



**PALM BEACH COUNTY  
WATER RESOURCES  
TASK FORCE MEETING**



**Clayton Hutcheson Agricultural Center  
559 N. Military Trail  
West Palm Beach, FL 33415**

**April 20, 2017  
1:30 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

A quorum was announced and Chair Jay Foy called the meeting to order at 1:40 p.m.

**Members Present:**

Jay Foy (Chair), Paulette Burdick, John Flanigan, Dave Stewart, Jim Shallman, Ted Winsberg, Chip Block (Vice-Chair), Adrian Salee, Rod Braun (Alt. for Melanie Peterson), Myra Koutzen, Jason Haselkorn, Harry Raucher

**Alternates Present:**

Paula Ryan, Terence Davis

**Members not Present:**

Scott Kelly, Melanie Peterson

**Alternates not Present:**

Jonathan Pearce, Jim Alderman, Dick Tomasello

**WRTF Working Group Present:**

Ken Todd (Chair), Brian Shields (Vice-Chair)

**County Staff Present:**

Chris Pettit, Jocelyn Colon, Natalie Schneider

**Guests Present:**

Alan Wertepny, David DeMaio, Laura Corry, Jeff Hiscock, Richard Radcliffe, Mark Elsner, Adrien Rinne



communities within central Palm Beach County. FDEP is continuing to monitor activities going on within LWL to determine what TMDL requirements will be established for the impaired waters of LWL. He mentioned that the cost to meet the rules imposed by DEP could easily run into the millions of dollars. He said this is based on a study done by the Florida Stormwater Association that indicated it costs about \$18,000 to remove a pound of phosphorous from a water body.

## **IX. FEMA Map Update**

**Ken Todd, PBC Water Resource Manager**

Ken stated that the new FEMA maps have finally been completed by FEMA. He said all the Mayors sitting on the WRTF should have received a letter of final determination from FEMA which states the maps are complete. Unfortunately, FEMA did not send the physical maps as they are still doing a quality review. He indicated FEMA said all governments should receive their maps in 6-8 weeks. In the meantime, FEMA did send electronically the maps to the County which are currently being placed on an FTP site for use by the various government agencies. The new maps must be approved by all local governments within six-months from the date the letter of determination was mailed. Until these maps have been approved they cannot be used for insurance purposes. The municipalities should have access to the link for the FTP site by the end of the week.

### Ken Todd - LIDAR Update

Ken responded to a question asking about the status of the LIDAR. He mentioned that LIDAR is basically a Laser Beam sent from an airplane to the ground that measures the distance and converts it to a known ground elevation during the processing of the data. This provides an updated elevation that is extremely accurate for use in the flood zone determination for various areas of the County.

### Jay Foy Comments:

The County is also moving forward on updating the FEMA maps on their own in addition to what FEMA is doing

## **IX. Public Comments**

**Jay Foy, PBC WRTF Chair**

There were no Public comments.

**X. Task Force Member Comments**

**Jay Foy, PBC WRTF Chair**

Dave Stewart asked about the length of time each member is allowed to sit on the WRTF. Ken Todd confirmed the longevity of several of the Board representatives currently sitting on the WRTF. He indicated that recent rule changes for all Task Force members was established by the BCC and provides a maximum of three 3-year terms starting two years ago. All current sitting WRTF members are in their first term of that requirement. So, each member would have approximately another 7-8 years they could serve should they desire to remain on the WRTF.

**XI. Next Meeting Agenda**

**Jay Foy, PBC WRTF Chair**

The next scheduled meeting date for the WRTF is July 20, 2017 and will be held at the Clayton Hutcheson Exhibit Hall. Jay asked Ken Todd to arrange to have a Loxahatchee River Watershed Restoration Project update as a presentation.

**XII. Adjournment**

**Jay Foy, PBC WRTF Chair**

There being no further business, Chair Foy adjourned the meeting at 2:55 p.m.