

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

MAY 16, 2023

A Utilities Quarterly Update Meeting was held at the Murdock Administration Complex in Commission Chambers; Room 119, Port Charlotte, Florida.

The following members were present: Chair Truex, Commissioner Constance (departed at 4:00 pm), Commissioner Deutsch, Commissioner Doherty, and Commissioner Tiseo. Also in attendance were: County Administrator Flores, County Attorney Knowlton, Minutes Clerk Johnston, and various County staff members. The following members were absent: None.

**The Meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm**, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

County Administrator Flores highlighted Utilities Quarterly Update Meeting changes and addition of Water Authority Letter of Support to Agenda Item Water Authority.

**COMMISSIONER DOHERTY MOVED TO APPROVE CHANGES TO THE AGENDA, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TISEO**

**MOTION CARRIED 5:0.**

**Public Input**

Tim Ritchie commented on Peace River Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority (PRMRWSA) plant expansion, supply, demand, water, phosphate mining, Mosaic Bartow South gypsum stack, and red tide.

1. Fiscal Update

Rick Arthur, Fiscal Services Manager gave a brief overview of Topics of Discussion, Rate Model Update, Ackerman Septic to Sewer (S2S) Project, Ackerman S2S Subsidy Recommendations, and Ackerman S2S Subsidy – Amended Assessment.

**Chair Truex** discussed Resources and Ecosystems Sustainability, Tourist, Opportunities, and Revived Economies of the Gulf Coast States (RESTORE) funding and S2S. **Commissioner Constance** mentioned Ackerman S2S Subsidy Recommendations, Ackerman S2S Subsidy – Amended Assessment, US Treasury, grants, RESTORE funding, and projects. **Commissioner Doherty** noted Ackerman S2S Subsidy – Amended Assessment and East Port expansion. **Commissioner Tiseo** spoke to Rate Model Update, Ackerman S2S Subsidy – Amended Assessment, RESTORE funding, and projects.

Deputy County Administrator Emily Lewis replied to RESTORE Funding, BP Settlement, Countryman/Ackerman, S2S, and projects.

County Attorney Knowlton remarked on BP Settlement and assessment timeframe.

2. Water Authority

Mike Coates, PRMRWSA Executive Director gave a brief overview of PRMRWSA Regional Vision for 2042, Peace River Facility (PRF) DeSoto County, Master Water Supply Contract (MWSC) Capacity Allocations Today, Past Projects/Capacity Allocations & MWSC Amendments, Backgrounds on Regional Demand & Capacity Allocations: PRF, PRF Water Allocations, Demand Projections, Customer Requested New Quantities, Customer Requests for New Regional Supply, Total Capacity Requirement To Meet Regional Demands, Regional Surface Water System Expansion Project, Surface Water System Expansion Project Timeline, Surface Water System Expansion Project – Estimated Project Costs, Surface Water System Expansion Project Advantages, Regional Surface Water System Expansion Project, and highlighted Letter of Support.

Doug Manson, Peace River Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority Legal Counsel gave a brief overview of Future Water Supply Procedure: Customer Demand Projections, Exhibit C – New Water Supply Demands, and New Supply Development & Assignment of Allocations.

**Chair Truex** commented on project, cost, and support letter. **Commissioner Constance** discussed PRMRWSA Regional Vision for 2042, Future Water Supply Procedure: Customer Demand Projections, MWSC Capacity Allocations Today, permit, storage, Babcock Ranch, Tuckers Grade, Bermont Road, surrounding counties, operations, droughts, contingency plan, Past Projects/Capacity Allocations & MWSC Amendments, Surface Water System Expansion Project Advantages, Customer Requested New Quantities, support letter, project commitment, need, want, and reservoir. **Commissioner Doherty** mentioned PRMRWSA Regional Vision for 2042, Surface Water System Expansion Project Advantages, MWSC, scenarios, supply, cost, Babcock Ranch, Exhibit C, and support letter. **Commissioner Tiseo** noted drought, methodology, facility, reservoir, cost, storage, supply, depletion, mitigation, and natural events.

**COMMISSIONER DOHERTY MOVED TO APPROVE WATER AUTHORITY LETTER OF SUPPORT, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TISEO**

**MOTION CARRIED 5:0.**

### 3. Utility Update

Dave Watson, Utilities Director gave a brief overview of Agenda, Monthly Purchases From Water Authority Average Daily Per Month, Water Produced At Burnt Store Average Daily Per Month, Reclaimed Distributed, Water Reclamation Facilities Percent of Capacity – Last 12 Months, Water Distribution, Wastewater/Reclaim Events, New Customers, Engineering, Business Services, Customer Support Data, Public Relations, Employee Performance Measures, Babcock Water Supply Timeline, and Utility Initiatives.

**Commissioner Constance** spoke to Monthly Purchases From Water Authority Average Daily Per Month. **Commissioner Tiseo** commented on Wastewater/Reclaim Events.

### 4. Projects Update

Ken Stecher, Utilities Operations Manager gave a brief overview of Engineering Projects, East Port Expansion, Burnt Store Replacement, U.S. 41 Commercial Sewer, Ackerman – Water Quality Improvement, Lakeview/Midway – Water Quality Improvement, Cape Haze – Water Quality Improvement, State Road (SR) 776 Force Main Replacement, Master Plans & Reports, West Port Expansion, South County Upgrades, Repair and Replacement (R&R) Planned Projects in Design, and R&R Projects in Planning.

5. Hurricane Ian Overview

Mr. Stecher gave a brief overview of Before the Storm, Hurricane Ian Landfall, Hurricane Ian Recovery, Emergency Operations Center (EOC), Things Done Well, and Areas of Opportunities.

Chair Truex discussed Hurricane Ian Recovery and EOC. Commissioner Tiseo mentioned Hurricane Ian Landfall, power restoration, and Things Well Done.


Mr. Watson responded to Florida Rural Water.

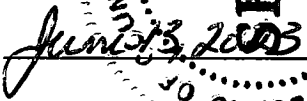
AA. County Administrator - None

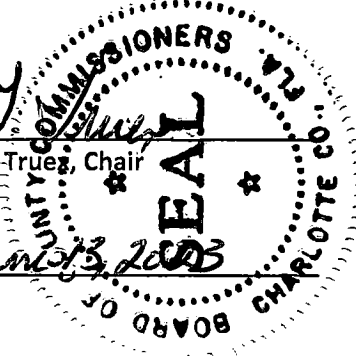
BB. County Attorney - None

CC. Commissioner Comments - None

ADJOURNED: 4:09 pm

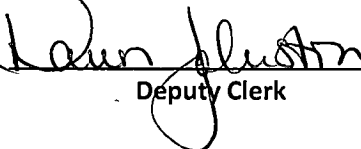
  
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William G. Truex, Chair

DATE ADOPTED:  \_\_\_\_\_



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