

City of Gainesville

City Hall
200 East University Avenue
Gainesville, Florida 32601



Minutes

June 14, 2021

9:30 AM

Virtually and Alachua County Administration Building

12 SE 1st Street, Second Floor, Jack Durrance Auditorium

Joint Water and Climate Policy Board

Commissioner Harvey Ward - Member
Commissioner David Arreola - Vice-Chair
Commissioner Marihelen Wheeler - Chair
Commissioner Melanie Wells - Member
Commissioner Anna Prizzia - Member
Commissioner Mary Alford - Member
Mayor Lauren Poe - Member

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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:49 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Ward, Prizzia, Wheeler, Arreola, and Wells.
Commissioner Alford arrived at 9:54. One City seat is vacant.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Ward made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Wells to adopt the agenda and approve the minutes. Passed 5/0 (Alford not present yet). Members expressed interest in holding future meetings in Grace Knight Conference room (which is where the 6/14/21 ended up being held due to mechanical issues in Jack Durance).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[210074.](#) Minutes of the April 26, 2021 Joint Water and Climate Policy Board Meeting (B)

Attachments: [201174 JWCPB 4-26-21 Meeting Minutes 20210614](#)

RECOMMENDATION *Approve minutes as drafted.*

Approved along with agenda in one motion that covered approval of both.

DISCUSSION OF ITEMS

[201130.](#) Citizen Climate Advisory Committee Update (NB)

RECOMMENDATION *Hear an update on the committee's activities.*

Forrest Eddleton with Alachua County Environmental Protection Department provided an update on the CCAC. Liliana Kolluri, Environmental Coordinator with the Department of Sustainable Development will be serving as the General Government staff liaison for the CCAC and introduced herself during the meeting. Robert Klemans will serve as the representative from GRU. During the August JWCPB meeting the Board will have to select three new members for the CCAC.

There were discussions about the need for further discussions about solar in our community and equity with GRU, Duke Power, Clay electric, and citizen groups present. This is tentatively planned for the October 25, 2021 meeting.

[210075.](#) Water Supply Planning Discussion (B)

Attachments: [210075 SRWMD Presentation 20210614](#)
[210075 GRU Water Supply Planning Pres 20210614](#)

RECOMMENDATION *Hear presentations and take any action deemed appropriate.*

Amy Brown with the Suwannee River Water Management District (SRWMD) provided a presentation on water supply planning efforts underway for the 2022 plan updates. Members of the board had questions pertaining to water use permitting and water budgets. Rick Hutton with GRU provided an update on some of the current water supply projects GRU is working on, with an emphasis on the proposed infiltrating wetlands park. Board members requested a future discussion about next steps for water conservation and policies that the respective commissions can pursue.

[201132.](#)

Zero Waste Plan (B)

Attachments: [201132 Zero Waste Report 20210614](#)
[201132 Zero Waste Presentation 20210614](#)

RECOMMENDATION *Hear presentations from staff.*

A presentation was provide by Kessler Consulting on the Zero Waste Plan.

STAFF UPDATES

Rick Hutton provided an update to a previous question regarding the future of Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) in GRU territory.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Citizen Nancy Derren spoke.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

There was a discussion regarding the need for more time for commissioners to discuss the issues and the possibility of limiting the length of presentations for future meetings. Commissioner Alford made a motion for the Board to meet to come up with a work plan and goals. The motion did not receive a second.

Commissioner Wells discussed aging infrastructure in Archer and the need for further discussions about solar.

Commissioner Alford requested an update on the potential for a local Air Program delegated from the State of Florida.

[201133.](#)

Agenda Items for August 30, 2021 Meeting (NB)

RECOMMENDATION *Give staff direction on topics to place on the August 30, 2021 meeting agenda.*

The Board will need to elect three new citizens to the Citizen Climate Advisory Committee at the August meeting. A portion of the meeting will be allocated to

working on a work plan and goals for the following year. The meeting will continue the discussion about water conservation and should include a brief presentation from the Suwannee River Water Management District on MFLs. A representative that can discuss the role of permitting and limiting consumptive use permits and the concept of limiting irrigation wells will be invited. Staff should be prepared to discuss strategies for strengthening water conservation efforts. It was requested that Bob Knight from the Florida Springs Institute be invited to the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:24 p.m.