

Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting  
**PEACE RIVER MANASOTA REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY**  
Manatee County Administrative Center  
1112 Manatee Avenue West, Bradenton, Florida

April 6, 2016

***Board Members Present:***

Commissioner Christopher G. Constance, Charlotte County, Chairman  
Commissioner Alan Maio, Sarasota County, Vice Chairman  
Commissioner Elton A. Langford, DeSoto County  
Commissioner John R. Chappie, Manatee County

***Staff Present:***

Patrick Lehman, Executive Director  
Doug Manson, General Counsel  
Mike Coates, Deputy Director  
Kevin Morris, Science and Technology Officer  
Richard Anderson, System Operations Manager  
Ann Lee, Finance/Administration Manager  
Ford Ritz, Project Engineer  
Linda Stewart, Executive Secretary

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***Others Present:***

A list of others present who signed the attendance roster for this meeting is filed with the permanent records of the Authority. Commissioner Constance recognized Charlotte County Commissioner Ken Doherty, Administrator Ray Sandrock and Assistant Administrator Hector Flores; and Sarasota County Assistant Administrator Mark Cunningham.

**CALL TO ORDER**

**INVOCATION**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**HOST COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR REMARKS**

Manatee County Administrator, Ed Hunzeker, had an unscheduled conflict and was not able to attend. In his stead, Commissioner Chappie welcomed everyone to Manatee County. He said it is amazing what the Authority is all about; the regional water supply and delivery system; and how well everyone works together.

**RESOLUTIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

- 1. Recognition of Commissioner Chappie for his service as Chair for 2015**
- 2. Recognition of 2015 Plant Operations Excellence Award from the Department of Environmental Protection awarded to the Peace River Facility**

**TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR FY 2017****1. Tentative Budget for FY 2017****Presented by Patrick Lehman, Executive Director**

Mr. Lehman presented the proposed Tentative Budget for FY 2017 in the amount of \$43,931,504. The proposed budget has been vetted through the member/customer staffs and administrators. Mr. Lehman said the budget is available for public review on the Authority's website at [www.regionalwater.org](http://www.regionalwater.org) along with the supporting documentation. The final budget will be scheduled for adoption at a Public Hearing to be held at the regularly scheduled Board meeting tentatively set for July 28, 2016.

The budget is prepared in accordance with federal and state statutes along with the Authority's governing documents, bond documents, budget policies and strategic plan. The budget upholds the obligatory requirements noted below:

- MWSC obligations of 34.7 MGD
- Customer demands [January 2016 projections of 31.5 MGD]
- Long term water demands
- Efficiency of Operations
- Invest in infrastructure
- Maintain financial stability and bond ratings
- Sustain reasonable water rates now and into the future

Mr. Lehman went over the factors that will impact the budget preparation which are summarized below:

- Increase in cost proportionate to increased water demand
- Staffing
  - ✓ Personnel compensation increase budgeted at 4% [comparable to member governments]
  - ✓ Health Insurance increase budgeted at 5% [piggyback on Charlotte County]
  - ✓ Two new staff positions [increase from 45 to 47 full time employees]
    - IT
    - HR/Public Records
- Contract Services reduction from increased in-house expertise
- Prioritize R&R funding to maintain infrastructure
- Reflects grant funds for CIP projects for customer savings

Mr. Lehman said the Authority is an enterprise fund based on user pay and is divided into two functional areas: (1) Administrative and (2) Facilities. The proposed budget is an increase of \$6.77M from the current budget due largely to the upcoming pipeline projects. Looking back over the last five years, O&M has remained consistent since completion of the regional reservoir and expansion of the PRF. There was a bump for non O&M in 2015 due to the 1991 rebuild project and CIP fluctuates depending on construction projects. There is no CIP in the current budget; however there will be CIP in upcoming budget for the planned pipeline projects.

Mr. Lehman reviewed the breakdown of water allocations, expenditures and available funds. Mr. Lehman said the base rate charge is a slight uptick for the proposed budget; however the customers are still paying less than in 2014 and in some cases less than in 2012. The water use charge stays the same for the sixth year in a row at \$0.74. Mr. Lehman also reviewed the member fees and the customer planning assessments.

Mr. Lehman said the proposed budget and the updates throughout the budget process will be available on the Authority's website. Authority staff will continue to work with the member/customer staffs over the next few months. The intent is to come back at the June meeting with any changes in addition to obtaining Board input and then the public hearing for adoption of the final budget would be conducted at the Board meeting proposed for July 28<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Constance noted the 5% increase in health insurance is reasonable as healthcare costs continue to rise and at the County those costs are not being passed on to the employee which he believed was also true for Authority employees. Commissioner Constance said that is one of those benefits that are important for the rank and file to understand that we are looking out for them in that way. Charlotte County also has an employee healthcare clinic which almost 90% of County employees solely use because the clinic offers high quality care at no charge to the employee, along with other advantages, and the Authority employees also benefit from that. [Note: the Authority piggy-backs on Charlotte County for health insurance for its employees.]

Commissioner Constance asked if staff looked into the possibility of piggy-backing onto any one of the counties for IT services. Commissioner Constance said he has been impressed, and not just with Charlotte County, with the caliber of IT in government facilities which has to be at a certain level because there is so much information that needs to be protected. They are very robust systems and the people need recognition that they do a fantastic job. Mr. Lehman said staff will be checking into that possibility but noted it is important to have a dedicated person who is knowledgeable of the Authority's system.

Commissioner Constance commented that basically the base rate is the fixed costs and the \$0.74/1,000 gallons is for chemicals, etc. Mr. Lehman affirmed his understanding.

Commissioner Constance asked Mr. Lehman what the basis was for the member fee. Mr. Lehman said the Authority was formed in 1982 and there was no treatment facility until 1991. To pay for the administrative staff and the office costs were split between the four members and that is why Manatee County has a member fee but does not pay for water supply at this time.

Commissioner Constance asked if the member fee is population based. Mr. Lehman said the Board adopted the policy that half of the administrative cost is split equally and the other half proportionate to population.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Chappie, seconded by Commissioner Langford, to approve Tentative Budget for FY 2017 in the amount of \$43,931,504. Motion was approved unanimously.**

**2. Resolution 2016-01 'Resolution Setting Forth Preliminary Schedules of Rates, Fees and Charges for FY 2017'  
Presented by Patrick Lehman, Executive Director**

Mr. Lehman said Resolution 2016-01 formalizes the Board's adoption of the Tentative Budget for FY 2017 and establishes its intent to set rates based upon the tentative budget.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Chappie, seconded by Commissioner Langford, to approve Resolution 2016-01 'Resolution Setting Forth Preliminary Schedules of Rates, Fees and Charges for FY 2017'. Motion was approved unanimously.**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Commissioner Maio requested Item 3 be removed for discussion. Commissioner Constance requested Item 6 be removed for discussion. Commissioner Constance verified Item 1 is the minutes for the Board meeting on January 28, 2016 and the January 27 date was a scribe error.

1. **Minutes of January 28, 2016 Board of Directors meeting**
2. **Minutes of February 25, 2016 Board of Directors meeting**
3. [REMOVED FOR DISCUSSION] Reschedule August 3, 2016 Board of Directors Meeting
4. **Resolution 2016-02 ‘Recognition of the Month of April as Water Conservation Month’**
5. **Resolution 2016-03 ‘Recognition of National Drinking Water Week’**
6. [REMOVED FOR DISCUSSION] Award Contracts for Purchase of Water Treatment Chemicals
7. **Award Contract for Sludge Loading and Hauling Services**
8. **Approve Proposal from Ovivo USA, LLC/TSC Jacobs for Rebuild and Installation Services of Three Rake Drive Units at the Peace River Facility**
9. **Resolution 2016-04 ‘Adopt 457 Governmental Deferred Compensation Plan for the Peace River Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority**
10. **Accept Customer Supplied 20-Year Water Demand Projections**
11. **Approve Work Order No. 16-05 to MWH for Reservoir No. 2 Seepage Collection System Toe Drain Inspection**
12. **Novation of Contract from United Systems Computer Group, Inc. to Entech United, LLC**

Motion was made by Commissioner Langford, seconded by Commissioner Chappie, to approve the consent agenda, with the exception of Item 3 and Item 6, for April 6, 2016. Motion was approved unanimously.

**3. Reschedule August 3, 2016 Board of Directors Meeting**

Commissioner Maio said July 28<sup>th</sup> he will be out of the area and Sarasota Assistant County Administrator Mark Cunningham will attend in his place.

Motion was made by Commissioner Langford, seconded by Commissioner Chappie, to approve revised Board of Directors’ meeting schedule for calendar year 2016. Motion was approved unanimously.

**6. Award Contracts for Purchase of Water Treatment Chemicals with the recommended lowest responsible and response bidders as listed below:**

Bid Item	Chemical	Recommended Bidder	Unit Cost
No. 1	Ammonium Hydroxide 19% Solution	Airgas Specialty Products, Inc.	\$0.5054 per gallon
No. 2 *	Powdered Activated Carbon	Cabot Norit Americas	Hydro Darco S \$1,100 per ton
No. 3	Sodium Hypochlorite 12% Solution	Allied Universal Corporation	\$0.468 per gallon

\*Low bidder determined to be the most cost effective based on 3<sup>rd</sup> party performance testing.

Commissioner Constance said Mr. Lehman made him aware there may be an issue with Airgas Specialty Products Inc. executing their contract and asked Mr. Lehman the status.

Mr. Lehman said Airgas Specialty Products Inc. [Airgas] is the current supplier of ammonium hydroxide and is the lowest and responsible bidder for this chemical, however, has requested revisions to the contract. At this time, Mr. Lehman said he did not know if Airgas would sign the contract as contained in the bid documents and if they elect not to sign the contract staff would like the ability to proceed with the next lowest responsible and responsive bidder and requested the Board approve this item with that caveat.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Langford, seconded by Commissioner Chappie, to award Contracts for Purchase of Water Treatment Chemicals with the recommended lowest responsible and responsive bidders as listed with the caveat should Airgas Specialty Products Inc. elect not to sign their contract staff may proceed to the next lowest responsible and responsive bidder for ammonium hydroxide. Motion was approved unanimously.**

## REGULAR AGENDA

### **1. Water Supply Conditions – Staff Report Presented by Richard Anderson, System Operations Manager**

Mr. Anderson said rainfall in the Peace River basin has been average to above-average for the past year. Through March the basin received 3 inches and another 0.5 inch to-date in April. River flow has been running about 900-1,000 cubic feet per second (cfs) which is very good for this time of year. River withdrawal is somewhat down at 18-19 mgd due to some withdrawals for the ASR wells which Mr. Coates will discuss in detail later in the agenda. Surface water storage is topped off at 6.5 BG for both reservoirs and there is 5.35 BG in the ASR system. The water quality and water quantity is excellent.

Mr. Anderson said the Authority and its customers maintain close to 103 MGD of finished water supply capacity. For the month of February, the Authority produced about 26.81 MGD and the member utilities produced 41.84 MGD for a total regional use of 68.65 MGD. Regional utilization for the month of February was 65.5 MGD or 60% of the region's capacity.

Mr. Anderson also reviewed the current demand and supply conditions for each of the members/customers for the month of February and for the first five months of FY 2016 as well as their historical annual average usage for the last six years. Regionally we are up approximately 1 MG for the first five month of 2016 compared to 2015 average.

Mr. Anderson referred to the SWFWMD demand projections for the southern region taken from their 2016 regional water supply plan that includes Authority customers and non-Authority customers. For the time period beginning in 2010 SWFWMD numbers show 91.0 MGD compared to 68.0 MGD for the Authority customers. The Authority members account for about 72% of the region's demand.

### **2. Regional Integrated Loop System Phase 3B Interconnect Update [S.R. 681 to Clark Road] Presented by Mike Coates, Deputy Director**

Mr. Coates said the Phase 3B Interconnect includes 4.2 miles of 48-inch diameter pipeline from the northern terminus of the existing Phase 3A Interconnect north to Clark Road. Design work for the project was initiated in February 2016. Estimated total project cost is \$27M and project completion is scheduled in 2020. Sarasota County has committed the funds for the preliminary design effort from project savings with the Authority.

**a. Status of Interlocal Agreement between the Authority and Sarasota County**

Mr. Coates said for each regional pipeline the Authority requires an interlocal agreement with the customer that wants the pipe. The agreement covers financial, ownership, capacity, property use, coordination and other pertinent requirements of the project. In addition, SWFWMD requires the interlocal agreement to show local government commitment of funds which will enable them to rank the project favorably for cooperative funding. The Authority and the County are currently developing the Interlocal Agreement for the Phase 3B Interconnect. The target date for approval by the County and the Authority is June 1, 2016 in time to positively affect SWFWMD ranking of the project for FY 2017 cooperative funding.

**b. Status of Out-of-Cycle Funding Request to SWFWMD for Phase 3B Preliminary Design Services**

Mr. Coates said in September the Authority submitted a FY 2017 cooperative funding application to SWFWMD for the Phase 3B Interconnect. The application included project costs from FY 2016 through projected completion in 2020, however only the FY 2017 and later costs are being considered by SWFWMD. In order to include FY 2016 project costs the Authority submitted an out-of-cycle funding request on February 3, 2016 for 50% of the contracted \$397,958 preliminary design cost. SWFWMD Governing Board action is scheduled for April 26, 2016 and SWFWMD staff recommendation is for approval so it is anticipated the Authority will receive out-of-cycle funding in FY 2016 for this project.

**3. SWFWMD FY 2017 Cooperative Funding Applications  
Presented by Mike Coates, Deputy Director**

Mr. Coates said in September the Authority submitted the FY 2017 cooperative funding applications to SWFWMD for the three regional pipeline projects recapped below:

1) The Phase 3B Interconnect (S.R. 681 to Clark Road) will include installation of about 4.2 miles of 48" diameter pipeline from the northern terminus of the existing Phase 3A Regional Interconnect, north to Clark Road. The Authority's 2015 Water Supply Master Plan (WSMP) estimated total project cost is \$27M, and completion scheduled in 2020. Preliminary design work commenced in February 2016.

2) The Phase 3D Interconnect (Fruitville Road to Manatee) will include installation of about 3.6 miles of 24" diameter pipeline from Fruitville Road north along the Lorraine Road corridor to the Manatee County line. The pipeline is to be installed by Schroeder Manatee Ranch (SMR), the developer of Lakewood Ranch, as part of the Lorraine Road corridor improvements. Project design is complete. The Authority's 2015 WSMP estimated total project cost is \$15.5M and project completion is scheduled in 2018. Sarasota County and SMR have developed a draft agreement providing for SMR installation of the future regional pipeline facilities, then sale/conveyance of those facilities to the County. Thereafter the County and the Authority must work out terms for Authority acquisition of the pipeline.

3) The Phase 4 Interconnect (Burnt Store WTP to Phase 1A) will include installation of about 15.4 miles of 24" diameter pipeline from Burnt Store WTP in south Charlotte County to the Phase 1A regional facilities along U.S. 17 east of Punta Gorda. The Authority's 2015 WSMP estimated cost is \$28M and completion timeframe is approximately five years. The Authority and Charlotte County continue discussions on the timing for the Phase 4 Interconnect.

Mr. Coates said in total these three projects represent 23 miles of new pipeline at an estimated cost of approximately \$70M. Mr. Coates said SWFWMD is in the process of evaluating those applications for

cooperative funding. In addition, the state has appropriated \$500,000 toward the three projects. The state money will be available July 1, 2016, the start of the state's fiscal year. Because the Phase 3B Interconnect project is moving ahead the money has been earmarked for the Phase 3B Interconnect in the draft FY 2017 budget. SWFWMD currently has the Phase 3B Interconnect ranked low because they require a local co-funding component. The development and approval of the Interlocal Agreement between Sarasota County and the Authority previously discussed would meet the requirement for SWFWMD to fund the project.

Mr. Coates said that it is not anticipated an Interlocal Agreement could be developed timely for the FY 2017 funding cycle for the Phase 4 Interconnect and that project could be re-submitted for the FY 2018 funding cycle. Mr. Coates said the possibility of combining the Phase 3B Interconnect and the Phase 3D Interconnect was discussed with Sarasota County.

Commissioner Constance asked Mr. Coates if he would be bringing this back in June so the Board can make the decision to allocate the state funds to presumably the Phase 3B Interconnect.

Mr. Coates said yes. In addition it is anticipated the Interlocal Agreement with Sarasota County for the Phase 3B Interconnect will be completed at that time for Board approval.

#### **4. Partially Treated Water Aquifer Storage & Recovery Concept Presentation Presented by Mike Coates, Deputy Director**

Mr. Coates presented the results from the recently completed preliminary study conducted by CH2M and ASRus on the viability of partially treating water for recharge to the aquifer storage/recovery (ASR) system. Mr. Coates said this item is about a concept - a change in the way we store water at the Peace River Facility [PRF] and we believe has a potential to improve storage operation and save money. The authors of the report, Ryan Messer with CH2M and Mark McNeal with ASRus, were in audience and available for questions.

Mr. Coates said we have a unique operation at the PRF utilizing the seasonal and available resource through withdrawal and storage of high flows from the Peace River to provide a stable supply for our customers. Storage at the PRF includes off-stream reservoir and ASR.

Mr. Coates explained there are two typical operating procedures at the PRF one for wet season operation and one for dry season operation. The wet season operation is meeting demand and filling storage. Water is harvested from the river based upon the water use permit. The permitted withdrawal schedule allows a small percentage of the water from the river to be harvested once a minimum floor level is achieved. The summer river flows are typically over 1 BG per day, so harvesting even a small percentage results in a large amount of water. Our permit allows us to pump up to 120 mgd to the off-stream reservoir system and then pumped to the PRF to be treated and pumped to the customers.

Water treated in excess of demand can be used for recharge of the ASR system. There are 21 wells in the ASR system and is the largest ASR system in the eastern US. Realistically there is no limit to the amount of water that could be recharged to the aquifer but the design capacity is 6 BG.

Mr. Coates said there are a couple of important concepts to note: (1) treated water is being recharged to the ASR system and (2) excess water treatment capacity is being utilized to recharge that system. During the dry season operation when flows from the Peace River are too low or water quality in the river is not acceptable, water is taken from the off-stream reservoir system and pumped to the PRF to be treated and pumped to the customers. If the reservoir system gets low, we begin to recover the ASR water back into

the reservoirs which then mixes with the water in the reservoir and pumped to the PRF and treated again for distribution to the customers.

Mr. Coates said the concept is the potential to operate the ASR system in a manner more economically similar to the above-ground reservoir system. Converting the ASR system to a partially treated surface water ASR system and recharging with water directly from the reservoir system rather than potable water would significantly reduce the treatment cost of operating the ASR system since it would only require treatment to drinking water standards one time, when recovered from ASR storage. There would also be a marked benefit in water quality since the surface water treatment process adds about 75 milligrams per liter [mg/L] of total dissolved solids (TDS). By omitting the treatment process prior to ASR recharge, the water being recharged has about 20% lower TDS concentration and the final drinking water produced would be better quality as well.

Uncoupling ASR injection from the initial treatment cost eliminates surplus treatment capacity as a constraint. This creates the potential for excess river water which would normally flow to tide to be recharged. This could offset the impacts of groundwater withdrawals elsewhere in the region and contributed to the SWFWMD's recovery plan for the Southern Water Use Caution Area [SWUCA] by boosting aquifer levels.

Another potential benefit is the long term effectiveness of the ASR system. Part of the rationale is that we are using excess treatment capacity to recharge ASR. As demand increases, there is less excess treatment capacity which affects ability to recharge ASR.

Mr. Coates said we save on the treatment capacity but it does require adding another pumping station and that would then recharge the ASR system. So there is a capital component estimated at \$7.5M to make this system work. But that does support storing a large volume of water in ASR if we put in a 20 MGD pumping station we can put water into that system faster than we can now.

Mr. Coates said at this time we have not talked with DEP or SWFWMD about this concept. Mr. Coates noted SWFWMD is looking at something similar in Flatford Swamp and Mr. Manson noted Hillsborough County is looking at something similar with reclaim.

Mr. Coates said there are some interesting possibilities if you can get the cost low enough and of course it also reduces the carbon footprint because we are not putting chemicals in the water and energy costs for the water and then doing it all over again. This is not without risk however. By injecting water that is partially filtered and perhaps not disinfected, there is risk of clogging in the wells. That is something we need to look at and something we plan to look at in the pilot testing which is really critical to this effort. We also need to understand the effect of arsenic mobilization because that is what requires us really to treat this water twice. When we put treated water in to begin with it mobilizes naturally occurring arsenic that is in the formation and then that arsenic is pulled back with the water that we put back in the reservoirs system. Instead of putting it directly into the drinking water system, it is put in the reservoir system and it is retreated and the arsenic comes out in the treatment process. But we do need to understand the effect of arsenic mobilization of putting partially treated water in and all of that is going to come out in the pilot testing.

Mr. Coates said the next steps would be to DEP about a permit modification that will allow us to do the pilot testing on the ASR. With a favorable response from DEP we would get a permit modification sometime this fall and could begin the pilot testing in December 2016 or January 2017.

Again, this is a concept we wanted to roll out and get any feedback you have. We will bring this back to you as often as like but is something that could save us money and improve the operation.



Commissioner Constance said your potential savings are there if you are needing to put 1BG underground all the time but if we are not doing that then it is actually costing us money and asked Mr. Coates to speak to that.

Mr. Coates said there are a couple of points. Our target for recharging the ASR system for the last three years has been about 1.5 BG because we are trying to build storage in the system. For the last three however we have not had to take any water out of ASR which has allowed us to build that storage. However, most of the time we are running the ASR system 90 to 100 days and we rely on it. Secondly, there is a ground water gradient. Groundwater flows like a river but much more slowly. Rivers flow feet per minute but groundwater flows one-half foot per day. And so the water that we put in will continue to move with time and it will eventually move away from the place where we can actually withdraw it. So we will have to continue to recharge the ASR.

Commissioner Constance asked what the cost would be for the pilot testing and if the cost was budgeted

Mr. Coates said we are looking at about \$200,000 in FY 2017 and in FY 2019 we would actually begin to build something if things work out. It is planned for in the draft budget.

Mr. Lehman noted that Manatee County was actually the first utility in the state with ASR and we, the Authority, are the largest; the City of Bradenton is a leader with de-oxidation; and North Port is looking at the same concept with ASR. So there is a whole lot of benefit, not just to the Authority, but to the whole region in general

#### **5. Strategic Plan Implementation Process Presented by John Shearer, Shearer Consulting**

Mr. Shearer reminded the Board the Strategic Plan is very aspirational and far reaching and the objective of this process is to develop a method for implementing the Authority's vision, mission and core values. Mr. Shearer said this process is planned to maximize the participation and cooperation not only among the member governments but reach out to other utilities in the region as well. As discussed at the last Board meeting, the core value teams will be led by a senior Authority staff and comprised of the members. The initial activity of each core value team is to develop a scope of work to fulfill the core values. Mr. Shearer noted many of the Authority's policies and procedures have been in place since day one and this process may create an opportunity to tweak and/or change those policies and procedures or determine they are suitable as written.

#### **6. Legislative Session Wrap-up Presented by Diane Salz, Legislative Affairs Liaison**

Ms. Salz reported on the results of the 2016 Legislative Session. Ms. Salz said the emphasis over the last three years has been to support regional partnerships and to enhance funding the Authority's vision for 2035. And over those three years the Authority has been awarded \$6M in state funding. Special thanks go to the Authority's water project funding sponsors Representative Ben Albritton and Senator Nancy Detert, and to the delegation members.

Ms. Salz said another priority for the Authority has been to support the appropriation of state funds that promote regional projects without creating new bureaucracy. This and other important priorities of the Authority were addressed in the passage of the Comprehensive Water Policy Reform legislation that was Senate Bill 552. Section 9 of Senate Bill 552 underscores the need for the water management districts to

secure funding for regionally significant projects. And we were successful in our efforts to prevent the creation of a new layer of bureaucracy and instead that will remain the job of the water management districts and our delegation members to discern which projects warrant state funding.

Other areas worth mentioning of interest to the Authority relate to protection of surface waters. There were provisions relating to special districts that did not sit well for us. There are 1,600 special districts in the state, and the Authority is in a class of its own and sometimes what appears to be requirements that look like they will work real well for all those other special districts don't really sit well for us at all. Another area where we did weigh in was the implementation of constitutional amendment no. 1 the water and land conservation amendment that was passed in 2014.

### **GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT**

Mr. Manson advised the Board of a possible federal indictment involving some companies that sell chemicals and allegations there has been price fixing and territory fixing. The Authority has been approached by a law firm pursuing a class action lawsuit for the state of Florida and is affiliated with another law firm that is doing this nationwide. In addition, Florida Attorney General Pam Bondi has initiated an investigation and has requested the Authority provide their bid documentation back to 1997. This information has been requested from most utilities in Florida. Mr. Manson said he would keep the Board apprised how the lawsuit may go forward and what involvement the Authority may have.

Mr. Manson said Craig Varn, currently general counsel for DEP, is returning to Manson Bolves Donaldson and the firm name will become Manson Bolves Donaldson and Varn.

Mr. Manson said he would like to speak to his contract for legal services even though it is a discussion item on the Executive Director's report. He said the contract provides an annual amount up to \$180,000 for services within the scope of the contract. Mr. Manson said the settlement negotiations with RTD for the 1991 Rebuild project and the funding agreements for the Phase 1 Interconnect with Punta Gorda were more involved than he anticipated but he expects other monthly invoices will be much lower. He feels he is on track for the year and unless the Board approves anything additional the firm would make up the cost difference. He said he is keeping an eye on the expenses.

### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Lehman said 2016 marks the silver anniversary of the PRF and Friends of Peace Water, Inc. is sponsoring the annual BBQ on May 6<sup>th</sup> to celebrate this occasion. Representative Ben Albritton will be the guest speaker. Mr. Lehman said Senator Detert and Representative Roberson have been supporters of the Authority and regionalism and are both terming out and suggested they be recognized, along with Representative Albritton, at the BBQ for their efforts. The Board concurred. Mr. Lehman said over the years people have asked about the history of the Authority and the video that is being prepared for the BBQ includes interviews with historians like Derek Dunn-Rankin with the Charlotte Sun and Tom Tryon with the Herald Tribune along with Don Ross and others that were on the early Boards.

### **ROUTINE STATUS REPORTS**

Routine status reports are provided for informational purposes and no presentation is made.

1. Hydrologic Conditions Report
2. Check Registers for January 2016 and February 2016
3. Regional Integrated Loop System Phase 1 Interconnect [U.S. 17 to Punta Gorda]

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Commissioner Chappie said in his years on the Board he has heard a lot about reservoir no. 2 but not much about reservoir no. 1. He asked if staff had ever done a report on maintenance and costs associated with reservoir no. 1. He said it would be interesting to hear a little bit about reservoir no. 1.

Mr. Lehman said he would be glad to have staff put that information together.

Commissioner Chappie asked Ms. Salz if we do any type of report card of how our local legislators vote and how they support our issues so we would have a better understanding and knowledge as who we need to lobby when we have issues.

Ms. Salz said our delegation is very supportive across the board. It is really a matter of getting them up to speed on where we are and what we are doing and what our needs are. Generally, they are willing to go the extra mile. Ms. Salz said we can discuss it further if you would like.

Mr. Lehman said a lot of it comes down to who sits on what specific committee also.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**SCHEDULE OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

Friends of Peace Water, Inc. Annual BBQ – PRF Silver Anniversary  
Friday, May 6, 2016 @ 11:30 a.m.  
Peace River Facility

Next Authority Board Meeting  
Wednesday, June 1, 2016 @ 9:30 a.m.  
DeSoto County Administrative Building  
Commission Chambers, First Floor  
201 East Oak Street, Arcadia, Florida

Future Authority Board Meetings  
July 28, 2016 @ 9:30 a.m. – Charlotte County Administration Center, Port Charlotte, Florida  
October 5, 2016 @ 9:30 a.m. – Sarasota County Administration Center, Sarasota, Florida  
December 7, 2016 @ 9:30 a.m. – Manatee County Administrative Center, Bradenton, Florida


**Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
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**DATE:** April 6, 2016

**LOCATION:** Bradenton, Florida

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Gary Washland	MWH
Rick Newkirk	CNP
Jennifer DeRosios	CNP.
DAVID CASH	SARA. Co.
SCOTT SCHROYER	SARA. Co.
Chris Kuzler	King Engineering
Steve Adams	Punta Gorda Utility Dept
TERRI HALCOMB	HDR
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Phil Waller	HDR
Mark Smason	MANASOTA Co.
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