

MINUTES OF THE COLLIER COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE WATERSHED
IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Naples, Florida, February 26, 2016

LET IT BE REMEMBERED, the Collier County Comprehensive Watershed Improvement Program Committee in and for the County of Collier, having conducted business herein, met on this date at 9:00 AM in a REGULAR SESSION at the Growth Management Department Building, Room 609/610 2800 N. Horseshoe Drive, Naples, FL with the following persons present:

Chairman: Jocelyn Nageon De Lestang
Vice Chairman: Dennis Vasey
Gregg Strakaluse
Chadd Chustz
Brent Bachelder (via telephone)
Jeff Carter (Excused)
(Vacancy)

ALSO PRESENT: Jerry Kurtz, Storm Water Planning – Staff Liaison
Gary McAlpin, Director, Coastal Zone Management
Robert Wiley, Principal Project Manager
Colleen Greene, Assistant County Attorney

Any persons in need of the verbatim record of the meeting may request a copy of the audio recording from the Collier County Growth Management Department –Contact Mr. Evy Ybaceta at 239-252-2400.

1. **Call to order**

The meeting was called to order at 9:14am and a quorum was established.

Mr. Vasey moved to allow Mr. Bachelder to participate via telephone due to an extraordinary circumstance. Second by Mr. Nageon De Lestang. Carried unanimously 4 – 0.

2. **Approval of Agenda – Committee action requested**

Mr. Chustz moved to approve the Agenda. Second by Mr. Vasey. Carried unanimously 5 - 0.

3. **Approval of Minutes – Committee action requested**

a) **January 29, 2016 Minutes**

Mr. Strakaluse moved to approve the minutes of the January 29, 2016 meeting subject to the following change:

- Page 3, paragraph 3, bullet point 5, line 2 – from “duties and tasks established...” to “duties and tasks *related to technical issues* established...”

Second by Mr. Vasey. Carried unanimously 5 – 0.

4. **Staff Announcements –Jerry Kurtz, Collier County Government**

a) **Tentative meetings for 2016**

Mr. Kurtz presented a Memo dated February 2, 2016 issued to the Committee outlining the schedule for the 2016 meetings which will be held on the 4th Friday of the month.

The Committee agreed with the proposed schedule.

5. **Member and Citizen Comments**

None

6. **Old Business**

a) **Sub-Committee Procedure – Colleen Greene**

Ms. Greene advised the Committee they have the authority to create Subcommittees. The Membership of the Subcommittee must be comprised from Members of the main Committee and adhere to the Sunshine Law requirements. They make recommendations to be brought forth to the main Committee. They should develop protocols on public participation including if input will be limited to 3 minute comments on an item or a Workshop setting is permitted.

Chairman Nageon De Lestang reported he received an email from Committee Member Jeff Carter dated February 25, 2016 to regarding establishing a Policy Subcommittee. He did not respond to the email for Sunshine Law requirements.

Ms. Greene reported all Committee communications should be sent through the Staff liaisons to ensure there is not an inadvertent violation of the Sunshine Law.

Speakers

Nancy Payton, Florida Wildlife Federation spoke in the support of Subcommittee however expressed concern on Mr. Carter’s recommendation on a policy subcommittee given the direction

established by the Board of County Commissioners was for the Committee to be a technical based operation, not a policy driven activity.

Nicole Johnson, Conservancy of Southwest Florida noted the County should bear in mind the technical analysis of an item may lead to the development of the policy required to address the item.

Chairman Nageon De Lestang reported they would operate within the parameters established by the BCC with a format of identifying any problems, developing technical solutions which may lead to the development of policies within the County.

b) Immokalee Projects – Jerry Kurtz

Robert Wiley presented the PowerPoint “*Immokalee Stormwater Master Planning Update CWIP Meeting, February 26, 2016*” for information purposes highlighting:

- The Plan was adopted in 2005 and focused on water quality and water quantity aspects of stormwater.
- Four alternative options were proposed to address issues following a modeling study with Option #4 being chosen.
- Option 4 proposed 6 major capital projects scattered throughout the area.
- Grant funding was obtained and 2 projects were completed to date (Downtown Immokalee and Immokalee Drive Improvements).
- The four remaining projects are Lake Trafford Ditch Culvert Upgrades, Fish Creek Excavation, Madison Creek Ditch and Sough Cross-Drain Additions.
- An update to the Plan was initiated in 2010 but not completed and the County is now in the process of updating the Plan.
- One of the primary considerations will be the water quality of Lake Trafford.
- Staff intends to identify stormwater treatment pond sites, delineate the drainage and sub drainage basins, and identify localized neighborhood drainage problems and any existing facilities.
- Today’s presentation is intended to be conceptual in nature and Staff will return with updates when they are available.

Under Committee discussion, the following was noted:

- Identify the direction of flows for the various water sources.
- Identify if the existing ponds are utilized for retention or treatment areas.
- Identifying the specific problems/impairments so the proper remediation concepts and policies are developed to maximize the benefits of the endeavor.
- Separate the analyses for the Urban and Lake Trafford drainage areas.
- Ensure any linkage to the Corkscrew area is analyzed.

The Committee noted they will determine if a Subcommittee is necessary to address any issues under item 7.a.

c) Restore Committee – Gary McAlpin

Mr. McAlpin provided the document “*Collier County Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan – Golden Gate Canal Diversion and Historical Flow way Restoration Project*” and *CC Watershed Improvement Project – Restore Water Quality Summary*” for information purposes. He

noted the projects include bypassing water flows to the Naples Bay and increasing the amount of freshwater to Rookery Bay. He provided an overview of the documents which are a technical analyses of the projects including the potential days for pumping water, the volume of water to be diverted and plans and maps depicting the proposal. In regards to the South Belle Meade project for increasing the freshwater flows to Rookery Bay he noted:

- The Florida Department of Environmental Protection has determined the quantity of water necessary to be received by Rookery Bay.
- A work team with the Florida Forest Service has been formed to address any areas of concern in Picayune Strand State Forest.
- Flow ways are being identified that can take additional water without disrupting the existing ecosystem.
- The applications for approval of the project are intended to be submitted to the necessary agencies by the end of 2016.
- He will provide updates as they become available.

Committee noted the proposal is a challenge given hydrologic restoration is sought for the Picayune Strand State Forest, not provisions of “flow through water systems.” A concern was expressed that improperly altering the hydrology may create an environment contrary to the goals established for the area.

Speaker

Brooke Hollander expressed concern on the Collier County Building Division’s issuing of building permits in Golden Gate Estates which allows filling of wetlands. The issue should be addressed as these areas provide storage for stormwater and are being altered.

7. New Business

a) Establishment of Sub Committee

Immokalee Stormwater Master Plan Subcommittee

The Committee discussed the feasibility of establishing a Subcommittee to address the item noting it is not necessary as it would lead to a duplication of efforts by Staff. A workshop sponsored by the Big Cypress Basin Service Center would be beneficial and any interested party could attend and provide input. Staff could return with an update on the Plan in May or June and the Committee could begin working on the next area of interest (i.e. Cocohatchee Coastal Area West of I75).

Staff reported the Plan is being updated “in house” however they could notify interested parties on any meetings (Lake Trafford Restoration Task Force, Immokalee CRA, etc.) where an update of the Plan will be discussed so public input may be ascertained.

RESTORE Subcommittee

Mr. McAlpin queried if a “RESTORE Subcommittee” is necessary with the Committee reporting it would not be necessary at this point in time.

Speaker

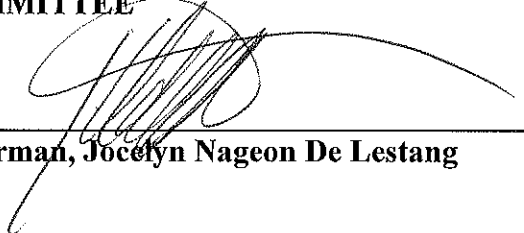
Kris Van Lengen, Community Planning Manager reported a restudy of the North Golden Gates Estates Plan will be underway in April and noted any information the Committee could provide on watershed items would be beneficial to the effort.

The Committee determined the next area to be considered will be the North Golden Gates Flow Way.

8. **Next meeting date scheduled for Friday, March 25, 2016 at 9:00a.m. in Conference Room 609/610
2800 N. Horseshoe Drive
To be determined**

There being no further business for the good of the County, the meeting was adjourned by the order of the Chair at 11:55AM.

**COMPREHENSIVE WATERSHED
IMPROVEMENT TECHNICAL ADVISORY AD HOC
COMMITTEE**



Chairman, Jocelyn Nageon De Lestang

These Minutes were approved by the Committee on May 6, 2016, as presented , or as amended _____.

