

**WITHLACOOCHEE REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**DATE:** July 16, 2009  
**TIME:** 7:00 P.M.  
**PLACE:** Withlacoochee Regional Planning Council  
1241 S. W. 10<sup>th</sup> Street  
Ocala, FL 34471-0323

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Ken Hinkle, Citrus County Municipal Representative  
Dennis Damato, Citrus County Commissioner  
Joe Meek, Citrus County Commissioner  
Edward "Bill" Murray, Citrus County Governor's Appointee  
Richard Wesch, Citrus County Governor's Appointee  
Joe Johnston, III, Hernando County Municipal Representative  
James Adkins, Hernando County Commissioner  
Rose Rocco, Hernando County Commissioner  
Buddy "Walter" Selph, Hernando County Governor's Appointee  
Fred Ward, Marion County Municipal Representative  
Barbara Fitos, Marion County Commissioner  
Mike Amsden, Marion County Commissioner  
Martha Hanson, Marion County Governor's Appointee  
Edward Kelly, Marion County Governor's Appointee  
Ronald Allen, Sumter County Municipal Representative  
Garry Breeden, Sumter County Commissioner  
Ed Nowe, Sumter County Governor's Appointee

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Winn Webb, Citrus County Commissioner  
John Druzick, Hernando County Commissioner  
Pat O'Neal, Levy County Municipal Representative  
Danny Stevens, Levy County Commissioner  
Stan McClain, Marion County Commissioner  
Charlie Stone, Marion County Commissioner  
Ed Abshier, Marion County Governor's Appointee  
Mary Sue Rich, City of Ocala Municipal Representative  
Glenn Horvath, Non-Voting Ex-Officio Member representing SRWMD  
Deborah Getzoff, Non-Voting Ex-Officio Member representing DEP  
Randy Welker, Non-Voting Ex-Officio Member representing DOC

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Fred Landt, WRPC Attorney  
Peter Rocco, Hernando County  
Chuck Dixon, Citrus County Schools

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Michael R. Moehlman, Executive Director  
Glenda J. Roberts, Office Manager/Board Secretary

**AGENDA ITEM #1 - CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Allen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**AGENDA ITEM #2 - INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Invocation was given by Mr. Damato and the Pledge of Allegiance followed.

**AGENDA ITEM #3 - WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chairman Allen welcomed everyone to the meeting. He asked Attorney Fred Landt to administer the Oath of Office to new Board member, Commissioner Adkins from Hernando County.

**AGENDA ITEM #4 - ROLL CALL**

Ms. Roberts called the roll and a majority quorum was present.

**AGENDA ITEM #5 - ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

A motion was made by Mr. Damato and seconded by Mr. Johnston to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION TO ADOPT  
AGENDA

**AGENDA ITEM #6 - APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE JUNE 18, 2009 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

A motion was made by Mr. Kelly and seconded by Mr. Hinkle to approve the minutes of the June 18, 2009 Board of Directors meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Moehlman announced that our former Chairman, Mr. Eugene Poole fell and broke his leg as he was transferring from his wheelchair to his seat in his van. Mr. Allen asked that we send a card from the WRPC.

**MOTION TO  
APPROVE MINUTES**

**AGENDA ITEM #7 - REGULAR BUSINESS**

**A. WRPC 2009/2010 Budget**

Mr. Moehlman reported that the Budget Committee met and reviewed the budget last month prior to the full Board meeting. He noted that they requested additional information which he provided in the mail to them. Mr. Moehlman stated that prior to the start of this meeting, Ms. Fitos let him know that she still had some concerns. He went on to review the budget. Mr. Moehlman stated that salary brackets will remain the same as the current year. The Budget Committee asked him to bring back a budget to the Board that had no increase. He said they asked for no salary increases, and he stated that the board was reviewing a standstill budget. Mr. Moehlman stated that he mailed out expenditures through 9 months of this fiscal year to the Budget Committee and that is what he thought they wanted. Mr. Moehlman said he doesn't expect to add to the reserves this year. He commented that despite concerns with state funds we are doing pretty good. Normally we spend about \$2,500 on printing the Annual Report, but we are looking at putting it on our website electronically. Mr. Johnston asked if any of the vacant planning positions are going to be filled. Mr. Moehlman answered that he just hired someone and but doesn't plan to hire anyone else. Mr. Allen asked if we received an increase in our health insurance. Mr. Moehlman stated that he doesn't know yet, but if there is we may have to give up paying 50% towards family coverage. Ms. Fitos commented that the Budget Committee wanted to see budget comparisons 08/09 and projections for 09/10, as well as budget actual. She said the budget information needs to be on the same page in columns side by side. Ms. Fitos said she would feel better if the Budget Committee could meet again.

A motion was made by Ms. Rocco and seconded by Mr. Kelly to call a Budget Committee meeting, postpone the budget approval at this time, and staff provide information to Committee and include hard numbers.

The vote on the motion carried with five nays.

Ms. Fitos said she has no doubt that numbers are accurate, but wants to be able to make an informed decision, especially during these economic tight times.

**MOTION TO CALL A  
BUDGET**

Mr. Johnston commented that he has monitored the budget over the years and feels the staff does a good job.

Mr. Damato asked how long it will take to put together the information for the Budget Committee. Mr. Moehlman said it could be a couple of weeks.

**B. Hazard Analysis Contracts**

Mr. Moehlman stated that we are in the process of negotiating with Levy and Sumter counties to determine if they want us to supply DCA with their Hazard Analysis Data. This is an annual contract and the amount for Levy County will be about \$5,850 and the amount for Sumter will be about \$5,700. After negotiations we will need to sign a contract with DCA. Mr. Moehlman stated that we do not make money on this project. He requested approval for the Chair or Executive Director to sign related material on HA projects.

A motion was made by Mr. Johnston and seconded by Ms. Rocco to authorize the Chair or the Executive Director to sign related material on HA projects. Motion carried unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM #8 - CITIZEN'S INPUT**

None.

**AGENDA ITEM #9 - CHAIR'S REPORT**

Mr. Allen reported that he and Mr. Moehlman attended the FRCA Policy Board meeting. He said he received a lot of information and tries to bring back information to his local government. He commented that he is amazed with Ron Book, although sometimes you are not sure where he is going.

Chairman Allen announced the next meeting scheduled for August 20, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. He encouraged members to attend the next meeting in order to have a majority quorum for budget approval. Mr. Allen stated that he doesn't want the budget approval process to carry over to September because other local governments will be taking up their budgets and we may not have the necessary quorum.

Mr. Johnston pointed out that we need to update the minutes on the WRPC website.

**COMMITTEE  
MEETING AND  
POSTPONE BUDGET  
APPROVAL AT THIS  
TIME**

**MOTION TO  
AUTHORIZE CHAIR  
OR E.D. TO SIGN  
MATERIAL ON HA  
PROJECTS**

**AGENDA ITEM #10 - DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Moehlman commented regarding the recent FRCA meeting and stated that Ron Book is never out of contact. He reported that there was a lot of discussion on SB 360 at that meeting.

**AGENDA ITEM #11 - OTHER BUSINESS**

None.

**AGENDA ITEM #12 - ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m. by the Chair, Mr. Ronald Allen.

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Ronald B. Allen