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## South Florida Water Management District

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### Governing Board Projects & Lands Committee MEETING MINUTES

September 8, 2010

11:00 AM

District Headquarters - B-1 Auditorium  
3301 Gun Club Road  
West Palm Beach, FL 33406

Members Present:

**Sandy Batchelor**

**Joe Collins**

**Shannon Estenoz**

**Jerry Montgomery**

1. **Call to Order** - Jerry Montgomery, Vice Chair

Vice Chair Montgomery called the meeting to order at 11:03 a.m.

Governing Board members Eric Buermann, Kevin Powers, Charles Dauray and Glenn Waldman were also in attendance.

2. **Approval of Minutes**

Approval of the Minutes for the June 9, 2010, Projects & Lands Committee meeting held in West Palm Beach, Florida

Motion made by Shannon Estenoz, seconded by Joe Collins, to approve the minutes of the June 9, 2010 Project and Lands Committee meeting held in West Palm Beach. Vote called. Voting yes: Jerry Montgomery, Shannon Estenoz, Sandy Batchelor and Joe Collins. Motion passed.

3. **Changes to Agenda** - Annette Carter, Director, Office of Governing Board & Executive Services

Annette Carter, Director, Office of Governing Board & Executive Services, read into the record:

Section 120.525, Florida Statutes, allows the District to change the published agenda for good cause shown, as determined by the presiding officer. The Chairman has determined good cause exists. These changes are being made in order to permit the Committee to accomplish necessary public business at this meeting and to reflect the items on the agenda that have been deleted, revised, added or postponed. These changes have been listed in the Addendum available to the public at the entrance to this meeting room and provided to the Committee.

**4. Progress Update on Indian River Lagoon South, Picayune Strand Restoration, Site 1 Impoundment and L-31 N Seepage Pilot Projects** - Matthew Morrison, Director, Project Coordination Division (ext. 3718)

Matt Morrison, Division Director, Everglades Restoration and Capital Projects Department presented a progress update on Indian River Lagoon South, Picayune Strand Restoration, Site 1 Impoundment and L-31 North Seepage Pilot Projects.

Groundbreaking for the first phase of the Site 1 Impoundment Fran Reich Preserve Project is scheduled for October 29th. The project will be done in two phases and will capture and store excess surface water runoff from the Hillsboro watershed.

Mr. Morrison reported on the L-31 North Project which will evaluate subsurface "barrier" technology to reduce seepage from Everglades National Park. The construction bids for the Seepage Management Pilot Component were double what the USACE estimated. The Project Delivery Team is reviewing options in an attempt to reduce costs.

Mr. Morrison then reported on the Picayune Strand restoration project which will restore over 55,000 acres of wetlands. The project is being constructed in 5 phases. Phase 1 which included road removal and Prairie Canal backfilling is complete. Phase 2, which includes additional road removal and construction of the Merritt Pump Station, began in September 2009 and is scheduled for completion in 2012. The remaining phases are scheduled to be completed by 2015.

Mr. Morrison reviewed the goals of the Indian River Lagoon South and noted the PPA will be executed upon final resolution of two issues: utilization of agrochemical impacted soils and offsite wetlands impacts.

**5. Proposed Acquisition of Corkscrew Regional Ecosystem Watershed (CREW) Tracts and Status Update on CREW Project** - Ruth Clements, Director, Land Acquisition Department (ext. 6271)

Ruth Clements, Director, Land Acquisition Department discussed the proposed acquisition of Corkscrew Regional Ecosystem (CREW) tracts and gave an update on the CREW project. An approval of the acquisition of 191 acres on today's Discussion Agenda will bring the CREW acquisition to 97% with 10 tracts representing approximately 70 acres remaining to be acquired.

Mr. Dauray said this is important to the flow-ways to Collier and Lee Counties.

Ms. Estenoz said this is outstanding progress and thanked staff for their hard work.

7. **Proposed Revisions to Section 140-10, Administration of Agricultural Lease Policy - Ruth Clements, Director, Land Acquisition Department (ext. 6271)**

Ms. Clements presented the proposed revisions to the District's Agricultural Lease Policy regarding determination of rental values which will be voted on tomorrow during the Consent Agenda. The revision would require appraisals to determine the fair market rent at the initiation of the lease term and then prior to every extension. The intervening years would be adjusted in accordance with the CPI or the Annual Agricultural Livestock Summary. All leases will now also contain a provision requiring the cooperation of the tenant in utilizing the property as part of the District's Dispersed Water Management Program.

8. **Proposed Clarification of Surplus Lands Process - Ruth Clements, Director, Land Acquisition Department (ext. 6271)**

Ms. Clements followed up with a request for a proposed clarification on the surplus lands process to eliminate utilizing the surplus procedure in Right-of-Way enforcement cases of less than 3 acres in size. Settlement of such cases would still be presented to the Governing Board for approval but would not be required to first be presented to WRAC and the Project and Lands Committee.

9. **Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

10. **Adjourn**

Vice Chair Montgomery adjourned the meeting at 11:50 a.m.

Motion made by Shannon Estenoz, seconded by Joe Collins to adjourn the meeting. Vote called. Voting yes: Shannon Estenoz, Jerry Montgomery, Joe Collins and Sandy Batchelor. Motion passed.



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Jerry Montgomery  
Vice Chair  
Projects and Lands Committee

Recorded By:



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