



DATE: October 29, 2009
TO: Members of the Southeast Florida Utility Council
FROM: Joel Wasserman, Secretary
SUBJECT: **Meeting - Monday, October 5, 2009**
1:30 – 3:00 PM
City of Boca Raton
6500 Congress Avenue
Boca Raton, Florida 33487

MINUTES

1. Administrative:

- a. Welcome, Call to Order, Introductions (Randy Brown, Pompano Beach Utilities)

Called to order 1:45 p.m.

- b. Review / Approval of Minutes, September 14, 2009

Monition to Approve: Brian Shields, Palm Beach County
Second: Gregory Gustitas, City of Margate

- c. Treasurer's Report (William Brant, Hallandale Beach Utilities)

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| 9/1/09 | Opening Balance: | \$ 1,468.85 |
| | Deposits: | \$ 2,400.00 |
| | Disbursements: | \$ 0.00 |
| 9/30/09 | Closing Balance: | <u>\$ 3,868.85</u> |

Working on establishing a membership fee adjustment and special assessment, looking to establish new membership fee structure with members in brackets based on population served.

Looking to establish a base fee of approximately \$200 per utility with additional level of payments based on population size and services provided. Also possibly of creating special assessments or working fees into dues. Seeking feedback on what direction the SEFLUC member would like to go, membership fees have not been changed since SEFLUC's establishment.

Discussion on increasing membership dues versus special assessments, higher dues will help present unity in decision and lessen fragmentation.

Discussion on increasing the membership dues/structure to consultants and regulatory agencies. Need to determine whether to charge regulatory agencies to allow them to participate with or without cost.

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Suggestion to allow vendors to join SEFLUC as Associate members to widen our membership and discussed whether SEFLUC should change the time of year dues are to be paid, for example, move to FY.

The majority of members indicated they would favor a new dues structure over special assessments.

2. Utility Presentation:

- a. Cooper City Utility, Mike Bailey

Presentation was given on Cooper City's water and wastewater utilities operation and capital program by Mike Bailey, Director of Cooper City Utilities Department.

3. National Safety Council

- a. Utilities Training and Education

Speaker was left off the notification list and was not notified of change in meeting date, therefore missed the meeting – will be rescheduled.

4. Rulemaking/Legislative

- Groundwater Rule: Roundtable discussion - all
 - Compliance strategies (**12/01/09 deadline**)

Seeking to share information between SEFLUC members as to what each utility is doing to meet compliance with the State requirements in open discussion.

Pompano Beach – has lime softening and membrane, plan is to always have 4-log removal through disinfection.

Sunrise – getting started and looking at the impact to operations, looking toward the 4-log removal.

Cooper City – is going to move to 4-log removal, it's process allows for this.

Ft. Lauderdale – the Peal Dixie plant is conducive to the 4-log removal but the 5 Ash plant needs some work to incorporate this process.

Plantation – Victor – should be ok.

Palm Beach – bring up smaller plants by utilizing 4-log removal through disinfection

Hollywood – meeting the requirements.

Parkland – flows are good, but will utilize a mixing zone in-side their tanks.

West Palm Beach – feeding free chlorine in the process to meet requirements through disinfection.

- Year Round Irrigation Rule: All
 - New draft rules were published.
Release on September 30, 2009. The changes have been marked in red and the strike through. A workshop will be held on October 7th at SFWMD Headquarters.
- Water Distribution System Operators certification: Lisa will pass along comments to FSAWWAUC.

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- High School/GED compliance issues?
Is this an issue – yes
 - Pass rate issues
Is this an issue - yes
 - Training
Cooper City is hosting training through AWWA/FWPCOA.
It was strongly suggested that utilities start changing the mind set of the field crews and begin to prepare employees to obtain this certification.
There is some concern that there is some disconnect between the test and the study guides from FWPCOA, California, FSAWWA, and state guides.
- Another issue is gas utilities utilizing green piping. Is this a concern? Suggested looking at Broward County's Traffic Ways Manuals for guidance.
 - SEFLUC support for Broward County Schools for a Banner Center for Water Resources, but St. Lucie County was recent selected. Randy Brown was requested to be on the advisor group for the Banner Center because of his role on SEFLUC. He's unable to participate is requesting if anyone is interested in servicing on this board to let him know.

5. Proposals for Scopes of Work were presented by Ed de la Parte:

- Numeric Nutrient Criteria – Southeast Florida issues (~\$75,000.00)
- Historical Impact on Wetlands – CUP renewals and 5yr. update impacts (~\$249,000.00)

6. Upcoming Events

7. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 4pm

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