



**PALM BEACH COUNTY
WATER RESOURCES
TASK FORCE MEETING**



**Lake Worth Drainage District
13081 Military Trail
Delray Beach, FL 33484**

**October 15, 2015
1:30 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.**

I. CALL TO ORDER

A quorum was announced and Chair Jay Foy called the meeting to order at 1:40 p.m.

Members Present:

(Jay Foy Chair), Adrian Salee, Dave Stewart, John Flanigan, Mary Lou Berger, Ted Winsberg, Mike Mullaugh, Jason Haselkorn, Rod Braun (SFWMD Alt.)

Alternates Present:

None

Members not Present:

Jeff Hmara, Jim Alderman, Scott Kelly, Jim Shallman, Matt Willhite,

Alternates not Present:

Dick Tomasello, John Whitworth, Chip Block, Paula Ryan, Jonathan Pearce, David Levy, Brandon Selle, and Paulette Burdick

WRTF Working Group Present:

Ken Todd (Chair), Tommy Strowd, Pete Kwiatkowski, Paul Schofield

County Staff Present:

Chris Pettit, Danna Ackerman-White, Ron Rice

Guests Present:

Steve Lamb, Patrick Martin, Dan Beatty, Neil Johnson, Brent Whitfield, Jeff Hiscock, Sean O'Keefe, Jonathan Ricketts, Vicki Lehr, Myra Koutzen, Michael Jawdy, Richard Radcliffe, Kyle Grandusky, Suzanne Mehl, Alan Wertepny, Brian Shields, Albert Carbon, Bob Brown

II. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

A motion was made by Adrian Salee and seconded by Mary Lou Berger to approve the 7-16-15 meeting minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

III. Meeting Dates for 2016

Jay Foy, Task Force Chair

There was discussion as to how the Task Force should meet. It was agreed upon that the group should continue to meet quarterly. It was agreed that it was easier to cancel a meeting than to add a meeting. The County's liaison to the Task Force, Ken Todd, presented the dates that have been secured for the meetings within the 2016 calendar. Therefore, a motion was made by Adrian Salee and seconded by Mike Mullaugh to continue to meet quarterly as the group has been doing for the last several years and to accept the dates that were proposed by Ken Todd. The motion was approved unanimously.

The meeting dates and locations for 2016 are as follows:

January 21, 2016	Clayton Hutcheson Exhibit Hall
April 21, 2016	Location unknown at this time
July 21, 2016	Clayton Hutcheson Exhibit Hall
October 20, 2016	Clayton Hutcheson Exhibit Hall

IV. Election of Officers

Jay Foy, Task Force Chair

Due to the absence of several of the members Chair Foy asked the other Task Force members present if they minded if the elections took place at the next meeting, especially since it does not have to be held at this meeting. All members agreed and so by consensus the election will be postponed until the January 2016 meeting.

V. Lake Worth Drainage District History

Bob Brown, LWDD

Bob Brown gave a short presentation of the history of how the Lake Worth Drainage District (LWDD) came into being and the goals and objectives of the LWDD back in the early 1900s and today. LWDD is a special taxing district created by legislative action in 1915. Bob also mentioned that this is the centennial anniversary of LWDD.

VI. Lake Worth Drainage District Operations

Tommy Strowd, LWDD

Tommy Strowd gave a short presentation of the operations by LWDD staff to provide adequate conveyance of discharges in conjunction with SFWMD storage requirements and discharge limitations that helps provide flood protection for the residents and farmers within the jurisdiction of LWDD. Tommy also mentioned that LWDD holds the water table up in their canal network as a way of recharging the surficial aquifer to help supplement the water supply efforts of the private wells for residents and irrigation efforts of farmers.

VII. PBC Drainage History

Ken Todd, PB County

Ken Todd gave a presentation on the drainage history of Palm Beach County. Some of the highlights of the drainage history of Palm Beach County are:

- (1) When Flagler brought the railroad down to Palm Beach he built the Breakers Hotel as a resort for the wealthy northerners. The Intracoastal Waterway was built to allow boats to bring people down along with the railroad. West Palm Beach was established as a place for the servants and workers to live.
- (2) As West Palm Beach and other coastal communities within Palm Beach County developed, canals and storm sewer systems were constructed to take advantage of the ICW as a permanent outfall for drainage. Land was not utilized for storage of stormwater runoff. The Florida Constitution actually stated once upon a time that "water is the enemy of us all" and when the United States Government gave the Everglades to the State of Florida it was with the proviso that the land be drained.

- (3) As the population grew and developed increased within the County after WWII more roads and drainage systems were constructed. Lake Worth Drainage District created an extensive drainage network to enhance farming in the western reaches of Palm Beach County.
- (4) Challenges for the future are: creating more storage areas because of increased population which will result in more development, adapting water management systems for sea level rise that has been occurring for at least 100 years (since the inception of records), and addressing water quality issues as a result of existing and future development.

VII. Public Comments

Richard Radcliffe brought up the fact that the WOTUS Rule had been granted a stay by the Courts. Chris Pettit, PBC Legislative Affairs for the Utilities said that the rule indeed had a stay granted and will likely be tied up in the courts for several years and therefore, all stakeholders need to follow the status of the rule.

VIII. Task Force Member Comments

Ted Winsberg said he agreed that the Task Force should continue to meet quarterly and was glad the WRTF agreed to continue to meet four times a year, unless there is no issue to be brought before the group.

X. Adjournment

There being no further business, Chair Foy adjourned the meeting at 3:40 p.m.

Next Scheduled PBC WRTF Meeting

**January 21, 2016
1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Clayton Hutcheson Exhibit Hall
559 N. Military Trail
West Palm Beach, FL 33415**