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Minutes of August 5, 2026, Meeting of the Water Cooperative of Central Florida

Board Members present: Chair: Commissioner Nicole Wilson (Orange County). Vice Chair: Council Member Kolby Urban (St Cloud), Supervisor: Hector Lizasuain (Toho Water Authority).

Staff Present: Toho Water Authority Executive Director Todd P. Swingle, Toho Water Cypress Lake Project Manager Deb Beatty, Toho Water General Counsel Jad Brewer, Toho Special Projects Counsel Anthony J. Cotter; WCCF Board Counsel Silvia Alderman, Senior Engineer - Planning, Development and Engineering Pollen Jung, Executive Assistant Ali Smith.

Absent: Secretary: Commissioner Michael Scott (Polk).

Chair Wilson opened the meeting at 2:01pm. Roll call completed; quorum was confirmed.

Item	Item Name	Notes
	Hear the Audience	No comment from the Audience, so closed.
1.	Approval of WCCF Meeting Minutes of May 6, 2026 (Smith)	**Motion to approve Minutes of May 6, 2026, made by Supervisor Lizasuain. Motion seconded by Vice Chair Urban. Motion passed 3-0.**
2.	Approval of reimbursement of expenditures to date by Toho Water Authority for WCCF (Green)	**Motion to Approve the reimbursement of expenditures to date by Toho Water Authority for WCCF made by Vice Chair Urban. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Lizasuain. Motion passed 3-0.**
3.	Approval of Adopting the draft Water Cooperative Budget for Fiscal Year 2027 (Green)	CEO Swingle presented the draft budget, with final approval planned for September. The budget separates general Co-op, Cypress Lake operating, and capital costs, including approximately $42 million in projected capital spending. The Board discussed reserves and financing strategies, including interest rates, short-term borrowing, refinancing, and bond timing. Detailed financing recommendations will return later this year. **Motion to Approve the draft WCCF Budget for the fiscal year 2027, made by Vice Chair Urban. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Scott. Motion passed 3-0.**
4.	Cypress Lake Alternative Water Supply Project Update (Beatty)	Deb Beatty presented on the Cypress Lake project which continues to advance toward water treatment plant construction in 2027. All production and injection wells are complete, with positive initial testing results, while raw water main installation and property acquisition for additional well sites continue. Design is complete, key permits have been secured, and treatment plant bidding is underway. Grant funding and WIFIA financing continue to progress through review.

		Great update and appreciated as usual by the Board.
5.	Cypress Lake WWIP Update (Jung)	The 2026 Cypress Lake Water Wheeling Infrastructure Plan was updated to support delivery of water from the Cypress Lake Alternative Water Supply Facility to participating partners. Updates include revised pipeline alignments and hydraulic modeling, updated project costs and cost-sharing allocations, and coordination with planned roadway and utility improvements. The program is being delivered in phases, with Phase 1 focused on completing the major transmission infrastructure needed for the Cypress Lake facility to become operational by 2029. Seven cost-sharing agreements totaling approximately $35 million and 12.3 miles of transmission main have been approved, with four additional agreements targeted for 2027. No questions from the Board, who appreciated the thorough presentation.
	Announcements	The Board discussed the growing impact of data centers and other large users on regional water supplies and AWS investment, on balancing economic development with long-term water sustainability, using reclaimed or lower-quality water where feasible, and maintaining public utility oversight. Given the rapidly evolving landscape, the Board agreed to make emerging water supply issues a recurring agenda topic to support information sharing and regional collaboration. The Board also discussed potential impacts of the November ad valorem referendum on water management districts and long-term water supply planning. AWS grants are primarily funded through the state budget and DEP; however, reductions in water management district revenues could indirectly affect staffing, permitting, project administration, and timelines.
	Next Board meeting	Sept 2, Oct 7, Nov 4, Dec 2.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chair Wilson adjourned the meeting at 3.05pm.

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Chair, Nicole Wilson

~~Secretary, Michael Scott~~
ASSISTANT SECRETARY: KOLBY URBAN