

# Minutes of the Regional Watershed Committee

## Meeting of November 16, 2011

Attendees:

Phil Flood  
Mick Denham  
Whitney Gray  
Jim Beaver

### **Agenda Item #1 – Call to Order**

Vice-Mayor Denham called the meeting to order at 12:37 p.m.

Discussion ensued on attendance at meetings. Mr. Flood said that he had talked with Terry Behling from SWFWMD and stated that she will start attending the meetings.

### **Agenda Item #2 – Approve Minutes from Last Meeting of November 16, 2011**

Vice-Mayor Denham said that he had read the minutes and approved the minutes.

### **Agenda Item #3 – Introduction**

Vice-Mayor Denham addressed his thoughts and concerns. Anything that is a new regulation or an enhanced regulation is not going to be accepted with the Governor we presently have. I think we as a principal should probably try and avoid that.

### **Agenda Item #4 – DRI Checklist of Questions**

Mr. Beaver said that Vice-Mayor Denham had laid out three things he had wanted done at the last meeting. One of them was what was going on with our local governments since we implemented our resolution. The handout which he handed out showed each of the local governments, when they implemented things and what they have done it under.

Mr. Beaver said that these are the actual DRI questions which we ask at the beginning of the ADA process and the first set (A through D) were the original ones that came in on the first DRI rule 9J5. From E on are all those that were added after we passed our resolution. It was agreed to by the Council.

### **Agenda Item #5 – STORMWATER MATRIX ROUTE FROM RESOLUTION TO ORDINANCE**

Vice-Mayor Denham said that he would like to have a list of all those things that were done through the various communities as a first report to the Council. Is there any way in your area that you could consider doing A, B and C which you are not doing? I am willing to call them and I am still thinking about having this mechanism to judge how they are performing. If they get above five, they get a silver star, if they get above 12, they get a gold star and if they get all of them, they get a platinum. They could have a plaque which would be attractive to have in their city hall saying here is where we are in terms of our environmental stewardship and here is an educational program that we are going to conduct. He stated that he would like to have a one-year program.

Vice-Mayor Denham said that he would provide as much help as he could and was willing to support staff.

Mr. Beever said it was a good plan and the difficulty comes with how we would be able to fund the time we spend on the plan.

Vice-Mayor Denham suggested that he would see if he could get some help from James Evans to be able to do some of this. It is one of the City Council objectives which would help. He stated that he would discuss this issue with Judie Zimomra.

Mr. Beever said that he would outline this to let our Acting Director and the new Director know that this is a priority and get the Council to say that this is a priority for our work. Discussion continued.

Mr. Flood asked Mr. Beever if it would be hard to rank these communities. He was not sure of how many of these ranking criteria we are going to have, but they may not all apply.

Vice-Mayor Denham said that he was going to ask James Evans to take the information we have and construct a chart to review with Mr. Beever. Mr. Flood asked if this could be partnered with Watershed Council and get them involved.

Vice-Mayor Denham stated that he wanted to approach this in a non-threatening way and stated that by the end of next week, he would get James Evans to assist.

Mr. Beever stated that they would analyze the resolutions for the actions we discussed and make a list to give to Mr. Evans.

Vice-Mayor Denham said that Sanibel had a redevelopment program going on and had legislation that would make it easier for hotels and motels to redevelop. We have put together a checklist of green issues. He asked if the committee thought Mr. Delisi was doing a good job for us. Mr. Flood said he was reaching out to a lot of people. The \$18 million is funded over a five-year period, but it is in reserves. We anticipate spending it over a five-year period.

Vice-Mayor Denham asked if he was coming to the SWFRPC soon. He is coming to Sanibel on December 2<sup>nd</sup> where he would speak before the Council. Mr. Beever said it had been discussed but that he had not seen anything placed on the agenda.

**Agenda Item #6 – Public Input**

None.

**Agenda Item #7 – Approve a date for next meeting**

There was no discussion on approving a date for the next meeting.

**Agenda Item #8 – Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 1:02 p.m.