

**St. Marys River Management Committee**  
P.O. Box 251 Folkston, Georgia 31537

**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**August 4, 2008**

The St. Marys River Management Committee (SMRMC or committee) held its regularly scheduled meeting on August 4, 2008, at the Nassau County Building, in Callahan, Fla. Committee members and visitors in attendance are listed on a separate sheet. A quorum of members was present.

**Call to Order**

Committee co-chairman Dean Woehrle called the meeting to order at 7:14 P.M. The Treasurer's report indicated a balance of \$7,281.27 in the main account and \$526.50 in the management account. It was noted that \$500.00 was sent in by Charlton County, but only \$300.00 by Camden County. Winifred Stephenson will check on the reason for the lesser amount. Minutes from the July, 2008 meeting were approved.

**Call for Nominations to Regional Water Planning Councils**

Applications were received from the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Environmental Protection Department for nominations from stakeholders for membership on water planning councils. Members from Camden County would be in the Coastal Georgia Region, while those from Charlton County would be in the Suwanee-Satilla Region. Each council would consist of 25 members and three alternates. It was agreed that the SMRMC would endorse the application of any of its members seeking nomination.

**Update on Land and Water Conservation in Nassau County**

Trish Gramajo reported that The Nature Conservancy (TNC) recommended \$20 million in general obligation bonds (which could leverage into two or more times that amount through Florida Forever) to the Nassau county board of commissioners. This would increase ad valorem taxes by about \$23.00 per household in the county. This would bring the county up to the level of service dictated by the Nassau County comprehensive growth management plan. Unfortunately, support for this failed at the County Commission level. TNC will try to enlist more support in the local population, to bring this issue up as a referendum later.

**Baker County Report**

Carolyn Bissonnette distributed copies of the Baker County report: "St. Marys River Resource Acquisition, Development and Protection Strategy" to the committee.

**SJRWMD Monies for Stormwater**

Goeffrey Sample announced that \$100,000 had been allocated by the St. Johns River Water Management District to Baker County for storm water master planning and surveys through 9/30/08. In addition, \$100,000 has been allocated to Baker County and \$100,000 to Nassau County for stormwater planning for 10/1/08-9/30/09.

**Georgia Water Coalition**

Chip Campbell announced that he would be attending meetings of the Georgia Water Coalition the end of this week. It was moved and approved that the SMRMC appoint Campbell an official representative of the SMRMC to this body.

In conjunction with the above, Dean Woehrle moved that the committee order a small number of polo-style shirts with the SMRMC logo, to be purchased individually by committee members, for wear during “official” functions, where committee members are representing the SMRMC. The motion was seconded and approved.

**Water Workshop Webcast**

Geoff Sample announced a two-day technical seminar and water workshop webcast to be held 9/17-18/08, sponsored by SJRWMD.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 P.M.