

# **LAKE BELT MITIGATION COMMITTEE**

## **Meeting Summary**

South Florida Water Management District  
3301 Gun Club Road, (B-1 2nd Floor East End)  
West Palm Beach, Florida 33406

This meeting was conducted as a teleconference  
Meet-me number (850)-245-5725; Suncom: 205-5725

**Friday June 23, 2006**

1. Call to Order by Janet Llewellyn
  - a) Meeting began at 9:00 AM.
2. Opening Comments / Attendees
  - a) Committee Members
    1. Janet Llewellyn, DEP Committee Chair (Teleconference)
    2. Terrie Bates, SFWMD, Committee Vice Chair
    3. Matt Davis, Miami-Dade DERM (Teleconference)
    4. Veronica Fasselt, U.S. E.P.A
    5. Tim King, Florida Fish & Wildlife (Teleconference)
    6. John Studt, COE
    7. Howard Hayes, Alternate DEP (Teleconference)
    8. Leah Oberlin, Alternate COE
    9. Jeff Rosenfeld, MFL
  - b) Other meeting attendees
    1. Maura Merkal, SFWMD CERP
    2. Beth McArdle, SFWMD
    3. Maxine Cheesman, SFWMD
    4. Dewey Worth, SFWMD
    5. Anita Bain, SFWMD
    6. Nilda Lutter, SFWMD
    7. Paul Linton, SFWMD

c) Teleconference attendees

1. Donna Fries, Miami-Dade Water & Sewer

3. Review and Approve minutes from 02/24/06 meeting – Janet Llewellyn

Minutes were reviewed with no changes. Motion made to approve minutes as prepared.

Passed

4. Review Action Items from 02/24/06 Meeting – Janet Llewellyn

a) Marjorie Moore is obtaining a duplicate invoice from DEP for \$864,000, (State Lands land swap with Florida Rock), which has been approved to be paid by the LBMC. **Action Item 1**

5. Update on Willing Seller Solicitations – Terrie Bates

a) Negotiations and contracting with Nature Conservancy were finalized to send out solicitation letters for willing sellers within Pennsuco. Initially, letters will be sent out for 83 parcels that are 5 acres or larger. **Action Item 2**

6. Request by SFWMD for Payment of 50% of Encumbered Funds – Terrie Bates.

a) The District requested payment of 50% (\$3,785,199) of the funds currently encumbered by the trust fund and owed to the District. Motion approved by the Committee. Terri Bates will request the SFWMD to disburse (transfer internally) \$3,785,199 from the LBMC trust funds to the District. **Action Item 3**

b) Discussion ensued on the number of land owners to solicit for the land purchases. Based upon the SFWMD Governing Board guidance, the committee will not send out more letters than the amount of available funding. Janet will ask DEP to delay receiving payment for the sale of the Tarmac acreage (\$3,209,000) from LBMC trust fund for one year in order to have more funds available to purchase land if willing sellers respond to the solicitation letter discussed in item 5 above. If DEP agrees, more letters will be sent out by the Nature Conservancy. **Action Item 4**

7. Review of HB 1039 related to the Lake Belt Mitigation Fee – Janet Llewellyn

a) Janet reviewed the legislation that passed last year allowing for increased mining fees of 12 cents, 18 cents and 24 cents per ton beginning on 01/01/2007, 01/01/2008 & 01/01/2009, respectively. In addition, not related to the LBMC, a second fee of 15 cents per ton was added to the statute for upgrades to the drinking water treatment plant in Miami-Dade if it becomes necessary to “treat or filter surface water source or supply or both”.

8. Public comment – None.

9. Next Meeting

Scheduled for October 13, 2006 at 9:00 AM at SFWMD.

10. Meeting Adjourned

**Action Item Summary:**

1. Did Marjorie Moore obtain a duplicate invoice from DEP for \$864,000? Has this invoice been paid? Marjorie Moore

2. Did the Nature Conservancy send out solicitation letters for 83 land parcels that are 5 acres or larger? Terri Bates

3. Did the District accounting department disburse (transfer internally) \$3,785,199 from the LBMC trust funds to the District? Terri Bates

4. Did Janet ask DEP to delay receiving the \$3,209,000 payment from LBMC trust fund for one year? If DEP agreed to delay the payment, has the Nature Conservancy been notified to send out more letters? Janet Llewellyn