

10. OLD BUSINESS

- b. Water Quality Issues
 - 4. Reports on Meetings
 - a. Vice Mayor Denham's appointment as Chairman of the SFRPC Caloosahatchee Basin Board Subcommittee

**Minutes of the SWFRPC
Caloosahatchee Basin Board Subcommittee
Meeting of May 18, 2006**

Members

Commissioner David Lyons, City of LaBelle
Vice Mayor Mick Denham, City of Sanibel
Commissioner Tom Henning, Collier County BOCC
Mayor Jay Arend, City of Bonita Springs
Councilman Bill Willkomm, City of Naples
Commissioner Adam Cummings, Charlotte County BOCC
Councilman Mickey Rosado, City of Cape Coral
Commissioner John Albion, Lee County BOCC

Agencies

Jon Iglehart, FDEP
Rhonda Haag, SFWMD

Staff

Wayne Daltry, Lee County Smart Growth
David Burr, SWFRPC
David Crawford, SWFRPC
Nichole Gwinnett, SWFRPC

Call To Order

Mr. David Burr of staff called the meeting to order at 11:20 am.

Mr. Burr stated that the first order of business is to elect a Chairman for the Committee at which time he asked Vice Mayor Denham if he would become the Chair. Vice Mayor Denham agreed.

Approval of the Minutes of March 16, 2006

Commissioner Cummings moved and Councilman Rosado seconded to approve the minutes of March 16, 2006 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Update on the BMP Rule (Southwest Florida and the new LOER)

Ms. Haag requested that this item be deferred to the next meeting.

Pollutant Load Reduction Goal (PLRG) Spreadsheet

Ms. Haag requested that this item be deferred to the next meeting.

Summary on Lake Okeechobee Water Supply Environmental Schedule by the Corps of Engineers

Mr. Daltry gave a PowerPoint presentation.

Councilman Rosado stated that there needs to be communication with the boaters.

Commissioner Albion stated that the forward pumps are scheduled to be in place by next spring.

Ms. Haag clarified that the forward pumps have been ordered.

Chairman Denham stated that he is still concerned with the water quality as it goes into the reservoirs and then as it is pumped back out into the Calooshattee River.

Discussions ensued regarding that there is currently nothing put in place to deter what happened last year with the releases and what is going to happen this year.

Chairman Denham explained that there have been lawsuits filed on the east coast and to the south regarding the limitation of the amount of water that is to be released.

Legislative Updates with the Caloosahatchee Initiatives

Mr. Daltry gave an overview of the updates.

Councilman Rosado asked if the Council's subcommittee has any influence for recommendations on the board. Mr. Daltry suggested the committee send their recommendations for membership to the Governor.

Community's Administrative Infrastructure/Matrix

Mr. Crawford of staff briefly reviewed the local government capabilities matrix as contained in the distributed handout and explained the basin map provided by the Council GIS staff.

Mr. Daltry distributed a handout illustrating the septic tanks around the Orange River basin.

Discussion ensued.

Mr. Daltry noted that the US Supreme Court, with a 9-0 vote, voted that the dams in Maine are to meet water quality standards and that any discharges from a structure are to meet all water quality standards.

Discussions ensued.

Committee Identified Outcomes by 2009

Commissioner Henning and Mr. Daltry discussed the issue of Lee County taking over the utility company in Lehigh Acres.

Mayor Arend stated that he would like to see something done about having slow releasing fertilizers available to the public.

Mr. Daltry announced that the SFWMD Governing Board had a red tide presentation given by the National Marine Sanctuary and recommended that the same presentation be given to the committee.

Chairman Denham stated that he would like to see reports on what each community has done or is in the process of doing for the following items to be discussed at the next meeting:

- Septic Systems (map)
- Slow Releasing Fertilizers (comprehensive plan policies, land development regulations)
- Controlled Stormwater Facilities (map)

Next Meeting Date and Time

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, June 15th immediately following the Council meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:48 pm

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