

## MINUTES OF THE COLLIER COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE WATERSHED IMPROVEMENT TECHNICAL ADVISORY AD HOC COMMITTEE

Naples, Florida, January 29, 2016

LET IT BE REMEMBERED, the Collier County Comprehensive Watershed Improvement Technical Advisory Ad Hoc Committee in and for the County of Collier, having conducted business herein, met on this date at 9:00AM in a REGULAR SESSION at the Growth Management Department Building, Room 609/610 2800 N. Horseshoe Drive, Naples, FL with the following persons present:

Chairman: Jocelyn Nageon De Lestang  
Vice Chairman: Dennis Vasey  
Gregg Strakaluse  
Chadd Chustz  
Brent Bachelder (Excused)  
Jeff Carter  
(Vacancy)

ALSO PRESENT: Tabitha Stadler, Collier County Stormwater Planning  
Jerry Kurtz, Storm Water Planning – Staff Liaison

*Any persons in need of the verbatim record of the meeting may request a copy of the audio recording from the Collier County Growth Management Department –Contact Mr. Evy Ybaceta at 239-252-2400.*

**1. Call to order**

*The meeting was called to order at 9:00am and a quorum was established.*

**2. Approval of Agenda – Committee action requested**

*Mr. Strakaluse moved to approve the Agenda. Second by Mr. Vasey. Carried unanimously 5 - 0.*

**3. Approval of Minutes – Committee action requested**

*Mr. Vasey moved to approve the minutes of the November 20, 2015 meeting as presented. Second by Mr. Strakaluse. Carried unanimously 5 – 0.*

**4. Staff Announcements – Tabitha Stadler, Collier County Government**

**a. Welcome new Committee Member Chadd Chustz**

**Mr. Kurtz** reported Chadd Chustz is a new Member of the Committee representing the City of Marco Island.

**b. Farewell to former Committee Member Julie Neurhor**

**Mr. Kurtz** reported Julie Neurhor has resigned from the Committee and the Department of Environmental Protection will be appointing a new representative. There is no timetable for the process however Staff anticipates it could take up to 3 months.

**c. Staff liaison change**

**Mr. Kurtz** reported he is now the Staff Liaison for the Committee.

**d. Results of BCC Meeting on January 26, 2016**

**Mr. Kurtz** provided an update of the meeting highlighting:

**a. Name Change**

The name of the Committee has been changed to the Comprehensive Watershed Improvement Technical Advisory Ad Hoc Committee. There were no changes to the Committee Resolution including the tasks and duties.

**b. Time Extension**

The timeline for the Committee to complete their tasks was extended.

**c. Ability to Create Subcommittee**

The Committee was granted the ability to utilize Subcommittees to assist in completing their duties.

**d. Public Comment**

**David Wilkinson, Director** provided an overview of the BCC actions, thanked the Committee for their service and recommended they develop a clearly defined mission.

**Speaker**

**Nicole Johnson, Conservancy of Southwest Florida** recommended the format for the Subcommittee meetings be a roundtable discussion so those parties interested could freely provide input as opposed to allowing individuals a 3 minute limitation to comment on items.

## 5. Workshop/Discussion Session

### a. Establishing a Committee Work Plan – Tabitha Stadler, former staff liaison

**Ms. Stadler** provided the following handouts for information purpose:

- “*January 29, 2016 CWIP Committee Meeting – Watershed Project Identification Sorted Projects from the Collier County Watershed Plan (2011) and RESTORE Act Prioritization (2013)*”
- “*Review and Discussion of the Watershed Management Projects Creating a Committee Work Plan*” dated January 29, 2016”

She presented a PowerPoint and noted the following:

- The purpose of the item is to identify the geographic areas to be addressed, prioritize the areas and develop a general work plan for the Committee.
- Staff has developed a recommendation for a Work Plan.
- To assist in formulating their recommendation, Staff reviewed the Collier County Watershed Management Plan and the projects identified in the RESTORE program
- Gary McAlpin is charged with managing the RESTORE program, which will concentrate on the Belle Meade Flow Way restoration areas. This task will occur outside the direct oversight of the Committee.
- Mr. McAlpin will provide updates to the Committee as some of the issues are linked to the duties and tasks established for the Committee.
- She provided an overview of the following watersheds and the projects associated with them:
  - *Cocohatchee Corkscrew Watershed*
  - *Rookery Bay Watershed*
  - *Okaloacoochee Watershed*
  - *Fakahatchee Watershed.*
  - *Golden Gate Naples Bay Watershed*
  - *Faka-Union Watershed*
  - *Any/All Watersheds*
- Staff also has identified the Immokalee Stormwater Master Plan to be considered in the geographic study locations given these waters eventually are conveyed to the area sloughs or Lake Trafford.
- Upon consideration Staff eliminated the Fakahatchee Watershed, Any All Watersheds, Faka-Union Watershed, Okaloacoochee watershed from the proposed work plan and identified the following 4 areas for consideration:
  1. *Immokalee Area Stormwater Master Plan*
  2. *Cocohatchee Coastal Area West of I75*
  3. *North Golden Gate Estates Flow Way.*
  4. *City of Naples/Naples Bay Area.*

### Speaker

**Nancy Payton, Florida Wildlife Federation** suggested the Committee review the Southwest Florida Feasibility Study which could provide valuable information for their consideration. She supports the Work Plan and stated the BCC's directive was for the Committee was to focus on technical analysis and was not to be a policy driven endeavor.

**Nicole Johnson, Conservancy of Southwest Florida** supports the work plan as identified by Staff including incorporating the Immokalee Area. She noted the County is conducting major reviews of existing land use plans such as the Golden Gate Area Master Plan which may impact the Committees work. The Fertilizer Ordinance adopted by the County is the State Model Ordinance and recommends a more stringent ordinance be considered.

***The Committee requested Staff to place an item on a future meeting Agenda for a brief presentation on the 4 major plan reviews being undertaken by the County (Rural Fringe Mixed Use District, Golden Gate Area Master Plan, Rural Lands Stewardship Area, Immokalee Area Master Plan).***

The following was noted during Committee discussions:

- Concern it may not be prudent to totally eliminate consideration of the areas south of US41.
- Determine any CREW Land and Water Trust initiatives and there impacts on the areas identified.
- Staff (and or Committee Members) should review the County study "*Providing Contaminant Data for Coastal Management: Assessing the Effects of Land Based Sources of Pollution on Collier County's Estuaries and Their Associated Watersheds*" dated September 2014 for information purposes.
- The projects to be addressed by the County should be those with the greatest probability of being implemented.
- The meeting for the Immokalee Area Master Plan item may want to be held at an alternate venue closer to Immokalee – *Staff reported they attend the Immokalee CRA meetings and Lake Trafford Restoration Task Force meetings, etc. and provides updates on issues to interested parties at those events.*

***The Committee determined:***

- 1. They support Staff's recommendation on the geographic areas to be targeted in the Committees work.***
- 2. Staff should identify any problems associated with the area and provide an overview of the issues to the Committee at the first meeting, followed by an analysis of potential solutions at future meetings.***
- 3. Until an individual from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection is assigned to the Committee, Staff should request a representative attend the Committee meetings to provide input to the Members.***
- 4. The Stormwater Master Plan for Immokalee should be the first item considered.***

***Staff reported, given the Committee has determined to meet monthly, they will to need contact upper management to ensure adequate resources are available to be dedicated to the endeavor.***

- b. Discussion of Meeting Schedule** (*this item was discussed during item 4).*

*Mr. Carter moved for the Committee to meet on a monthly basis. Second by Mr. Vasey. Carried unanimously 5 – 0.*

**6. Member and Citizen Comments**

**Terry Tessarzik** expressed concern on fertilizer and other agricultural chemical applications and their impact on area watersheds given the recent storm event. Also, development of these type of lands (such as 6 L's Farms) into urban uses could have a major impact on water quality in the area.

The Committee noted agriculture activity is permitted and regulated by State and Federal Agencies and the South Florida Water Management District. The storm event was an anomaly as approximately 12 inches of rain fell on the region in January with the average being 1 to 2 inches. If residential development occurs in the area, on site retention of stormwater will be required substantially reducing the potential for immediate runoff of the water.

**7. Old Business**

None

**8. New Business**

None

**9. Set or announce next meeting date**

To be determined

**There being no further business for the good of the County, the meeting was adjourned by the order of the Chair at 10:50AM.**

**COMPREHENSIVE WATERSHED  
IMPROVEMENT TECHNICAL ADVISORY AD HOC  
COMMITTEE**

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**Chairman, Jocelyn Nageon De Lestang**

These Minutes were approved by the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_, as presented \_\_\_\_\_, or as amended \_\_\_\_\_.