

January 25, 2008 Special Board Meeting Minutes

The Board of Directors of Tampa Bay Water met at the Tampa Bay Seawater Desalination Facility located at 13041 Wyandotte Road, Gibsonton, Florida.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Present: Chairman – Commissioner Susan Latvala, Pinellas County
Council Member James Bennett, City of St. Petersburg
Commissioner Al Higginbotham, Hillsborough County
Commissioner Ted Schrader, Pasco County
Mayor Dan Tipton, City of New Port Richey

Present via Telephone:

Vice Chairman – Commissioner Mark Sharpe, Hillsborough County
Commissioner Ronnie Duncan, Pinellas County
Commissioner Ann Hildebrand, Pasco County

Absent: Councilman Charlie Miranda, City of Tampa

Staff: Jerry Maxwell, General Manager
Rick Lotspeich, General Counsel

Chairman Latvala called to order the Special Meeting of the Tampa Bay Water Board of Directors at 10:20 a.m.

1. Public Comment

Chairman Latvala opened the meeting to public comment. No one was present to speak.

2. Reaffirm Board Discussion and Action of Tuesday, January 15, 2008

Chairman Latvala requested a motion to reaffirm Board discussion and action taken at the January 15, 2008 Special Meeting.

Motion: Mayor Tipton moved to reaffirm Board discussion and action taken at the January 15, 2008 Special Meeting. Commissioner Hildebrand seconded the motion. The motion carried by a vote of 8-0 with Councilman Miranda absent.

3. Consideration of Employment Agreement with Gerald J. Seeber

Chairman Latvala stated that Mr. Lotspeich transmitted to the Board the proposed Employment Agreement which has been negotiated since January 15 between Tampa Bay Water and Mr. Seeber and asked if the Board had questions or comments.

Commissioner Schrader commented that it was a basic contract in line with county contracts and he felt it met the needs of the region.

Motion: Commissioner Schrader moved approval of the contract. Mayor Tipton seconded the motion. The motion carried by a vote of 8-0 with Councilman Miranda absent.

Chairman Latvala invited Mr. Seeber forward to address the Board.

Commissioner Duncan and Commissioner Hildebrand left the meeting at this time (10:25 a.m.).

Mr. Seeber thanked the Board for the opportunity to be present and for making their selection. He looked forward to the opportunity presented here for very exciting and important work and was pleased to be given a chance to work on the issues with the Board. He added that it was personally important to him as well since he had family nearby and he was thrilled to be coming back to the area.

Chairman Latvala stated that Mr. Seeber's appointment will keep the organization moving forward. She added that he would be working with a great staff.

Commissioner Sharpe congratulated Mr. Seeber on behalf of Hillsborough County on his selection.

Council Member Bennett offered his congratulations on behalf of the City of St. Petersburg.

Prior to adjourning, Chairman Latvala took an opportunity to thank Mayor Rick Baker, City of St. Petersburg, for his service on the Tampa Bay Water Board of Directors presenting him with a certificate and pen.

Mayor Baker thanked the Board noting that he enjoyed serving on the Board. He stated that his work with water will continue through his service on the Century Commission.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 10:38 a.m.

Attest:



Jerry L. Maxwell, Secretary

Date:

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