

**MINUTES OF THE
SOUTHWEST FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
DECEMBER 15, 2022, MEETING**

The in-person and zoom meeting of the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council and Executive Board was held on December 15, 2022, at the South Florida Water Management District Office with a conference call option. Governor Appointee and Council Chair, Mr. Don McCormick called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. There was a quorum of the Executive Committee present.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Charlotte County: Mr. Don McCormick – Chair

Collier County: Commissioner Bill McDaniel

Glades County: Mr. Thomas Perry Chairman, Tim Stanley (*Zoom*), Commissioner Donna Storter-Long (*Zoom*)

Hendry County: None

Lee County: Councilman Ray Sandelli (*Zoom*)

Sarasota County: None

Ex-Officio Members: Phil Flood SFWMD

OTHERS PRESENT

Ms. Margaret Wuerstle - Executive Director, SWFRPC

Ms. Rebekah Harp - SWFRPC

Ms. Tracy Whirls - SWFRPC

Ms. Amelia Williams – SWFRPC (*Zoom*)

Ms. Asmaa Odeh – SWFRPC (*Zoom*)

Mr. Jaha Cummings - Citizen

Mr. Daniel Trescott – Trescott Planning

Jim Paulmann – Stantec

Full zoom meeting video: [December 15, 2022](#)

**AGENDA ITEM #6(a)
MINUTES**

None. No meeting held for October or November.

**AGENDA ITEM #7(a),(b)
FINANCIALS: JULY – SEPTEMBER 2022 FINANCIALS
FINANCIALS: FY21-22 FISCAL YEAR END BUDGET AMENDMENT**

Ms. Wuerstle explained that in the packet are July, August and September financials. Ms. Wuerstle explained that September is the end of the fiscal year and that there was an unaudited \$53,678 surplus. Ms. Wuerstle also explained that there is an amendment to the budget to zero all the line items.

Commissioner Bill McDaniel offered a motion to approve the July, August, and September financials and the FY21-22 Budget Amendment. Mr. Thomas Perry seconded the motion to approve the July, August, and September financials and the FY21-22 Budget Amendment.

Commissioner Bill McDaniel requested a discussion and requested that at the January meeting he would like a plan presented on how the SWFRPC will survive. Commissioner McDaniel would also like financials, current reserves and how much can be utilized, and projected revenue.

Mr. McCormick called the approval for the July, August, and September financials and the FY21-22 Budget Amendment. The motion was approved unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM #7(c)
FINANCIALS GOVERNMENT FUND ACTIVITY – PER AUDIT (INFORMATIONAL ITEM)**

**AGENDA ITEM #8(a)
PALMER RANCH INCREMENT 30**

Mr. Dan Trescott presented Palmer Ranch Increment 30. **Mr. Thomas Perry offered a motion to approve Palmer Ranch Increment 30. Commissioner Bill McDaniel seconded the motion to approve Palmer Ranch Increment 30. The motion was approved unanimously.**

Commissioner Bill McDaniel asked if it is required that the DRIs still be brought before this board for approval even with the changes to the statutes. Mr. Paulmann responded that it is still required.

AGENDA ITEM #9(a)
DISCUSSION ITEMS: EVERGLADES RESTORATION UPDATE – PHIL FLOOD

Mr. Phil Flood presented a presentation on Everglades Restoration Updates.

AGENDA ITEM #9(b)
DISCUSSION ITEMS: ORGANIZATION STRUCTURE DISCUSSION – COMMISSIONER MCDANIEL

Commissioner McDaniel requested that next month we revisit this item to see if the adjustment to the bylaws is still a viable option along with the adjustment to membership dues. This will also include an update and plan on how this organization survives.

AGENDA ITEM #10
DIRECTORS REPORT

Ms. Wuerstle explained that an application for a Disaster Recovery Coordinator was submitted to EDA. Ms. Wuerstle also explained that the CEDS application was also submitted to EDA for the next three years. A new brownfields grant was approved from EPA for \$500,000. Clewiston Lakefront Masterplan is currently underway and is in the draft plan stage for different options for development. There is also a USDA marketing plan that is underway. There will be a kickoff meeting in March. The food insecurity grant through DEO is a few years old but is still underway. Ms. Wuerstle announced that EDA believes that there will be another disaster supplemental coming for project applications.

AGENDA ITEM #10(a)
DIRECTORS REPORT: COMP PLAN AMENDMENTS (INFORMATION ONLY)

AGENDA ITEM #10(b)
DIRECTORS REPORT: GRANT ACTIVITY SHEET (INFORMATION ONLY)

AGENDA ITEM #11
COMMITTEE REPORTS

No Committee Reports were given.

AGENDA ITEM #11(a)
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

There was no update given.

**AGENDA ITEM #11(b)
QUALITY OF LIFE & SAFETY COMMITTEE**

There was no update given.

**AGENDA ITEM #12
NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business.

**AGENDA ITEM #13
STATE AGENCIES COMMENTS/REPORTS**

No comments were provided.

**AGENDA ITEM #14
COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS**

No comments were provided.

**AGENDA ITEM #15
ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 10:34 a.m.

Don McCormick, Chairman

The meeting was duly advertised in the November 9, 2022, issue of the FLORIDA ADMINISTRATIVE REGISTER, Volume 48, Number 219.