



The Water Co-operative of Central Florida
Thursday, January 26, 2012
2:00 PM
Toho Administration Building
951 MLK Boulevard
Kissimmee, FL

Agenda

1. Approval of Minutes from the August 16, 2011 meeting.
2. Election of Vice Chairman – A new Vice Chairman must be elected because St. Cloud City Commissioner Jarom Fertic, Water Co-operative Vice Chairman, resigned from the City Commission to run for the Supervisor of Elections office. A new City Commissioner, Don Shroyer, has been elected to the vacant position and has been appointed to be the City of St. Cloud's representative to the Water Co-operative.
3. Approval of Resolution **WC 001-2012 – DEPOSIT ACCOUNT RESOLUTION AND AUTHORIZATION FOR BUSINESS ENTITIES** – At the August 16, 2011 meeting, the Board approved Resolution WC 003-2011 authorizing the establishment of a bank account for the Water Co-operative with SunTrust Bank. However Sun Trust Bank requires a resolution with their specific language. The Board will be asked to approve the Sun Trust Bank resolution. The lack of a bank account has delayed the collection of the initial payment to fund the Water Co-operative account.
4. Discussion of Budget for the Co-operative – Because the Water Co-operative has not been able to establish a bank account and collect the initial payment to fund the co-operative there has not been the need or requirement to establish a budget. Staff will outline the elements of a proposed budget to be presented to the Board for the next meeting.
5. Status Update on Cypress Lake AWS – Staff will provide an update on the Cypress Lake Alternative Water Supply Project.
6. Formulation of a Meeting Schedule for 2012

Description	Inaugural meeting of the Water Cooperative of Central Florida. Present at the meeting were TWA Chairman, Bruce R. Van Meter, Polk County Commissioner, Bob English, Silvia Alderman, Environmental Attorney, St. Cloud Commissioner, Jarom Fertic, TWA Executive Director, Brian L. Wheeler, and TWA Executive Assistant, Nilsa C. Diaz		
Date	August 16, 2011	Location	Tohopekaliga Water Authority Boardroom

TIME	ITEM	MINUTES
5:05 PM	ELECTION OF OFFICERS	<p>Mr. Brian Wheeler initiated the meeting by introducing Attorney Silvia Alderman. Ms. Alderman briefed the attendees via a PowerPoint presentation on the meetings logistics, filing requirements, powers, duties under Chapter 189, delineated duties of the BOS under the Charter, budget related duties, prohibitions, planning and development of water projects, and the duties of the Agent of the Coop. Ms. Alderman stated that at the beginning, the Coop is very flexible, i.e, approval of projects and issuance of bonds. She advised the Supervisors about filing forms as any other formal public meeting and that the powers of the Coop are exercised by the BOS unless it is something that requires approval by the governments/utilities. This Coop has been set up so that TWA will serve as Agent. Ms. Alderman added that officers must be elected today and that a schedule of regular meetings must be advertised. Mr. Wheeler discussed the planning and development of water projects through a four step process. Mr. English asked how the Coop interacts with other government and Mr. Wheeler said that the interaction has been through the STOPR group. Mr. Van Meter asked if the budgets have to be advertised and Attorney Alderman replied in the affirmative.</p> <p>Commissioner English motioned for Bruce Van Meter to act as Chairman of the Coop and Commissioner Fertic seconded the motion. Motion passed 3 to 0.</p> <p>Commissioner English motioned for Jarom Fertic to act as Vice Chairman and Mr. Van Meter</p>

		<p>seconded the motion. Motion passed 3 to 0.</p> <p>Commissioner Jarom Fertic motioned for Commissioner Bob English to act as Secretary of the Coop and Mr. Van Meter seconded the motion. Motion passed 3 to 0.</p>
	RULES OF PROCEDURE	<p>RESOLUTION WC-001-2011 – RESOLUTION OF THE WATER COOPERATIVE OF CENTRAL FLORIDA ADOPTING ROBERT’S RULES OF PROCEDURE – Vice Chairman Fertic moved for approval of Resolution WC-001-2011 and Secretary English seconded the motion. Motion passed 3 to 0.</p>
	RESOLUTIONS	<p>RESOLUTION WC-002-2011 - RESOLUTION OF THE WATER COOPERATIVE OF CENTRAL FLORIDA DESIGNATING A REGISTERED AGENT AND A REGISTERED OFFICE – Vice Chairman English moved for TWA, through its Executive Director, Brian Wheeler, to remain as the Agent and 951 Martin Luther King Boulevard, Kissimmee, FL 34741, to remain as its registered office. Jarom Fertic seconded the motion. Motion passed 3 to 0.</p>
	RESOLUTIONS	<p>RESOLUTION WC-003-2011 – RESOLUTION OF THE WATER COOPERATIVE OF CENTRAL FLORIDA REGARDING OPENING OF BANK ACCOUNT AND INVOICING OF MEMBER GOVERNMENTS – Jarom Fertic motion for approval of Resolution WC-003-2011 using Sun Bank as the bank; Bob English seconded the motion. Motion passed 3 to 0.</p>
	PLANNING FOR FIRST BUDGET	<p>Mr. Wheeler recommended that the Board come back with recommended budgets. Jarom Fertic moved for discussing the budget at the next Board meeting. Mr. Bob English seconded the motion. Motion passed 3 to 0.</p>
	RATIFICATION/APPROVAL OF CYPRESS LAKE AGREEMENT AND	<p>RESOLUTION WC-004-2011 – RESOLUTION OF THE WATER COOPERATIVE OF CENTRAL FLORIDA</p>

	EXECUTION OF SAME	AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF THE CYPRESS LAKE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT – Bob English moved for approval of the Cypress Lake Interlocal Agreement with Orange County and Reedy Creek Improvement District which provides the first step toward development of the Candidate Project; Mr. Jarom Fertic seconded the motion. Motion passed 3 to 0.
	DEVELOPMENT OF SCHEDULE OF REGULAR MEETINGS AND DIRECTION TO FILE SAME PER SECTION 189.417,F.S.	Silvia Alderman advised the Board of the need to establish the Schedule of Meetings. Chairman Van Meter asked if holding the meetings at 5:00 PM was a good time for everyone. Vice Chairman English stated that he preferred early in the morning and Secretary Fertic added that he works and prefers around 1:30 PM. The Board agreed that the next meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 5 th at 1:30 PM. Vice Chairman English moved for holding quarterly meetings on the fifth working day of the Quarter starting at 1:30 PM. Jarom Fertic seconded the motion. Motion passed 3 to 0.
	GENERAL DISCUSSION	Supervisor Fertic expressed some concern about the salinity levels in the proposed Cypress Lake wells and inquired whether there would be better water quality at a greater depth. He was informed that the water quality is worse at a greater depth. Supervisor English asked whether the Water Cooperative would qualify for government grants. The Water Cooperative can obtain grants and there has been some discussion with the Southwest Florida Water Management District about the eligibility of the Cypress Lake project for their grant program. The Board discussed the voting requirements for action and was informed that any action that would obligate all of the members of the Water Cooperative must be unanimous votes. The Board generally discussed the structure of the Water Cooperative and its function as an independent government authority.
6:05 PM	ADJOURNED	There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Van Meter adjourned the meeting at 6:05 PM

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