

**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**September 11, 2006**

The St. Marys River Management Committee (SMRMC or committee) held its regularly scheduled meeting on 9/11/06, at the Farm Bureau Building in Callahan, Fl. There was not a quorum of members. (See sign in sheet).

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Dean Woehrle called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. The minutes from the August meeting was reviewed but not approved with no quorum present. Treasurer Winifred Stephenson was not present and there was no Treasury update.

**WAV PRESENTATION**

Bill Watkins and Paula Staples did a Watershed Action Volunteer (WAV) presentation of their new online water quality sampling database. The St. Johns River Water Management District's (SJRWMD) Program's water quality database is now available online. Data available on the site includes dissolved oxygen (DO), temperature, pH, chloride (freshwater), salinity (salt water), alkalinity and Secchi depth (a measure of water clarity).

On the WAV database site, when you select the "SEARCH" tab, you open the door for exploration of water quality data collected by volunteers. You may search for data by county, hydrologic unit code (HUC), site name, water body, or watershed. The data are available starting from 1995.

In addition to being able to share this water quality data with the public at large, volunteers involved in gathering or analyzing water quality data get to participate in a hands-on learning experience that fosters a better understanding of water issues. Bill Watkins stressed the need for additional volunteers to participate on their St. Marys (both sides) and Nassau River efforts. Ideally they need volunteers to commit to at least one year since it takes at least 6 months for the volunteers' data to pass the District's QA/QC. The committee was impressed with the amount of information on the site and said they will try and help WAV recruit volunteers to sample on the river and thanked Bill & Paula for the interesting presentation.

**OUTSTANDING FLORIDA WATER & COUNTY STORMWATER PROJECT UPDATES**

The committee discussed the OFW application and asked if there was any new updates. Dean Woehrle has not touched base with Kraig McLane but will do so in the coming week. Trish read the stormwater update sent in by Kraig: "The agreement between Baker County and the SJRWMD for the stormwater master plan has been prepared by staff and will be transmitted soon to Baker County for their signature. The agreement provides cost-share funding to complete the initial phases (data collection and system inventory) of a 3-5 year effort to develop a stormwater master plan. Similarly, staff of the SJRWMD and Nassau County are working out the cost estimates and contract language. Therefore, it will be a couple of months longer until we are ready to submit a contract to Nassau County."

**GA WATER PLANNING MEETING**

Trish Gramajo gave an update on the upcoming GA Water Planning meeting in Waycross RDC and informed the committee that the next meeting will focus on water quality. The committee agreed to submit comments and would log onto the website & review the new documents posted. Trish offered to resend out the link to the full committee.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm. Next meeting will be held at Farm Bureau due to county elections.