



**F.W.P.C.O.A. Region XII**  
**General Membership Meeting Minutes**  
**Date: 02/21/19**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Brent Laudicina. All attendees were acknowledged and signed in. We had a total of 13 in attendance. The host facility was Plant City. The Sponsor was Sanjay Anderson of Edward Jones (one of our annual sponsors) who gave a great presentation with an overview of their varied and tested financial planning services and he provided a very tasty meal.

**Roll call to establish quorum:** Steve Saffels, Director- *present*; Brent Laudicina, Chairman- *present*; Dana Mills Vice-Chair- *present*; Zoé Chaiser, Secretary / Treasurer- *present*; John Wolfe, Secretary/Treasurer Elect.-absent.

**Trustees:** Web-Master, Mark Harris- absent; Drinking Water, Theresa Hughes- *present*; Distribution Systems, Nathan Hale-absent; Industrial Pretreatment, Joe Squitieri- *present*; Wastewater, Brad Mendel- *present*; Reclaimed Water, David Buyens- *present*; Training, Patrick Murphy- *present*. A quorum was established.

**VACANT TRUSTEE POSITIONS**, Collection System, Stormwater, Backflow. If you are interested in one of these positions, please talk with one of our board members.

**Thanks to our 2019 sponsors:** Evoqua, Trihedral, Quality Water Services, Wol-Coat, Edward Jones and Electro-Mechanical South.

**Annual Sponsor(s) Represented: Edward Jones**

**Treasurer's Report – Zoé Chaiser** (via Steve Saffels) - **\$4,198.35** (as of January Statement)

**Chairman's Report – Brent Laudicina–** Call for motioned to approve the Minutes of the December meeting as published in on the website. Steve motioned, Murf seconded, all approved.

**Director's Report –Steve Saffels-** I attended the Board of Director's Meeting held on January 12<sup>th</sup> in Ft. Myers. I invite everyone to log in for a more detailed listing of all the covered items. A short list is as follows: ~~President Mike Darrow called for a vote to make David Clanton of Region 13 an Honorary Life Member (HLM), and move on to installing the next HLM. Motion was made and seconded with a unanimous vote. David had an impressive background and service to the association. Since David has passed his award will be presented to his family at the FWRC which will be held in Tampa in April. President Mike Darrow called for nominations for the next HLM Renee Moticker of Region 11 was voted in. One more HLM will be voted in at the March meeting. The candidates are: Janet DeBiasia, Region 4; Paul Deuel, Region 11 and Bill Kruppa of Region 10. For Region

XII's vote, Steve called for a motion to support Paul Deuel. Zoé made the motion, Brent seconded, all approved. ~~There are 2 bills being presented in the House and Senate concerning SSO's. These are proposing penalties of \$1 per gallon for SSO and \$2 per gallon for In-Kind penalties to prevent future SSO's. The potentially very costly language is tacked on to the tail end of the Water Quality bills regarding the Indian River Lagoon projects. These are House bill HB 141 and Senate bill SB 216. Murf mentioned the Utilities Council is going to fight them. I will share both PDF's with the group, but the pertinent wording is pasted at the end of these minutes. ~~2019 Board members and Region Directors were seated.

**Reports: Newsletter / Webmaster – Mark Harris / Paul Haskins:** Chairman expressed appreciation towards Mark Harris and Paul Haskins for maintaining the website and newsletter. They are doing a great job. Murf won the BAM, identifying the Fearless Girl sculpture, yea!

**Education committee – Murphy** – Murf said they are targeting May and October for classes. Joe offered to do WW, Murf said Mike Darrow offered to do DW, Isaiah Moss (in attendance- Tampa Bay Water) expressed interest in a chance to give classes and shared his card.

**Awards Committee – Harris, Wolfe and Murphy** – The Deadline for Region XII Outstanding Member & Outstanding Facility Awards is November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019. The award presented will be in wastewater operations, water operations and member of the year. **Membership Committee – VACANT**

**Trustees –Nathan Hale (DS), Theresa Hughes (DW), Joe Squitieri (IP), Brad Mendel (WW), David Buyens (RW) – no reports**

**Call for Old Business:** How do we get more involvement in the association? Ideas? It was suggested CEU's could bring people. Consider allowing for web-based meetings to alleviate travel. Let people know what is accomplished in the meetings in our newsletter. Do site visits to leave flyers and invite people face-to-face. Encourage people in management positions to attend and bring new blood with them. Survey members who do not attend regularly to find out why they do not and what would bring them in. Brad Mendel again expressed willingness to set up and manage a Region XII Facebook page. Steve will find out if Gerry still knows the password he used when he first tried to do a Facebook page. If not there are ways to get the password reset to allow access to the page. Theresa suggested also doing Instagram, citing that this is the younger operator's common mode of communication right now. Facebook page and Instagram can also be linked to one another. Exposure of the minutes, newsletters, calendars and events to the public can be proliferated this way.

**Call for New Business: Next Meeting:** April 18<sup>th</sup> at Hillsborough County's Lake Park Water Treatment Plant. The sponsor for the meeting will be David Pickered of Premier Magnesia on Odor Control. Thank You Theresa Huges for arranging a meeting at your site. Please remember to RSVP for the meeting as it helps with sponsors planning on food and drinks.

Steve called for a motion to adjourn, motion made by Murphy and seconded by Brent. Motion Passed.

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Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019.

*Submitted by Zoé Chaiser, Secretary/Treasurer*



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By Senator Gruters

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A bill to be entitled

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effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section  
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375.041 Land Acquisition Trust Fund.—

(3) Funds distributed into the Land Acquisition Trust Fund  
pursuant to s. 201.15 shall be applied:

(b) Of the funds remaining after the payments required  
under paragraph (a), but before funds may be appropriated,  
pledged, or dedicated for other uses:

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the C-51 reservoir project or projects identified in subparagraph 1. and must be used in accordance with laws relating to such projects. Any funds made available for such purposes in a fiscal year are in addition to the amount appropriated under subparagraph 1. This distribution shall be reduced by an amount equal to the debt service paid pursuant to paragraph (a) on bonds issued after July 1, 2017, for the purposes set forth in this subparagraph.

5. A minimum of the lesser of 7.6 percent or \$50 million shall be appropriated annually each fiscal year for projects dedicated to the conservation and management of the Indian River Lagoon. This distribution must be reduced by an amount equal to the debt service paid pursuant to paragraph (a) on bonds issued after July 1, 2019, for the purposes set forth in this subparagraph. The Department of Environmental Protection shall use the funds to provide grants for the following categories of projects that implement the updated Indian River Lagoon Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan, including multiyear grants for construction of such projects:

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HB 141

Water Quality  
Improvement

Randy Fines - Brevard CO

2019

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