

St. Marys River Management Committee

P.O. Box 251 Folkston, Georgia 31537

MINUTES OF MEETING

August 29, 2011

The St. Marys River Management Committee (SMRMC or committee) held a meeting on August 29, 2011, at the Nassau County Building in Callahan, Florida. (*Due to the regularly scheduled September meeting falling on the Labor Day holiday, the meeting was rescheduled to August 29.*) Committee members and visitors in attendance are listed at the end of the minutes. A quorum of members was present.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Co-Chairman Dean Woehrle at 7:14 p.m. The draft agenda and previous meeting minutes (from June 27 and August 1) were reviewed and approved. The treasurer's report was presented by Jeremy Flood. A motion was made and approved to pay the committee's administrative assistant for her services. There was discussion among the members about the two separate bank accounts maintained by the committee and whether or not the accounts could be combined. Nassau County member Dean Woehrle explained that the funds in the Management Account were donated for the purpose of creating the River Management Plan and therefore could not be spent on anything else. Woehrle also explained about the intention of former, and some current, members to use some of the committee's funds to purchase a plaque or some type of marker to honor former member Hap Harrigan.

Review of Committee's By-Laws

Geoff Sample, St. Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD), noted that the committee's bylaws were last amended in 2005, and explained that he had reviewed the by-laws and presented some suggested revisions to the committee. The intent is to better organize the bylaws, and clarify procedures, to better reflect how the committee is operating now. There was general discussion among the members about the proposed changes, including teleconferencing abilities, officer positions, and the ability to contact a member via telephone for purposes of achieving a quorum. Charlton County member Chip Campbell stated that he did not see anything controversial or unexpected in Sample's suggested revisions.

A motion was made, and approved, to edit the document, as discussed at the meeting, and to then email the revised version to the SMRMC members and county commissioners for review.

Current Committee Vacancies

Melinda Granlund, administrative assistant, noted that there is a committee vacancy for a Baker County land-owner and a vacancy for a Camden County at-large position. She said she would contact the respective county commissions to ask them to fill the vacancies.

Subcommittee Updates

(There were no subcommittee updates.)

Member Comments

Nassau County member Dean Woehrle asked if there was any new information regarding the Miocene Holdings permit application. Charlton County member Chip Campbell said he didn't have

any new information, but told the members that the information requested by the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (from Miocene Holdings) was significant.

Charlton County member Teresa Crawford explained that some activity (including possible pumping and filtration) has been going on at a local property near the Miocene property along the St. Marys River. Bruce Foisy, with the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (GEPD), agreed to follow up with her after the meeting.

Camden County member Phil Jones questioned if there was anything the committee could do regarding the committee's concerns about possible violations (including pumping and filtration) that might already be occurring. Foisy informed the committee that GEPD had previously visited the Miocene property but did not find a withdrawal pipe. He said that he will look into the matter further, considering the information given to him by Mrs. Crawford.

Geoff Sample, SJRWMD, informed the committee that the SJRWMD's executive director, Kirby Green, will be retiring on October 3, and that the district's governing board will be seeking a new director. Sample also informed the committee that the SJRWMD had recently laid off about 130 employees and was still going through organizational restructuring.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

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Baker County Members

Mike Griffis
Kevin Shell

Nassau County Members

Jeremy Flood
Dean Woehrle

Camden County Members

Karen Chisholm
Philip Jones

Charlton County Members

Russell Barber
Mitchell Crawford, Commissioner
Chip Campbell
Teresa Crawford

Non-voting Members

Bruce Foisy
Geoff Sample

Visitors

(none)

Administrative Assistant

Melinda Granlund