. Lehman said 'yes'; it is a benefit to both the regional supplier and the City.

Commissioner Maio stated there are some people who still don't believe that so now we have Mr. Lehman on record.

Mr. Lehman added that the report in the Board book will be posted on the Authority's website.

Commissioner Constance said he appreciates Mr. Lehman's patience and determination because as previously mentioned this has been around a long time and Mr. Lehman has continued to keep a watchful eye on it and thinks the time is right that we all come together to understand how intensely important this is for not only the Authority and Sarasota County and North Port but the entire region. He noted in the board packet are the letters of support from the Authority, Sarasota County and North Port and he just passed out to the Board members the letter of support from Charlotte County. He asked DeSoto and Manatee counties to please present this matter to their BOCC for consideration and get a letter of support

because it is incredibly important they are all in step because it is will help this mission so much more.

Ms. Johnson said on behalf of Conservation Foundation of the Gulf Coast, Board of Trustees, and our staff and our thousands of supporters, we want to say thank you; thank you for this report; thank you for this opportunity; and thank you for your vision and coming forward and supporting the Conservation of Orange Hammock Ranch. As previously mentioned, there is a long history with the Orange Hammock Ranch property. Conservation Foundation was also involved ten years ago when it was the Isles of Athena and are now gaining some headway with the current owners. They are very much in favor of the property being conserved and they are being patient but their patience is being tried. They are holding off putting the property on the market by giving us an option to purchase the property.

It is established in this report as well as in other places where I have spoken at Sarasota County, City of North Port and SWFWMD Board meetings about the importance of the Orange Hammock Ranch property. So what we are right now trying to do is execute our option. In order to do that, we have to bring everybody to the table and talk about who is going to own it, who is going to manage it, what are going to be the opportunities for public use, and ultimately how much everyone is going to put into the pot. The Authority's efforts to ensure the quality, reliability sustainability and protection of our drinking water supply is evident in this report. The report frames the conservation discussion quite well which is going to be helpful at the negotiation table. The report outlines succinctly as well as scientifically the regional importance to our water supply and quality, our flood protection, wildlife habitat, connectivity for wildlife as well as for humans, recreational opportunity and opportunities for hydrologic restoration. Your report will be very helpful in facilitating the negotiations the Conservation Foundation is starting. It is my hope the Authority will choose to have a representative at the table.

Commissioner Langford asked is there is any discussion about agriculture use on the property.

Ms. Johnson said currently it is being cattle ranched on some parts but it is really up to who owns the property.

Mr. Lehman said he has had a lot of discussions with Ms. Johnson, Mr. Lewis at the City and Mr. Harner at Sarasota County. As Ms. Johnson said it is time for everybody to sit at the same table at the same time, coalesce and discuss what the opportunities are for utilization on that property. For the Authority it is restoration and mitigation. Mr. Lehman requested Board concurrence for the Authority to be part of the discussion.

Commissioner Constance recognized the Board members' head nods and said they were fully on-board with Mr. Lehman's recommendation and said we are going to get you two more letters so you will have everybody at the table.

6. FDEP Tri-Party Funding Agreement for Punta Gorda RO Project/Authority Phase 1 Interconnect Project
Presented by Mike Coates, Deputy Director

Mr. Coates said a tri-party funding agreement has been developed between FDEP, City of Punta Gorda and the Authority to administer the \$4M funding for the Punta Gorda RO project. In accordance with the December 2015 Interlocal Agreement with the City these state funds are to be applied as part of the City's share of the Phase 1 Interconnect project. The City has another \$2M obligation most of which will be paid for by SWFWMD money for the City's RO project. The tri-party agreement allows the Authority to bill DEP directly for Phase 1 project expenses.

Motion was made by Commissioner Langford, seconded by Commissioner Maio, to approve and authorize Executive Director to execute DEP Agreement No. LP08032 for state financial assistance up to \$4,000,000 for the 'Punta Gorda Reverse Osmosis Water Treatment Plant and Brackish Groundwater Supply Project'. Motion was approved unanimously.

GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT

Mr. Manson had nothing to report.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Lehman said approval of the DEP agreement brings to fruition a lengthy and important endeavor and recognized Mr. Manson and Mr. Paul for their efforts in this accomplishment.

Mr. Lehman said the tentative budget is posted on the Authority's website. Discussions have been ongoing with the member staffs and there are no updates or concerns/issues to-date.

Mr. Lehman said the MBDV billings are where you would expect them to be one-third of the way through the contract term and about 40% billed on the contract amount. The contract also provides for special projects with Board approval. Mr. Lehman noted the RTD settlement on the 1991 rebuild project was completed with approximately \$9,000 in legal fees and the settlement included liquidated damages in the amount of \$224,000 which could support these fees.

Commissioner Constance said according to the check registers for March and April there is only one check payable to MBDV and asked Mr. Manson how up-to-date his billings are.

Mr. Manson said they are behind. The February bill has gone out and March and April will be going out shortly. He said a new partner was added to the firm and apparently that complicated the billing system.

Commissioner Constance asked Mr. Manson if he would be caught up for the July 28th meeting so we can take a good look and see where we are at.

Mr. Manson responded 'yes' He said the annual contract is \$180,000 and assured the Board anything over that amount would not be billed to the Authority.

ROUTINE STATUS REPORTS

Routine status reports are provided for informational purposes and no presentation is made.

1. Hydrologic Conditions Report
2. Check Registers for March 2016 and April 2016
3. Regional Integrated Loop System Phase 1 Interconnect [U.S. 17 to Punta Gorda]
4. Partially Treated Water Aquifer Storage & Recovery Concept

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Commissioner Constance said at the last meeting he had the impression the contract with Ray Pilon would soon be ending so did not pursue a discussion but later became aware the contract had been renewed for \$3,750 per month until the end of 2016 so wanted full disclosure that the Authority is basically paying two lobbyists.

Mr. Lehman said he felt there may be some misunderstanding regarding Mr. Pilon's association with the Authority and wanted to clarify that Mr. Pilon is not a lobbyist for the Authority. He said Mr. Pilon has twenty years of history with the Authority beginning in 1996 when he was Sarasota County's representative on the Authority Board. After that he was employed by the Authority as the Governmental Affairs Coordinator and retained that position for about ten years before becoming a state representative. After he left the Authority that vacancy was not filled. The Authority re-shuffled internally and Mr. Coates took on the day-to-day operations as Deputy Director which freed up Mr. Lehman's time to pursue these activities and Mr. Pilon was engaged to provide liaison and communication services. Mr. Lehman said Mr. Pilon has been instrumental in supplying/arranging contacts with local, regional and state governmental officials as well as industry leaders that he could not do himself.

Commissioner Constance said he appreciated the clarification.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

SCHEDULE OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Next Authority Board Meeting and Public Hearing for FY 2017 Budget

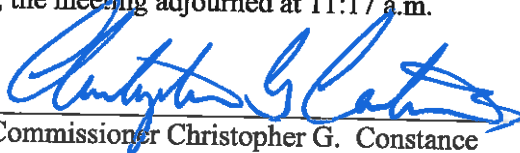
Thursday, July 28, 2016 @ 9:30 a.m.
Charlotte County Administration Center
Commission Chambers, Room 119
18500 Murdock Circle, Port Charlotte, Florida

Future Authority Board Meetings

October 5, 2016 @ 9:30 a.m. – Sarasota County Administration Center, Sarasota, Florida
December 7, 2016 @ 9:30 a.m. – Manatee County Administrative Center, Bradenton, Florida

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 11:17 a.m.


Commissioner Christopher G. Constance
Chairman

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