



South Florida Water Management District

BIG CYPRESS BASIN BOARD MINUTES

August 22, 2018

9:00 AM

Collier County Government Center
Commission Chamber, 3rd Flr
3299 Tamiami Trail East, Naples, FL 34112

FINAL

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Frederick Barber	Chair	Present
Marielle Kitchener	Vice Chair	Present
Ralph H. Haskins	Board Member	Present
Daniel F. Waters	Board Member	Present
David Weston	Board Member	Present
Jamie Williams	Board Member	Present

1. Call to Order - Frederick Barber, Chairman, Big Cypress Basin Board
Chairman Barber called the meeting to order at 9 AM.
2. Pledge of Allegiance - Frederick Barber, Chairman, Big Cypress Basin Board
Mr. Haskins led the Pledge of Allegiance
3. Consider Approval of the Minutes for the July 9th Big Cypress Basin Board Meeting

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jamie Williams
SECONDER:	David Weston, Board Member
AYES:	Barber, Haskins, Kitchener, Waters, Weston, Williams

4. Agenda Revisions - Lisa Koehler

There were no revisions to the agenda.

5. Agenda Item Abstentions by Board Members

There were no abstentions from the agenda.

6. Flood Protection Level of Service Study Final Report (Akin Owosina, ext. 2924)

Mr. Owosina gave the final report for the Level of Service Study. He spoke about the areas of concern, the effects of sea level rise and discussed the maximum stage profiles for multiple canals. Mr. Owosina expressed his gratitude to the Board for giving his team the opportunity to work on this project.

Board Comment

Mr. Weston expressed his appreciation to Mr. Farmer, a former Basin Board Member, for his support in this study. Mr. Weston also expressed his appreciation to Collier County for their coordination with staff in completing this study.

Responding to Mr. Water's question regarding the flooding in a 10-year storm event on slide 10, Mr. Owosina clarified that the colors on the map represented the water levels above ground and would only be in the swales and low-lying areas, not in homes.

Regarding Mr. Barber's question about the limited canal conveyance in the Cypress Canal, Mr. Owosina stated that these limitations are due to both conveyance and aging structures.

Mr. Owosina recognized Mr. Konya for his part in the study.

Public Comment

Brad Cornell, Audubon's Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary
Amy Patterson, Collier County

7. Lake Trafford Management Plan (Joe Schmidt, ext. 2239)

Mr. Schmidt gave an overview of the Lake Trafford Management Plan. He discussed the invasive vegetation management control and the importance of keeping nutrient out of Lake Trafford. He stated that funding would not be requested at this time, but future funding might be needed, and the funding sources will be identified by partners and team members.

Board Comment

Responding to Mr. William's question about the invasive vegetation, Ms. Kitchener stated that grass carp had been released into the lake, which feed on these exotic plants; thus reducing the growth of the invasive vegetation

Responding to Mr. Water's question about the monitoring of the slough, east of the lake for water quality, Mr. Schmidt stated that the slough is being monitored. Mr. Williams commented that the weirs by the effluent fields has been improved over the last few years and that the water quality is being tested.

Responding to Mr. Barber's question about how the District can help continue these improvements, Mr. Schmidt stated that the District needed to continue coordination with the sponsors.

Responding to Mr. Barber's question about the plan being presented to the management team, Ms. Koehler stated they approved the plan at their last meeting, and requested letters of support from their Board Members and Executive Teams, which will be presented with the final plan.

Public Comment

There were no public comments on this agenda item.

8. Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Budget Update, Approval of Millage Rate, and Approval of Budget (Candida Heater, ext. 6486)

Ms. Heater provided the budget presentation for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 and requested two separate motions, Resolution BCBB-2018-0801 approving the submittal of the rolled-back millage rate (0.123) for Fiscal Year 2018-2019; and the Resolution BCB-2018-0802 submitting the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Basin budget in the amount of \$15,213,658 to the Governing Board of the South Florida Water Management District.

Board Comment

Mr. Weston expressed his appreciation to Ms. Heater and her staff for their hard work this year.

Public Comment

There were no public comments on this agenda item.

Resolution No. BCBB 2018-0801 A Resolution of the Big Cypress Basin Board of the South Florida Water Management District approving the submittal of the rolled-back millage rate (0.1231) for Fiscal Year 2018-2019; requesting the Governing Board of the South Florida Water Management District to levy ad valorem taxes within the Big Cypress Basin based on that rate to finance Basin functions contained in the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Basin budget.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	David Weston, Board Member
SECONDER:	Ralph H. Haskins
AYES:	Barber, Haskins, Kitchener, Waters, Weston, Williams

B. Resolution No. BCBB - 2018-802 A Resolution of the Big Cypress Basin Board of the South Florida Water Management District submitting the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Basin budget in the amount of \$15,213,658 to the Governing Board of the South Florida Water Management District for inclusion in the District budget.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ralph H. Haskins
SECONDER:	Marielle Kitchener, Vice Chair
AYES:	Barber, Haskins, Kitchener, Waters, Weston, Williams

9. General Public Comment

Tim Kragh, Forest Glen Golf and Country Club

Technical Report

10. Field Station Activity Report - Karen Estock

Ms. Estock provided the Field Station Activity Report and the fleet vehicle update.

Board Comment

Responding to Mr. Weston's question, Ms. Estock stated if the vehicle was purchased with Basin funds, that money would be returned to the Basin.

Public Comment

There were no public comments on this agenda item.

11. Water Conditions Report - Paul Linton

Mr. Linton presented the Water Conditions Report.

Board Comment

Ms. Kitchener expressed concerns about the canal levels in Henderson Creek (HC2), a drier than normal wet season and that impact on adjacent wetlands.

Responding to Mr. Barber's question about the Basin's operation plan, Mr. Linton suggested that an abbreviated operational plan be added to the atlas.

Responding to Mr. Water's question from slide 7 regarding the normal range of HC2, Mr. Linton stated that there are many factors that can affect the median levels on this canal.

Ms. Kitchener stated that the water table at the Forest Glen Golf and Country Club, mirror water levels in HC2.

Public comment

There were no public comments on this agenda.

Staff Reports

12. Monthly Financial Report - Candida Heater

Ms. Heater presented the June financial report and the interest/investment earnings for the Basin.

Board Comment

There were no Board comments on this agenda item.

Public Comment

There were no public comments on this agenda item.

13. Basin Administrator Report - Lisa Koehler

There was not a Basin Administrator report.

14. Executive Report - Ernie Marks

There was not an Executive report.

15. Board Comment

Mr. Weston expressed his appreciation of having a local Basin Board that recognized the importance of balancing the flood control system, with the ecosystem and the ability to be responsive to our constituents.

Mr. Barber asked that the Basin's Operation Plan be discussed at the next Board Meeting in October.

16. Big Cypress Basin Board Recognitions - Fredrick Barber, Chairman, Big Cypress Basin Board

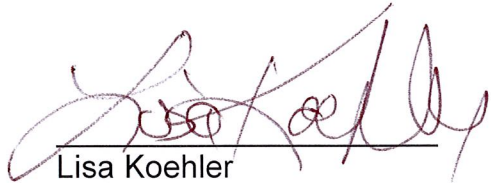
Chairman Barber expressed appreciation and gratitude for Mr. Haskins service to the Basin during his time with the Big Cypress Basin Board.

17. Adjourn

Chairman Barber announced the next Basin Board Meeting would be held on October 25, 2018 at 9AM in the Collier County Board of County Commissioners Chambers and adjourned the meeting at 10:30AM.

Motion to Adjourn

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Marielle Kitchener, Vice Chair
SECONDER:	Jamie Williams
AYES:	Barber, Haskins, Kitchener, Waters, Weston, Williams



Lisa Koehler
Big Cypress Basin Administrator
South Florida Water Management District