

# **LAKE BELT MITIGATION COMMITTEE**

## **Meeting Summary**

South Florida Water Management District

3301 Gun Club Road, (Bldg. B-1, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Storch Room)

West Palm Beach, Florida 33406

This meeting was conducted as a teleconference call at (561) 682-6800

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**Friday, August 16, 2019 9:00 AM**

1. Call to Order by Ansley Marr, Chair

- a) Meeting began at 9:00 AM

2. Attendees

a) Committee Members

- 1. Ansley Marr, Chair, SFWMD
- 2. Robert Progulske, Vice Chair, USFWS (Teleconference)
- 3. Ed Smith, DEP
- 4. Craig Grossenbacher, DERM (Teleconference)
- 5. Cecelia Harper, USEPA (Teleconference)
- 6. Jason Hight, FFWCC (Teleconference)
- 7. Mindy Hogan-Charles, USACE (Teleconference)
- 8. Jeff Rosenfeld, MDLPA (ex-officio)

b) Other meeting attendees

- 1. Robert Hopper, SFWMD
- 2. Michele Quigley, SFWMD
- 3. Shamindra Balkaran, SFWMD
- 4. Julie Maytock, SFWMD
- 5. Ray Palmer, SFWMD
- 6. Tom MacVicar, MDLPA
- 7. Mindy Parrot, SFWMD

8. Lourdes Elias, SFWMD
9. Robert Schaeffer, SFWMD
10. Alexis Carryl, SFWMD
11. Gary Buss, SFWMD
12. Randy Bushey, Jacobs

c) Other teleconference attendees

1. Howard Hayes, DEP
2. Amy Morgan, DEP

3. Selection of Committee Chair and Vice Chair

After some discussion, the Committee voted for Ansley Marr to be the new Chair and Robert Progulske to be the new Vice Chair.

4. Approval of Minutes

LBMC Meeting Minutes from March 28, 2019 were reviewed by the Committee members. The minutes were moved for approval by Ed Smith, with a second by Robert Progulske. The minutes were approved by the Committee.

5. Submittal of Invoices for Acceptance by LBMC – Robert Hopper / Jeff Rosenfeld

Jeff Rosenfeld discussed the invoices submitted since the last Committee meeting and Robert Hopper presented a spreadsheet (copy attached) summarizing the invoices to be accepted by the Committee. These invoices included: 1) one L-31N Phase II invoice totaling \$5,767.38, 2) one Dade-Broward Levee Construction Monitoring Phase II invoice totaling \$125,479.20, 3) three Dade-Broward Levee Construction Monitoring Phase III invoices totaling \$13,205.25, and 4) one Lake Belt Water Quality Monitoring invoice totaling \$12,623.06. The total invoices since the last Committee meeting were \$157,074.89. The SFWMD spreadsheet also reflects the motion at the last LBMC meeting to close the L-31N Phase II account and transfer the remaining balance (\$1,149,857.42) to the Dade-Broward Levee Construction Monitoring Phase III account. Ed Smith moved to accept the invoices and Robert Progulske seconded the motion. The motion to accept the invoices was approved by the Committee. A question was asked about the L-31N

Phase II monitoring and Jeff said the monitoring was still ongoing and the minor expenditures would be charged to the Dade-Broward Levee Construction Monitoring Phase III account.

6. FY 20 Funding Request: C-139 Annex restoration project – Jeff Rosenfeld

A motion was presented to “Approve the expenditure of \$2 million of additional funding for the C-139 Annex Restoration Project. At an estimated cost of \$15,248 per WRAP credit, this expenditure authorizes the award of 131.2 WRAP credits for 2019, subject to the final credit determination and cost estimate for the project.” It was discussed that this was the eighth annual payment (as proposed in the cash flow analysis discussed during the initial approval by the Committee in 2012) and that the LBMC funding was front-loaded to provide the original estimated \$35 million needed for the restoration of the project by 2017. With this request, the current project funding will be \$39 million. The credit award is based on the WRAP scoring approved by the Committee in 2012, which has not yet been finalized through Corps permitting. It was discussed that the SFWMD will be coming back to the Committee with an updated cost and mitigation credit estimate. Ed Smith moved to approve the motion and it was seconded by Bob Progulske. The motion to fund the C-139 Annex Restoration Project was approved by the Committee. Miami-Dade County voted against approval, all others were in favor.

7. Status update of Cemex Pennsuco property acquisition – Ray Palmer / Robert Schaeffer

This acquisition is the result of a land swap between Cemex and the Division of State Lands. This type of land swap of miner-owned Pennsuco property was recommended in the 1990’s Lake Belt Plan. The LBMC approved the funding for the land acquisition in 2017 and the acquisition was also approved by the SFWMD Governing Board in 2017. The closing has been delayed by the other parties in the overall land swap, not Cemex and SFWMD. Ray Palmer said that the other parties appear to be getting closer to finalizing the deal and he was hopeful that the property would be acquired by the end of the year or early next year.

#### 8. Potential for new appraisal and offering on outstanding Pennsuco property – Ray Palmer

Ray Palmer provided a map identifying that approximately 1,200 acres of private property remained in the Pennsuco mitigation project. The acreage is spread among 140 parcels – mostly small 5 and 10-acre properties. Ray described the ongoing “willing seller” program, but said that a willing seller had not approached the SFWMD in the last 1.5 years. The last mass mail-out to property owners was done about 8-10 years ago, but had not really generated additional sales. Ray wanted the Committee to consider obtaining a new overall appraisal for the 140 parcels (approximately \$20,000 for the overall appraisal) and decide how best to reach-out to existing property owners (many who may be difficult to locate). After much discussion (appraisal values, Property Appraiser values, offer price, contact approach), it was decided that SFWMD would develop a database of current owners and outreach options for the Committee to consider at the next LBMC meeting.

#### 9. Public Comment

None.

#### 10. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting date is uncertain at this point. The updated C-139 restoration project will be discussed at the next meeting, which will be scheduled once the Corps permit is issued and the cost estimate is finalized.

#### 11. Meeting Adjourned