

## **St. Marys River Management Committee**

P.O. Box 251 Folkston, Georgia 31537

### **MINUTES OF MEETING**

**June 28, 2010**

The St. Marys River Management Committee (SMRMC or committee) held its regularly scheduled meeting on June 28, 2010, at the Nassau County Building in Callahan, Florida. Committee members and visitors in attendance are listed on a separate sheet. A quorum of members was not present.

#### **Call to Order**

Co-Chairman Chip Campbell called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. Due to the lack of an official quorum, neither the meeting agenda nor the minutes from the previous month's meeting were approved. Treasurer Winifred Stephenson did present the Treasurer's Report, which indicated no change in balance in the last month, but the report was not officially approved. Administrative Assistant Melinda Granlund mentioned that she had been contacted by staff from Nassau County, who informed her that the Nassau Commissioners had agreed to issue a check to the committee for \$500.

#### **St. Johns River Water Management District issues**

Geoff Sample, St. Johns River Water Management District (District or SJRWMD), distributed a picture associated with a written request that the SJRWMD had received from Baker County about a fence along property on the St. Marys River. The County had asked the District to determine whether a permit should have been obtained for the placement of the fence. Sample said the District is in the process of completing a compliance review and is working in conjunction with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to determine jurisdiction on the issue.

For informational purposes, Geoff Sample, SJRWMD, distributed a copy of a letter that the District received from the Southern Environmental Law Center regarding the District's 2010 Draft Water Supply Plan. The letter expresses concerns on behalf of the Georgia River Network about possible "interbasin transfers" and impacts of such transfers on Georgia watersheds. Sample also provided to the committee a copy of the letter which the District sent in response to the Southern Environmental Law Center letter.

For informational purposes, Geoff Sample, SJRWMD, distributed a copy of a letter from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP), written to the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (GEPD), expressing concerns about GEPD's draft water resource assessments. Sample said he was unaware if any meetings had been arranged to discuss the issues raised in the letter.

#### **2009 Annual Report presentations**

Melinda Granlund, administrative assistant, shared an update from Camden County member Ken Hase, who was unable to attend the SMRMC meeting. Hase had stated, in an email, that he had presented the SMRMC's 2009 Annual Report to the Camden County Board of Commissioners and that the presentation went well. He said the Commission had indicated some level of concern about the SJRWMD's mention of the St. Marys River as a possible alternative water supply

source in the 2010 draft water supply plan. Hase said the Commission was likely going to draft a letter of concern to the SJRWMD.

### **Miscellaneous**

There was general discussion about water levels in the river and about a new fishing pier at Trader's Hill.

There was general discussion about the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico. Chip Campbell, Charlton County, said he had received a question about whether Georgia landfills would be permitted to receive/handle the by-products/remains of the oil spill clean-up, such as oil-saturated booms. Bruce Foisy, Georgia EPD, said that only certain landfills are permitted to receive hazardous materials, and that there is a specific test to determine hazardous quality.

There was also general discussion about the Steel Bridge landfill in Baker County and whether any leakage from the landfill could affect the St. Marys River.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

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Attendance Log – June 28, 2010**

**Baker County Members**

Kevin Shell

**Nassau County Members**

Earl K. Tindall

J. Jeremy Flood

Winifred Stephenson

**Camden County Members**

(none)

**Charlton County Members**

Chip Campbell

**Non-voting Members**

Geoff Sample, SJRWMD

Bruce Foisy, GEPD

**Visitors**

Steve Nance

Alice Vick

**Administrative Assistant**

Melinda Granlund