



Monthly Meeting – February 8, 2016

Supervisors in attendance: Chairman: David Gunter, Vice-Chairman: Robert Adair, Jr., Secretary/Treasurer: Dr. David Cox, Member: Robert Lindsey, George Simons

Staff in attendance: Karyn Bryant, Staff Assistant II, Soil & Water Conservation District
Jake Fojtik, Environmental Specialist I, Office of Ag. Water Policy
Jennifer Abbey, District Conservationist, USDA/NRCS

St. John's Water Management District in attendance: Pat Renish, Callie Register

FP&L in attendance: Jackie Kingston, Rob Leonard, Bart Gaetjens, Agnes Ramsey, Mike Tamaro

Public in attendance: Judy Orcutt, Deborah Ecker & Russell Herrmann (Indian River Neighborhood Association), Jean Catchpole, Frank Davies

OLD BUSINESS

1. The IRSWCD meeting was called to order at 1:05PM by Chairman David Gunter
2. There were no additions to the agenda
3. The minutes for January, 2016 were approved as written.
Motion: A motion to approve minutes was made by Bobby Lindsey and seconded by David Cox Motion carried unanimously.
4. The Financial Report for January, 2016 was available and presented by David Cox.
Motion: A motion to accept financial report was made by Bobby Lindsey and seconded by Robert Adair. Motion carried unanimously.

Introductions; Chairman asked everyone to introduce themselves

5. **Consideration of FPL's plan to apply for a 9 MGD withdrawal from the Upper Floridian Aquifer**
Due to the concerns from the Board and Public surrounding the topic if FP&L has contacted or considered Groveland Utilities as a second source of water, Agnes Ramsey and other FP&L representatives attended the meeting today to give a presentation to address the Board and Public about alternative water supply and scaling detergents that will be used in the cooling tower. Q&A session throughout the presentation which both St. Johns River Water Management District and FP&L answered the Board and the posed questions from the Public. Chairman directed FP&L to consider using storm water as part of cooling at the plant. FP&L stated that they have not reached out to Groveland Utilities yet because they are still in the application process, they state they are not averse to looking at other sources as long as the supplier is willing to work with them and adequate water supply is available. Bobby Lindsey asked, what are the possibilities of FP&L actually looking for alternative water once permit is already issued? FP&L replied using the example of their West Palm Beach Power Plant Site and that the alternative water use was put into place after their permitting process, and now that site uses reclaimed water. Dr. Cox asked if the permit had already been approved for consumptive use. FP&L replied that no the permit has not been issued but they are going through the FDEP Power Plant Citing Act therefore the application is being processed through FDEP. Dr. Cox also asked if there were any plans for site 3 (southern area of FP&L Property) and FP&L replied at this time there are no plans but it may be used for solar in the future but at this time there were no plans for Site 3. Bob Adair and George Simons asked SJRWMD if FP&L would



be required to look at alternative water supply as part of their permitting process, SJRWMD states that yes FP&L is required to look at alternative water supply as they come available and if it is feasible to them as a permit condition. Bob Adair strongly suggested and encouraged FP&L to reach out to Groveland Utilities to have an updated conversation concerning alternative water supply. Judy Orcutt asked about the wells located on the property and why can't at least one well be used for surface water? FP&L discussed how the wells work and that when surface water is available that is what they will use. Judy also stated to SJRWMD that it seems wimpy for the water management district to say just use alternative water when it's available concerning the permitting process as far as leaving it up to FP&L to evaluate the feasibility study and determine whether or not alternative water is economically feasible. SJRWMD explained how the process works that yes FP&L would do the feasibility study and then turn that in to SJRWMD for review and see if it meets the criteria of the District. Judy also stated to FP&L and SJRWMD that you would make us all a lot happier if you would sit down and talk with Groveland Utilities. Agnes Ramsey from FP&L received contact information from Bob Adair for Groveland Utilities. SJRWMD states the permitting process will go before their Governing Board in March. Bob Adair requested that FP&L give the Board a copy of presentation given today.

6. IRL Stormwater Capture Feasibility RFQ

Dr. David Cox stated that there is nothing to report at this time he is awaiting a call back or email from Allan Weaver @ St. John's River Water Management District

NEW BUSINESS

7. Report from Jennifer Abbey

2 Equip contracts completed last month, currently working on 11 Equip applications for Indian River County, monies are low this year compared to other years, doing pre-screen to send to field office; awaiting CSP deadline dates for this year; Next month we will be doing a classroom presentation at Citrus Elementary

REPORTS:

Jake from FDACS implementing quality information assessments, FDACS taking new applications after 6/30/15 for new monies available next year.

Board and Staff

- Chair, IRSWCD, Seat #2 David Gunter
- Vice-Chair, IRSWCD, Seat #3. Robert Adair, Jr.
- Sec-Treas, IRSWCD, Seat #5. David Cox
- Member, IRSWCD, Seat #1 George Simons
- *Brought up Fellsmere water farming project and it will be future item to look at for water conservation
- Member, IRSWCD, Seat #4. Bobby Lindsey
- District Staff Assistant II, IRSWCD. Karyn Bryant

- *Travel to Okeechobee 2/24 to attend land judging contest with Okeechobee SWCD

Motion: A motion to approve mileage to Okeechobee was made by Bobby Lindsey and seconded by David Cox Motion carried unanimously. Karyn updated Board on Poster Contest Awards



ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 2:30 PM. Next meeting is March 14, 2016

David W. Gunter
David Gunter, Chairman

03/14/16
Date

David Cox, Treasurer

Date