

## **SUMMARY MINUTES**

**Watershed Management Policy Board  
September 20, 2007- Mary Brogan Museum, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Classroom  
2:30-4:30 p.m.**

**1. Call to Order  
Commissioner Debbie Lightsey, Chair**

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Debbie Lightsey at 2:34 p.m. Present in attendance from the Watershed Management Policy Board was Commissioner Lightsey, Commissioner Cliff Thael, Skip Cook, Tom Kwader and Andy Dzurik. All members of the Board were present. Present in attendance from the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) were Dr. Julie Harrington, Joe Brown, John Buss, Doug Fry and Ron Bartel. All TAC members were present. County representative Shington Lamy was also present. The Policy Board members gave a brief introduction stating their names, positions and affiliation on the Board.

**2. Approval of Minutes from June 5, 2007 meeting  
John Buss**

Minutes from the June 5, 2007 meeting were presented for approval or modification. Mr. Cook made a motion to approve the minutes and the Board voted unanimously to approve them.

**3. Proposed Statewide Stormwater Quality Rule  
Eric Livingston, FDEP**

Eric Livingston gave a Powerpoint presentation on Florida's Unified Stormwater Treatment Rule that FDEP is currently working on. If and when adopted by the State, the new rule would require stormwater management goals for new development based on post development impacts that do not exceed pre-development conditions. The post/pre development requirements would focus on peak discharge rate, volume, recharge, and pollutant loading. According to Mr. Livingston, FDEP's approach is to have a single statewide stormwater treatment rule adopted by FDEP and implemented by the Water Management Districts (WMD). He anticipates that a FDEP/WMD work group will develop a conceptual rule during June – Sept. 2007, with the formation of Technical and Policy Advisory Committees (TAC/PAC) around Dec. 2007, holding TAC/Rule workshops Jan – Sept. 2008 and implementation in January 2009. The slides used in this Powerpoint presentation can be obtained at the following website address: <ftp://ftp.dep.state.fl.us/pub/water/BMAP/Livingston>.

Prompted by Commissioner Thael, Mr. Livingston explained that the City and the County stormwater treatment standards are more strict than the current State standards. However, he emphasized that the City and County's standards are below what the new State rule would require.

**4. Discussion of Interlocal Agreement Tasks  
Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)**

• **Resource Limitations and Proportionate Level of Approach**

Commissioner Lightsey and other members of the Board expressed their concerns that the primary responsibility of the Board has changed. The initial responsibility of the Board according to the Interlocal Agreement was to “develop a coordinated approach to watershed management by transitioning City and County jurisdictions to basin specific Watershed Management Plans” and to draft “consistent sets of stormwater plans for each specific basin, tailored to the soil types, topography, and other conditions specific to that basin” that can be taken back before both City and County Commissions for adoption. The Board discussed that in light of DEP’s proposed statewide stormwater quality standards we may be overcome by external events as it reflects to a single local stormwater standard. After reviewing resource limitations the Board determined that they would like to focus on those issues, goals and priorities where it would be most beneficial to direct its efforts. Mr. Cook requested, and the Board agreed to revisit their charge to determine where they should be headed in regards to watershed management policies. The Board agreed to revisit the Interlocal Agreement Tasks at the next meeting

• **Consistency in Local Water Quality Regulation**

There was some discussion on whether the Board should proceed with trying to resolve inconsistencies in City/County stormwater standards at this time. A recommendation was offered by Mr. Buss to defer the task of unifying City/County standards for a year. The purpose of the delay is to evaluate the direction and progress made on the statewide stormwater rule. That rule will require that both the City and County modify their current ordinances and that would be the best time to try to make them consistent. Mr. Buss’ suggestion was well received by most members. John Kraynak indicated that he has done extensive research resolving some of the City/County standards discrepancies. Commissioner Thael would like to see Mr. Kraynak’s “wish list” and discuss it with the Board. It was agreed that Mr. Kraynak would present his findings to the TAC and then make a presentation at the next Board meeting.

• **Capital Improvement Plan Coordination**

Mr. Buss advised the Board that the TAC members all agree that the capital improvements are already closely coordinated. The TAC will look at the 5-year capital budget to see if there are projects that may need additional coordination but generally City and County staff do coordinate projects as part of their normal activities, when and where needed. Several examples of the coordinated projects

were given such as the Killlearn Flood Control project. Commissioner Lightsey asked about City/County coordination on stormwater impacts related to roadway projects. The TAC will bring back a brief summary on roadway projects and levels of coordination.

- **Lakeside Education**

The agenda package included a copy of the TAPP outreach event calendar, provided by Mr. Buss, which gives a detailed listing of outreach that has been conducted. He explained that the City is currently doing a lot of education through TAPP and, also that both the City and the County do public education through the requirements of the NPDES permit. When asked for an example to show that efforts have proven successful, Mr. Buss mentioned the rain garden grant program. Dr. Harrington also mentioned Killlearn Lakes and Lake Blue Heron as a success story. See the website at <http://www.killlearnlakes.org> for additional information. Mr. Buss stated the TAC does not recommend a town hall meeting at this time. Commissioner Thael agreed and that he felt it would be best to wait until after the first draft of the new state rule is received before holding a town hall meeting. Commissioner Lightsey requested that we take a look at Low Impact Development (LID) and how it differs from what we do and consider providing this information to the development community.

- **Basin Management Plans**

Mr. Buss stated that completion of this task could range from something fairly simple to a complex plan like that which the County commissioned for Lake Lafayette that can cost \$200k or more and take several years each to complete. Commissioner Lightsey noted that her intent in helping write this charge was not to require the development of detailed plans for each basin. Rather she meant for each Basin Plan to focus on the inconsistencies in regulations, recommended solutions such as single stormwater standards and CIP coordination needs if any etc. It was agreed that this subject was related to re-addressing the Board's charge.

5. **5. Other Business**

Commissioner Thael stated that he would like an update on the status of the Water Atlas. Mr. Cook concurred that he would also like an update on the status of the Water Atlas. Lee Hartsfield will be giving a presentation at the Renaissance Center on the Water Atlas to the Science Advisory Committee meeting on October 5<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Buss mentioned that the regional WQ issue related to springs protection could be an emerging new and perhaps more important coordinated watershed related function than the Board's original charges. He sees this as a critical issue for our community in which the Board could play a meaningful and significant role. Commissioner Lightsey said that the City Commission is supposed to be seeing a presentation on LAVA maps September 25<sup>th</sup> and she will decide if she thinks it would be beneficial for the Board to see

that presentation. The County Commission will see the presentation on October 9<sup>th</sup> She is also trying to get the Wakulla Symposium to reconvene some time in the spring.

**6. Next Meeting Date**

The fourth quarterly meeting will be scheduled for early December.

**7. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned by Commissioner Lightsey at 4:30 p.m.

**Issues to be brought back at future meetings:**

- a) The Board would like to review the Interlocal Agreement to assess whether there is a need to modify some elements of the action plan and long-term Board responsibilities.
- b) Presentation from John Kraynak regarding his proposed ordinance changes.
- c) Brief summary on coordination related to stormwater improvements on roadway projects
- d) Update/presentation on status of Water Atlas