

SUMMARY MINUTES – DRAFT

Watershed Management Policy Board March 29, 2007 – City Hall, Tallahassee Room 2:00-4:00 p.m.

I. Call to Order Commissioner Debbie Lightsey, Chair

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Lightsey just after 2 pm. Present in attendance from the Watershed Management Policy Board were Commissioner Lightsey, Tom Kwader and Skip Cook. Absent from the meeting were Commissioner Thael and Andy Dzurik. Present in attendance from the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) were Ron Bartel, Doug Fry, Joe Brown, John Buss and Dr. Julie Harrington. County representative Shington Lamy and City representative Michelle Bono were also present. Everyone present at the meeting including Policy Board members, TAC members and members of the audience gave a brief introduction of who they were and their affiliated organization.

II. Approval of Minutes from January 25, 2007 meeting Shington Lamy

Shington Lamy presented a copy of the minutes from the January 25, 2007 meeting to the Policy Board for their approval. All members of the Policy Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes.

III. Water Champion Nominations Shington Lamy / Michelle Bono

In January, over 600 letters were mailed to individuals and organizations seeking nominations for the Watershed Champion Award. Nine nominations were received and reviewed by the TAC. Each person nominated received a “ranking”. Three of the nominees were within two points of each other on the final ranking. The TAC recommended to the Policy Board that all three of the highest ranked nominees be recognized. If approved, a video would be produced by the city featuring these three nominees to be shown at the next Policy Board Meeting in May and would also air on the City’s Government Access Channel, WCOT, Comcast Cable Channel 13 and Leon County’s Channel, Comcast Cable Channel 16. A plaque would also be presented to the three nominees. The motion was approved by the Policy Board.

IV. Update on Water Atlas Julie Harrington / Shington Lamy

Dr. Julie Harrington announced that Lee Hartsfield is the Project Manager for the Water Atlas. She also mentioned an upcoming meeting on the Water Atlas that staff may want to attend and that a Water Atlas Advisory Committee could be named. John Buss explained that additional information is needed on the function and purpose of the Water Atlas Advisory Committee. Commissioner Lightsey requests to know how the Project Manager interfaces with the Water Atlas. Michelle Bono informed the Policy Board that May is the goal for implementation of the Water Atlas, with the first, early version of the website to debut as early as June 2007. Those dates may shift as they are very optimistic. Discussion was held regarding funding of the Water Atlas. Michelle Bono informed the Policy Board that both the City and County Commission have been briefed on the Water Atlas project. Commissioner Lightsey advised that the City and County's Stormwater staff need to work directly with GIS regarding the funding.

V. First Year Annual Report
Shington Lamy / Michelle Bono

Copies of the First Year Annual Report were provided to the Policy Board, TAC and the audience during the meeting. If approved, the annual report will be brought before the County and City Commissions in April. The report will then be posted to the protectyourwater.org website. Commissioner Lightsey stated that the report may be shared at the April 9th CONA meeting being held at the Renaissance Center. The First Year Annual Report was approved in concept and staff should send any edits to Shington to be made prior to being brought back to the City and County Commissions.

VI. Budget Recommendation
Shington Lamy / Michelle Bono

The initial start-up cost for the Water Atlas program for fiscal year 2006/07 is \$27,290.50 with the City and County each committing \$13,645.25 this fiscal year for the start-up. The City and County have both identified funding sources to cover the \$27,290.50. The funding request for fiscal year 2007/08 is as follows: \$43,884 allocated for the Water Atlas program and \$50,000 allocated for the Watershed signs. Thus the total funding request for FY 07/08 is \$93,884. Due to unforeseen operating expenses that may occur, the Policy Board unanimously approved \$100,000 as the FY 07/08 budget to be split equally among the City and County.

VII. Regulations and Fees Presentation
John Kraynak, Craig Barkve, John Buss, Joe

Brown, Doug Fry

A glossary of Stormwater and Watershed terms was provided to everyone in attendance at the meeting. A comparison of City and County lake protection standards was also provided and briefly discussed. John Kraynak advised that the City and County base water quality standard is the State water quality standard. Wayne Tedder provided future land use density and intensity maps to everyone. These maps look ahead 20 years from today and residential intensity was used as the common denominator in development of the maps. Commissioner Lightsey stated that the Policy Board and TAC need to look at target areas where sufficient development will be occurring that may require adjustments to the current stormwater actions being taken by the City and County. Commissioner Lightsey observed that there are fewer differences in the City and County's standards than was originally thought. She advised the board to start thinking and focusing on areas where the City and County do differ in their standards and what approach needs to be taken to make the standards more uniformed.

- **DEP Rule Update**

Doug Fry conducted a Powerpoint presentation on the DEP rule update and HB 7163.

The first phase of the new rules are anticipated to go into effect by October 1, 2007.

The second phase of the new rules are anticipated to go into effect by January 1, 2008.

The Rule Adoption Hearing is taking place on April 4 at 10 am at the DEP Bob Martinez Center. The proposed rules can be accessed at www.dep.state.fl.us/water/wetlands/erp/rules/draft_nw.htm

**Fees were not discussed at the meeting today due to lack of time, therefore, this will be discussed at the May meeting.*

VIII. Other Business

The next meeting will be held in May and another meeting to follow in September.

Issues to be brought back at the next meeting:

Watershed Champion Award video and plaque presentation

Recommendations on more uniformed standards between City and County (or at a subsequent meeting)

Fees

