Attendees:

Patricia DiPiero  Lee County Utilities  Edgar G. Fernandez  Miami Dade
Brian Wheeler  TOHO  Debbie Bradshaw  OUC
Lisa Wilson-Davis  City of Boca Rotan  Paula Dye  Tampa Bay Water
Marjorie Craig  Polk County Utilities  Doug Andrews  Marion County Utilities
Rob Teegarden  OUC  Suzanne Goss  JEA
Pat Lehman  PRWA  Chris Pettit  Palm Beach County
Frank Bernardino  Anfield Consulting  Lee Killinger  Anfield Consulting
Ray Pilon  Florida Representative  Tim Brodeur  AECOM
Dave Slonena  Pinellas County Utilities  Edward de la Parte  de la Parte & Gilbert
Kim Kunihiro  Orange County Utilities  Stephanie Clark  Milestones Marketing
Rob Denis  Liquid Solutions Group  Diane Salz  PRMRWSA
Jason Parrillo  Hillsborough County  Jacqueline Torbert  Orange County Utilities

Welcome/Introductions

Meeting began at 2:00PM

Approval of Minutes – October 9, 2014

- Motion Edgar Fernandez
- Second Rob Teegarden
- Approved Yes

Budget Update

In the bank is $115,983

FSAWWA Board of Governors approved a budget transfer from the General Fund for $5,000 to provide for sponsorship for small/medium utility membership.

Legislative Committee Update - Edgar Fernandez/Frank Bernardino/Lee Killinger

The following FSAWWA UC White Papers were discussed and approved:

Water Infrastructure Funding

- Motion Edgar Fernandez
- Second Suzanne Goss
- Pass
Consultants Competitive Negotiation Act (CCNA)

A motion was made to change section (g) from $800,000 to $8 M and $500,000 to $5 M

- Motion Edgar Fernandez
- Second Chris Pettit
- Pass

Utilities Relocation Funding

A motion was made to change the title to Utilities Relocation Study. An additional motion was also made to incorporate FISE into the Recommended Actions language.

- Motion Edgar Fernandez
- Second Suzanne Goss
- Pass

Minimum Flows and Levels

- Motion Chris Pettit
- Second Suzanne Goss
- Pass

Utilities Worker Safety

- Motion Chris Pettit
- Second Edgar Fernandez
- Pass

Computer Crimes

- Motion Chris Pettit
- Second Suzanne Goss
- Pass

Rep Pilon – Provided an update on water issues and a recap of the water summit. A lot at the state level is revolving around Amendment 1 (A1). The money will end up in the House. Last year was a better year in submitting for projects, but this year...here is the question – “If you are the legislature are you not looking at a way to invoke legislation to appropriate the funds?” Money must be dedicated and determined by the legislature. Expect to be challenged by groups on how the money will be distributed, but right now, there are no rules on how it will be distributed under Amendment 1.

The money from the Doc Stamps used to be put in the General Fund and used across the board. The 33% Doc Stamp will now only be allocated for environmental projects, thus taking that money away from the general fund.

Since it is an amendment both the House and Senate will have to agree on how the money will be spent. Will probably see legislation on how to distribute the funds.

AWWA has the opportunity to establish legislation for funding under A1. Will not see it set up like HB444 since it has to uphold for 20 years. Now is a good chance to enhance the concepts of HB 444.

If A1 is not done right, it could be pivotal in the 2016 election.
Frank B./Lee K – Sat down with the Speaker to discuss and said he the House has two beliefs:

1. Belief that current programs can be funded by A1
2. Speaker wants to do something so large and create something new, that future Representative will not want to touch

The only part that is self-executing is the ability to get the funds moved into the trust fund, but the uses are not self-executing. The language in the amendment is much broader than what was expected on all sides.

If it is divided up by WMDs not all projects are in the Regional Water Supply Plans, so a plan needs to come together on how to divvy up the money.

Meeting Schedule Update

Save the Date - Fly In Tallahassee – Week of February 16th

FSAWWA UC/FWEA UC Joint Meeting – March 27, 2015 - OUC

Adjournment 4:00 pm