



**Roundtable of Volusia County Elected Officials
Water Subcommittee Meeting
April 8, 2015
MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER: 8:40 a.m.

The Volusia Room of Daytona Beach International Airport, 800 Catalina Drive, Daytona Beach, Florida.

Subcommittee members attending included Volusia County Council member Doug Daniels, Subcommittee Chair; Mayor Allen Green, City of Port Orange; and Mayor Michael Ignasiak, City of Edgewater.

Others attending were Mayor Bob Apgar, City of DeLand; Heidi Herzberg, Deltona City Commissioner, District 3; Mary Anne Connors, Volusia County Deputy County Manager; John Noble, Ormond Beach City Engineer; Dave Ponitz, Ormond Beach Utilities Manager; Brenda Dewees, Edgewater Director of Environmental Services; Jeaneen Witt, Ponce Inlet Town Manager; Joe Forte, Holly Hill City Manager; and Brad Blais, President/Project Manager of Quentin L. Hampton Associates. Taking minutes was Darla Zakaluzny with the County Manager's Office of Volusia County Government.

WELCOME

Chair Daniels welcomed those attending.

DISCUSSION

Mr. Daniels said a number of water issues had been discussed and it was time to focus on a few projects and make them happen.

Mr. Blais provided copies of a spreadsheet he had developed entitled "Volusia County – Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Water Management Project Summary." He reviewed some of the projects listed and noted it was a starting place, not a complete list. Mr. Daniels distributed copies of Volusia County's Supplemental Water Quality and Quantity Information PowerPoint presentation.

Deputy County Manager Connors briefly reviewed her discussions with the City of Daytona Beach about the landfill, the need for installing pipe in case the project failed and the regulatory "push back" the LPGA development project had received.

Projects discussed by Mr. Daniels and Mr. Green included water usage by Consolidated Tomoka, the process used several years ago by the City of Port Orange for its water treatment plant, and when the plant was scheduled to go online. Mr. Blais confirmed the plant would go online in May, 2016.

Mr. Green noted the municipalities had common issues, but each city needed to determine its own priorities. Mr. Daniels suggested a listing of projects be developed now rather than waiting for legislation. Everyone could review the list of projects and those that had funding could be completed. There would be no waste and it would be beneficial for all.

Deputy County Manager Connors said the common thread between east and west Volusia County was flood control and water supply, respectively. The communities should unite and share a common position, especially politically.

Other issues discussed by those present included: the Blue Spring MFL; Enterprise Funds; separating east and west Volusia project priorities; working away from waterways; the Farmton property; Mosquito Lagoon; how to deal with financing and extensions; establishing a septic system charge similar to stormwater fees; septic tanks in West Volusia; and Amendment 1.

Deltona City Commissioner Herzberg spoke about the need for Deltona City Commission Members to be educated on the various projects. It was suggested a summit be held for all West Volusia municipalities to provide them with a look at the bigger picture, now and in the future, so everyone understood the reality of what was being done.

Deputy County Manager Connors said a West Volusia summit group would be ideal for this type of discussion. Mr. Blais suggested the West Volusia water supply group would be a good model to approach the issues from a geographical standpoint, then trim and prioritize the list of projects. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Daniels summarized the following issues to be brought back to the full Round Table group for discussion:

- An ordinance to limit the expansion of septic tanks in Volusia County, particularly within 1,000 feet of a surface water body
- Blue Springs
 - The need for a septic tank plan
 - The possibility of legislative action
 - The possibility of receiving Amendment 1 funding
- Outfalls - wastewater and stormwater discharges in the Tomoka and Halifax Rivers
- Mosquito Lagoon septic tank issues
- Nova Basin Flood Control Basins
- Septic tank problems on the St. Johns River and Gemini Springs
- Drafts and/or ideas on septic tanks issues

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.