



South Florida Water Management District

Public Meeting to Discuss Regulatory Matters

August 21, 2009

10:00 a.m. – Noon

South Florida Water Management District - B-1 Storch Room
3301 Gun Club Road, West Palm Beach, FL 33406

MEETING MINUTES

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the Executive Director (Carol Wehle) at 10:00 a.m.

Ms. Wehle welcomed everyone and noted that this meeting was being video-teleconferenced with Martin/St. Lucie, Orlando and Ft. Myers Service Centers. Ms. Wehle explained the purpose of the meeting was to take public comment on permit applications. No decisions will be made, however concerns will be taken into consideration during the deliberation of permits. Policy issues will be deliberated upon by the Governing Board. These meetings are one in a series of actions put into place to ensure our continued commitment to open & transparent processes.

Ms. Wehle encouraged everyone to use the District permitting web sites to follow the permit review process, subscribe to receive e-mails via eNotice on our ePermitting website and comment early in the process. All activity on the permit application is posted on ePermitting and is available for everyone to access on our website.

Ms. Wehle introduced key staff in the permitting process Deena Reppen, Deputy Executive Director, Terrie Bates, Assistant Deputy Executive Director, Marjorie Craig, Director of Water Supply, and Bob Brown, Director of Environmental Resource Regulation.

Mr. Brown reviewed some procedural items and requested that anyone wanting to speak fill out a speaker card and give it to designated staff.

Mr. Brown introduced West Palm Beach regulatory staff and initiated communication with Phil Flood and Ricardo Valera at the Lower West Coast Service Center, Cecelia Weaver and Ed Yaun at the Orlando Service Center, and Don Loving, Hugo Carter and Mindy Parrott at the Martin/St. Lucie Service Centers.

2. Applications of Heightened Public Concern Pending Final Action

Public Comment

Application No. 060991-11 Greater Orlando Aviation Authority (GOAA) Gee Bee

Deborah Moskowitz, part of a group of homeowners of North Lake Park and Lake Nona, expressed concern about the application for permit.

James Neidlinger, a resident of North Lake Park, expressed concern, would like project to be done responsibly.

Jim Roycroft, not opposed to responsible development, expressed concern that this project is not being done responsibly.

Susan Aspinwall, speaking for residents who have signed petitions, expressed concern over impact to their community. They have hired Anthony Conner to represent them, but he could not be at the meeting due to a medical emergency, however he did send a letter of objection.

Based on the interest expressed on this project, Ms. Wehle noted that an evening public meeting would be scheduled in the area with staff and asked anyone with letters or correspondence to submit them to staff in Orlando.

3. Applications of Heightened Public Concern Not Complete

Public Comment

Application No. 070313-15 Village of Wellington

Rosa Durando expressed concern about USDA classification of the floodplain with regard to Wellington. Ms. Durando also expressed concern

about Delray Training Center (Application No. 061121-22) and properties west of SR 7.

Ms. Wehle noted that the District has someone on staff checking on the floodplain issue.

Application No. 060517-19 Kristen's Cove

George Jones, Indian Riverkeeper, expressed concern.

Application No. 090107-1 Crosstown Parkway Extension

George Jones, Indian Riverkeeper, expressed concern.

Mr. Brown noted that an in-house meeting is scheduled for next week between the City and DEP staff in Tallahassee to let the city know the types of issues they will be dealing with on this project.

Application No. 050330-10 Seacoast Utility Authority

Nathan Nason, representing Seacoast Utility, requested renewed dialogue with staff.

Ms. Wehle asked Mr. Nason to call her office to schedule a meeting.

4. Public Comment on other Pending Permit Applications

Application No. 050128-14 City of Stuart Public Water Supply

Helen Hickman, representing the City of Stuart, expressed concern about the status of this project.

Ms. Wehle requested a copy of Ms. Hickman's business card.

5. Public Comment on General Regulatory Issues

Mr. Brown noted that the District has received an e-mail from Cindy Biagioni regarding Dubois Park (Application No. 080414-13), and that e-mail will be placed in the permit file.

Mr. Brown noted that there will be future application specific public meetings scheduled in the project areas for other projects identified, namely, Town of Big Cypress and Babcock Ranch.

Ms. Durando discussed a staff report prepared by Palm Beach County planning staff for Okeelanta Inland Port which is proposing a comprehensive plan amendment.

Ms. Wehle noted that the District has sent a letter to the Department of Community Affairs (DCA), and that Ms. Reppen will provide Ms. Durando with a copy of the letter.

The next Public Meeting to Discuss Regulatory Matters is scheduled for 3:00 p.m. on September 14, 2009 in West Palm Beach. This meeting will be video-teleconferenced to the Lower West Coast, Orlando and Martin/St. Lucie Service Centers.

6. Adjourn

Ms Wehle adjourned the meeting at 10:55 a.m.