

LOWER WEST COAST WATERSHED SUBCOMMITTEE

Held on March 20, 2008

The meeting of the Lower West Coast Watershed Subcommittee was held on March 20, 2008 at the offices of the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council at 1926 Victoria Avenue, Fort Myers, Florida.

Those present included:

David Crawford	Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council
Mayor Mick Denham	City of Sanibel
Mike Valiquette	Purre
Jon Iglehart	Department of Environmental Protection
Jim Beever	Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council
Rae Ann Wessel	ScCF
Catherine Corbett	Charlotte Harbor National Estuary Program
Craig Bartoshak	Duda & Sons
Carla Palmer	CP&A
Bob Himschoot	CREWS Environmental
Mark Hooks	Infiltrator Systems, Inc.
Alec Hart	MWH
Carol Newcomb-Jones	Kitson & Partners
Michael Acosta	Kitson Babcock

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Denham called the meeting to order at 12:25 p.m.

Approval of Minutes of February 21, 2008

The minutes of February 21, 2008 were approved.

Mayor Denham said three resolutions had been approved and numerous activities are being tightened following those resolutions. The two things to focus on are septic system and onsite wastewater treatment disposal system. He requested to have an update at the next meeting.

Mayor Denham said would like to have draft next month to present to the Council. Mr. Beever said that the committee had a draft document of onsite wastewater resolution. The resolution structure first part lays out description of resolution and the reason to protect water quality

Ms. Corbett reviewed criteria differences in proposed resolution – 1) prescribed criteria and 2) performance criteria – numeric or narrative.

Discussion ensued on setting of criteria and how the resolution was written as well as Department of Health performance standards.

Mr. Beever asked for input from the committee on Sections 5 and 6

Mr. Hobbs commented on rule change which would change the criteria to protect water bodies and people's health.

Discussion ensued on best available treatment and reaching advanced treatment.

Mayor Denham stated that he wanted to set the bar high in order to make the various industries to perform.

Ms. Corbett discussed the same treatments of small flows or large flows.

Mayor Denham discussed the resolution and ordinance's differences.

Discussion on holistic approach to treatment and the centralization/decentralization as needed.

Discussion on septic system criteria, education, checking of systems, monitoring and maintenance and to provide a way to Lee County Commission to address this problem.

Mr. Valiquette asked for clarification on Section 5 and that he would like to see an implementation schedule.

Discussion ensued on Sections 6 and 7, realtor activities, broadening program to funnel money to individual and that checks be made on large communities.

Discussion on Section 8 ensued. Jim Beever and the Department of Health would be involved and Farm Bureau could be added. The committee recommended that the local Soils Bureau and BIA should be included.

Mr. Himschoot discussed certification NSF process and stated that he felt Representative Trudie Williams would approve.

Mr. Beever gave a report about the Charlotte County adoption of the fertilizer ordinance and stated that a fertilizer hearing was held yesterday. He stated that the stormwater resolution for new construction will be ready to be passed out next month for review.

The next meeting will be April 17, 2008.