

LAKE BELT MITIGATION COMMITTEE

Meeting Summary

South Florida Water Management District

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

West Palm Beach, Florida 33406

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

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Wednesday, August 25, 2020 9:30 AM

1. Call to Order by Jennifer Reynolds, Chair

- a) Meeting began at 9:30 AM

2. Attendees

a) Committee Members

- 1. Jennifer Reynolds, SFWMD
- 2. Robert Progulski, USFWS (Teleconference)
- 3. Dianne Rosensweig, USACE (Teleconference)
- 4. Cecelia Harper, USEPA (Teleconference)
- 5. Ed Smith, DEP (Teleconference)
- 6. Jason Hight, FWCC (Teleconference)
- 7. Michael Spinelli for Craig Grossenbacher, DERM (Teleconference)
- 8. Jeff Rosenfeld, MDLPA (ex-officio) (Teleconference)

b) Other meeting attendees

- 1. Robert Hopper, SFWMD
- 2. Lourdes Elias, SFWMD

c) Other teleconference attendees

- 3. Alexis Carryl, SFWMD
- 4. Ray Palmer, SFWMD
- 5. Matt Morrison, SFWMD
- 6. Mindy Parrot, SFWMD
- 7. Jesse VanEyck, SFWMD
- 8. Michelle Quigley, SFWMD
- 9. Rory Feeney, SFWMD
- 10. Stephen Collins, SFWMD
- 11. Emily Canney, SFWMD
- 12. Amy Morgan, DEP
- 13. Jessica Duke, DEP
- 14. Tom MacVicar, MDLPA
- 15. William Baker, MDLPA

3. Approval of Minutes

Draft LBMC Meeting Minutes from March 25, 2020 were reviewed by the Committee members. Two minor corrections were suggested and have been included in the final minutes. The minutes were moved for approval by Robert Progulske, with a second by Ed Smith. The minutes were approved by the Committee.

4. 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) two Dade-Broward Levee Construction/Monitoring Phase III invoices totaling \$13,142.40, and 2) two Lake Belt Water Quality Monitoring invoices totaling \$44,853.30. The total for the invoices since the last Committee meeting was \$57,995.70. The invoices were accepted by the Committee.

5. FY 21 Funding Request: Dade-Broward Levee Structures Operations & Maintenance (O&M) – Jeff Rosenfeld

A motion was presented to “Approve the expenditure of \$19,179 for the operations and maintenance of the two new Dade-Broward Levee water control structures.” These structures were constructed as part of the Committee-approved Dade-Broward Levee Phase 2 project. A Three-Party Agreement for the structures has been executed by SFWMD, Miami-Dade County, and MDLPA. Under that Agreement, SFWMD will operate and maintain the new structures and a 50-year O&M cost estimate was included in the Agreement. Cecelia Harper asked for more detail on what was being requested. The proposed scope and the purchase of a vegetation barrier were discussed and a more detailed scope and budget will be distributed to the Committee members with the handouts for the next Committee meeting. It was also requested that more detail be provided on the invoices submitted for Committee acceptance at the next meeting. It was decided that this item could move forward in the meantime to allow the funding to be transferred to SFWMD for the upcoming fiscal year. Dianne Rosensweig moved to approve the motion and it was seconded by Jason Hight. The motion to fund the Dade-Broward Levee structures O&M was approved by the Committee.

6. Project update – Sam Jones - Abiaki Prairie Mitigation Project – Robert Hopper

Robert Hopper made a presentation describing the project goals and status, the permitting history and estimated functional unit disbursement timetable, construction and revegetation methods, and photos showing the wildlife that have been seen on the site.

It was discussed that Phase 1 of the project has been mostly constructed and now that the Phase 2 permits have been issued, SFWMD is looking to begin construction of Phase 2. SFWMD is updating the project cost estimate and payment schedule for the project. SFWMD and MDLPA have been discussing a two-party agreement to document project responsibilities. It was discussed that SFWMD would like to present the cost estimate and schedule to the Committee and a September 29, 2020 Committee meeting will be scheduled for that discussion.

7. Status update of Pennsuco acquisitions – Ray Palmer

Ray Palmer reported that 1,100-acre Cemex Pennsuco property acquisition, which has already been approved by the Committee, closed during the last month. He also reported that three small willing seller acquisitions have been / will be approved by the SFWMD Governing Board this year. He showed a map of the approximately 1,200 acres of privately-owned property located within the 12,700+-acre Pennsuco wetlands.

10. Public Comment

None.

11. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting date is September 29, 2020 at 9:30 AM. The updated Sam Jones – Abiaki Prairie mitigation project will be discussed at the next meeting. A presentation will also be made by SFWMD on Sunshine Law requirements.

12. Meeting Adjourned