

Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting
PEACE RIVER MANASOTA REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY
Southwest Florida Water Management District
Sarasota Service Office
6750 Fruitville Road, Sarasota, Florida

December 19, 2018

Board Members Present:

Commissioner Alan Maio, Sarasota County, Chairman
Commissioner Elton Langford, DeSoto County, Vice Chairman
Commissioner Ken Doherty, Charlotte County
Commissioner Priscilla Trace, Manatee County

Staff Present:

Patrick Lehman, Executive Director
Doug Manson, General Counsel
Ann Lee, Finance & Administration Manager
Kevin Morris, Engineering & Projects Manager
Richard Anderson, System Operations Manager
Rachel Kersten, Agency Clerk

Others Present:

A list of others presents who signed the attendance roster for this meeting is filed with the permanent records of the Authority.

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Maio called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

INVOCATION

Commissioner Elton Langford offered the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Board led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. The 'Peace River Cooperation Settlement Agreement'

Attorneys for the Authority and litigants to the proposed issuance of the Water Use Permit have reached a settlement resolving the litigation and providing for the water use permit to be issued. Douglas Manson,

General Counsel presented the documents for the Board's consideration and provided an overview of the points of agreement included.

Commissioner Doherty asked for clarification on Section VIII of the proposed settlement agreement where it discusses the development of a Coordinating Committee within 6-months of the agreement's effective date.

Mr. Manson explained that formation of a Coordinating Committee for water users on the Peace River is included in the settlement agreement. He said that the Coordinating Committee could include more than just the Authority, the Co-op and the City of Lakeland; we left that open in the points of agreement for other governments to participate. In the interim, we're going to have the ability for the Cooperative and the Authority to be able to manage Committee responsibilities including things like setting meeting locations and dates.

Commissioner Doherty stated that he likes the scope of the agreement and that it looks good. He also noted that he sees where we will have to jointly petition SWFWMD if we want more water from the river and asked Mr. Manson to further clarify this point.

Mr. Manson stated that yes, The Authority and the Cooperative, and any other entities who decide to participate would work together to petition and make an effort to convince the District to increase the maximum daily withdrawal quantity available from the lower Peace River. He also explained that the parties would also jointly decide on allocation of this increased flow/quantity. However, in the event we can't reach an agreement with the Co-Op on this, the increase will be allocated to the Authority based on a ratio of 210/258 MGD and to the Cooperative based on a ratio of 48/258 MGD.

Commissioner Maio commended Mr. Manson, his staff, Mr. Lehman and the Authority staff for the tremendous effort put forth to bring this situation to a quick, calm, and relatively peaceable resolution. No one expected the outcome to be so favorable or to happen as quick as it did when this all first started.

Motion was made by Commissioner Trace, seconded by Commissioner Doherty, to approve and authorize the chairman to execute the 'Peace River Cooperation Settlement Agreement'. Motion was approved unanimously.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

There were no additional Board member comments.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Authority Board Meeting

Wednesday, February 6, 2019 @ 9:30 a.m.
Peace River Facility, Water Quality/Training Facility
8998 SW County Road 769, Arcadia, Florida

Future Authority Board Meeting

Wednesday, April 3, 2019 @ 9:30 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

BOARD APPROVED

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Peace River Manasota
Regional Water Supply Authority



Commissioner Alan Maio
Chairman