



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



**Clayton Hutcheson Agricultural Center
559 N. Military Trail
West Palm Beach, FL 33415**

**July 19, 2018
1:30 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.**

I. CALL TO ORDER

A quorum was announced and Interim-Chair Chip Block called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

Members Present:

Chip Block (Vice-Chair), Paulette Burdick, John Flanigan, Dave Stewart, Adrian Salee, Myra Koutzen, Jason Haselkorn, Paula Ryan, Jeremy McBryan (alternate for Melanie Peterson), Ted Winsberg, Harry Raucher, Greg Shafer

Alternates Present:

Dick Tomasello, Terence Davis

Members not Present:

None

Alternates not Present:

Jim Alderman, Mary Lou Berger, Rachelle Litt, Greg Block, Don Magruder

WRTE Working Group Present:

Ken Todd (Chair), Brian Shields (Vice-chair)

County Staff Present:

Megan Houston

Guests Present:

Richard Radcliffe, Drew Martin, Steve Lamb, Bill Lynch, Rich Walesky, Don Mathis, Karen Brandon, Alan Wertepny, Laura Corry, Scott Kelly, Jay Foy, Steve Blair, Jeff Hiscock, Rosemary Rayman, Karen Brandon

II. Approval of Meeting Minutes

A motion was made to approve the 5-3-18 meeting minutes as presented by Dave Stewart and seconded by Adrian Salee. The motion passed unanimously.

III. Special Election

Given the resignation of Jay Foy from the WRTF, a special election was held to elect a Chair and Vice-Chair to complete the year. Dave Stewart made a motion to nominate Chip Block and close the nominations for the position of Chair to finish out the term for this year. Jason Haselkorn seconded the motion. It passed unanimously. Chair Block then asked for a nomination for Vice-chair. Adrian Salee nominated Myra Koutzen and to close the nominations for the position of Vice-Chair. It was seconded by Jason Haselkorn and passed unanimously.

IV. Lox River Watershed Restoration Plan PDT Summary Jay Foy, StormwaterJ

Jay gave an update on the Lox River Watershed Restoration Plan PDT meeting of May 9, 2018. He indicated that the Corps is leaning toward Alternative 5R to be the Tentatively Selected Plan as it provides the best opportunity to promote the goals of the Federal Government. Those goals are as follows:

- (1) Provide restoration flows to the Lox River
- (2) Enhancing the Lox Slough thru connectivity of the north county wetland areas

Jay indicated that it will likely take a local initiative that works with the Corps and SFWMD to accomplish the goals of the local stakeholders that are in addition to the goals of the Corps. These are as follows:

- (1) Reduce freshwater flows into the Lake Worth Lagoon
- (2) Enhance water supply for various utilities
- (3) Improve flood protection for the western communities

V. Public Comments

Chip Block, WRTF Chair

Drew Martin commented that the municipalities are considering using seawalls along the Intracoastal Waterway to protect the shoreline from erosion due to sea level rise. He believed they should be promoting a natural shoreline with vegetation instead.

VI. Task Force Member Comments

Chip Block, WRTF Chair

Chip Block said he would like to have a presentation on Blue-Green Algae and a projection of water needs for Palm Beach County for the next five years, ten years and beyond. He said he would also like to see the WRTF hold workshops with SFWMD and other Agencies and meet occasionally with other neighboring counties.

Myra Koutzen said she would like to see a presentation on the Regional Climate Change Compact.

VIII. Next Meeting Agenda

Chip Block, WRTF Chair

The next regularly scheduled meeting for the WRTF is Thursday, October 18, 2018 and will be held at the Clayton Hutcheson Exhibit Hall. Ken Todd said he would arrange for an informational presentation on both Blue-Green Algae and the Regional Climate Change Compact. He also said that Mike Jones of the County Attorney's Office would make his presentation on Ethics at the October Meeting.

IX. Adjournment

Chip Block, WRTF Chair

There being no further business, Chair Block adjourned the meeting at 2:50 p.m.