

# **LAKE BELT MITIGATION COMMITTEE**

## **Meeting Summary**

South Florida Water Management District

3301 Gun Club Road, (B-2 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, EMD Training Room)

West Palm Beach, Florida 33406

This meeting was conducted as a teleconference call at (561) 682-6700

Meet-me number (866) 433-6299 - Meeting ID #9731

**Wednesday, November 20, 2013 9:00 AM**

1. Call to Order by Terrie Bates, Chair

- a) Meeting began at 09:00 AM

2. Attendees

a) Committee Members

- 1. Terrie Bates, Chairperson, SFWMD
- 2. Danielle Irwin, DEP (Teleconference)
- 3. Craig Grossenbacher, MD RER (Teleconference)
- 4. Samantha Rice, USACE (Alternate)
- 5. Bob Progulske, USFWS (Teleconference)
- 6. Anita Bain, SFWMD (Alternate - Teleconference)
- 7. Eric Hughes, USEPA
- 8. Jeff Rosenfeld, MDLPA (ex-officio)

b) Other meeting attendees

- 1. Marjorie Moore, SFWMD
- 2. Krista Sabin, USACE
- 3. Lourdes Elias, SFWMD
- 4. Ray Palmer, SFWMD
- 5. Olga Lopez-Oriol, SFWMD
- 8. Steve Krupa, SFWMD

9. Steve Coughlin, SFWMD
10. Karen Estock, SFWMD
10. Lee Chitty, Contractor SFWMD
11. Susan Kaynor, USACE

c) Other teleconference attendees

1. Howard Hayes, DEP
2. June Mirecki, USACE
3. Alan Whitehouse, DEP
4. Tom MacVicar, MDLPA

3. Approval of Minutes

a) Meeting Minutes from August 23, 2013 were reviewed by the Committee members. Bob Progulske requested a clarification to some wording in the minutes. The changes were made and minutes were moved for approval by Eric Hughes, second by Samantha Rice. The minutes were approved, as changed, by the Committee.

4. Opening Comments – Terrie discussed the idea of providing an orientation and background history for the new members of the Lake Belt Mitigation Committee. New members agreed this would be helpful. Terrie will conduct this orientation at the next scheduled Committee meeting.

5. Submittal of Invoices for Acceptance by LBMC – Marjorie Moore

Marjorie Moore presented a spreadsheet (copy attached) summarizing the invoices for August through October to be accepted by the Committee. Eric Hughes moved to accept the invoices, Samantha Rice seconded the motion. The motion to accept the invoices was approved by the Committee.

6. 2013 Abiaka Prairie Project Funding Approval – Terrie Bates

Terrie discussed the draft Cash Flow Analysis from the October 16, 2012 LBMC meeting (copy attached) which described future Lake Belt projects, funding requirements and future adjustments to the Fee-Per-Ton. After discussion of the status of the Abiaka Prairie restoration

project and a review of the cash flow analysis, a motion was made by Eric Hughes, seconded by Samantha Rice to approve an \$8 million contribution to the project from the Lake Belt Mitigation Trust Fund for 2013, which would result in the award of 524.7 WRAP credits (\$15,248 cost per WRAP unit). Samantha Rice pointed out that the WRAP scoring was still tentative, pending the Corps permit review of the project.

Terrie commented that the project continues on track and the District's intent is to use the LBMC payments to pay for restoration/construction of the entire C-139 Annex Restoration project within the first 5 years, with later payments covering land reimbursement costs. She also noted that in order to synchronize the Lake Belt mitigation payments with the District's budget process, the District would request the Committee meet annually in June to take action on C-139 mitigation funding.

After further discussion, the motion was approved by the Committee, with Craig Grossenbacher voting no on the motion.

#### 7. Pennsuco Appraisals – Ray Palmer

Ray discussed the history of appraisals and land purchases within the Pennsuco over the past 14 years. He presented a slide presentation (copy attached) displaying current ownership of Pennsuco lands, the Value Factors and Appraisal Options. He discussed the options of a Pennsuco-wide appraisal vs. parcel-specific appraisal as acquisition opportunities arise. After Committee discussions, Eric Hughes made a motion, seconded by Samantha Rice, to budget \$20,000 for possible future parcel-specific appraisals at an estimated cost of less than \$5,000 per appraisal and to reiterate the Committee's earlier approval of maximum land purchase costs that can be processed by the SFWMD without specific action by the Committee. The motion was approved by the Committee.

#### 8. L-31N Seepage Project, Monitoring Results Update – Jeff Rosenfeld

Jeff presented an update (copy attached) of the monitoring data for the L-31N Seepage Barrier Project discussing the latest 3 months of data since the last Committee meeting. The data indicate that the 2-mile, 36-foot deep barrier wall is influencing water levels and seepage from the Park into the L-31N Canal.

9. Next Meeting Date - Wednesday, March 5, 2014, 10:00 AM SFWMD

Proposed discussion items:

- a) Draft LBMC Annual Report – Jeff Rosenfeld and Lee Chitty
- b) Orientation for New Committee Members – Terrie Bates

10. Meeting Adjourned