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City of Jacksonville, Florida
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION BOARD
Monday, April 13, 2015
5:00 p.m.
Public Hearing- Funding Request
Ninth-Eleventh State of the River Report

Members Present

Michelle Tappouni, Chair
Nick Howland, Vice Chair
Amy Y. Fu, P.E.
Roi Dagan, M.D.

Bobby L. Baker, P.E.
Steven T. Jenkins
Lucinda Sonnenberg, Ph.D.
Tony C. Bellamy, P.E.

Members Not Present

Mobeen Rathore, M.D.

Staff/ Resources Present

James Richardson, EPB Administrator
Jody Brooks, OGC
Melissa Long, EQD Chief
Tree Kilbourn, EQD Enforcement
Reba Abraham, OGC

Visitors

Dr. Radha Pyati, UNF

Call to Order

Chair Michelle Tappouni called the Public Hearing of the Environmental Protection Board (EPB) to order at 6:28 p.m.

Chair Tappouni read a statement which provided an outline of how the hearing would proceed: presentation by staff, presentation by petitioner, comments from public, board discussion and clarification, board action and procedural summary.

Certification of Public Notice

James Richardson, EPB Administrator, certified that the public notice required by Florida law appeared in the Financial News & Daily Record.

Presentation by Staff

EPB Administrator James Richardson shared that the funding request for the Ninth-Eleventh State of the River Report for the Lower St. Johns River Basin is to support the next 3 years. The total request for all three years is in the amount of \$332,666. Mr. Richardson introduced Dr. Radha Pyati, UNF, to discuss the request.

Presentation by Applicant

Dr. Pyati distributed copies of the 2014 brochures and shared that the request is for the Ninth-Eleventh State of the River Report for 2016, 2017 and 2018. The new features for the State of the River Report will highlight sections written by guest experts who are not permanent members of the team (possibly Dr. Ray Oldakowski, JU). K-12 students will have more hands on science with sampling kits to be used and network their data with a monitoring network. Dr. Brain Zellner, College of Education at UNF who has access to K-12 teachers and training will incorporate this aspect into schools. A major update of the existing website will make the website more interactive and user friendly. The general overview page will be the same as brochure content, show indicators, and tributary page.

During questions, the Board inquired why the funding proposal is higher than the last set of three reports. Dr. Pyati shared the following rationale:

- Building and maintaining a revised website that is more interactive
- Personnel changes and technical editors
- Highlight sections

In response to an inquiry, Dr. Pyati shared that the EPB was currently the only funder for the report, however the team is constantly trying to identify additional funding partners.

Comments from Public

None.

Board Questions/Clarification

A brief discussion ensued regarding the increased funding proposal amount. Maintaining a revised website, and measuring impact were deemed to be adequate justification.

Dr. Lucinda Sonnenberg declared a conflict of interest as she is on faculty at JU who will be providing data and team members to the SJRR team. She completed and provided Form 8B - Memorandum of Voting Conflict.

Board Vote

A motion was made to approve (Bellamy) the Ninth-Eleventh State of the River Report funding request in an amount of \$332,666 for three years which was properly seconded (Dagan) and unanimously approved by the body. (Sonnenberg abstained from voting).

A motion was made to amend the previous action and include approval of a waiver of Sections 111.755 and 360.602 as continued use of the funds were a worthwhile and beneficial use (Jenkins) which was properly seconded (Bellamy) and unanimously approved by the body. (Sonnenberg abstained from voting)

Procedural Summary

EPB Counsel Jody Brooks stated that the proposal will go before the Mayor's Budget Review Committee and then be forwarded to City Council.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Ruby Tucker, Executive Assistant to EQD Chief