

Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting  
**PEACE RIVER MANASOTA REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY**  
Sarasota County Administration (South County)  
R.L. Anderson Administration Building  
4000 S. Tamiami Trail, Venice, FL 34293

October 1, 2025

***Board Members Present:***

Commissioner Joseph Tiseo, Charlotte County, Chairman  
Commissioner Ron Cutsinger, Sarasota County, Vice Chairman  
Commissioner Elton Langford, DeSoto County  
Commissioner Jason Bearden, Manatee County

***Staff Present:***

Richard Anderson, Executive Director  
Doug Manson, General Counsel  
Jim Guida, Water Resources & Planning Director  
Mike Knowles, Engineering Director  
Katie Gilmore, Operations Director  
Ann Lee, Finance & Budget Senior Manager  
Rachel Kersten, Executive Assistant & Agency Clerk

***Others Present:***

A list of others present who signed the attendance roster for this meeting is filed with the Authority's permanent records.

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Commissioner Tiseo called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

**INVOCATION**

Commissioner Langford offered the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Board led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag.

**HOST COUNTY REMARKS**

Sarasota County Administrator Jonathan Lewis offered the host remarks and welcomed everyone to the South County Administration Center.

**CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

Mr. Anderson announced a change to the agenda, adding the General Counsel's Report - Item #2 'Phase 2B Regional Interconnect Purchase of Pipeline Easements 610 PUE and 510 TCE'

**Motion was made by Commissioner Langford, seconded by Commissioner Cutsinger, to approve the changes to the Agenda. The motion was approved unanimously.**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comments were made.

**AWARDS/RECOGNITIONS**

**1. FWC Youth Hunting Program' 2024 Organization of the Year Award**

Shalina Odegard, Water Resources & Planning Manager, introduced the guides of the RV Griffin Youth Hunt Group, Jacob Walker and Eric Lewis, who presented the Peace River Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority and RV Griffin Reserve with the FWC Youth Hunting Program of Florida's 2024 Organization of the Year Award.

This award honors the outstanding contributions, dedication, and enthusiasm of the RV Griffin Youth Hunt volunteers in ensuring that Florida's hunting heritage endures for generations to come. For more than 15 years, the RV Griffin hunts have been a cornerstone of the Youth Hunting Program. Over 100 first-time youth hunters and their families have participated, leaving with a deeper understanding of the hunter's role in wildlife and habitat conservation, as well as a newfound passion for participating in and preserving it. Many of these families have gone on to create lasting traditions within Florida's rich hunting heritage.

Mr. Walker and Mr. Lewis extended their sincere gratitude to the Authority and RV Griffin Reserve for their unwavering support of youth and family involvement in conservation. Among dozens of partners, the FWC has recognized the Authority for its exceptional commitment to fostering awareness and engagement through this proven program.

Commissioners Cutsinger, Bearden and Langford shared their support for the program and commented on the importance of mentoring youth through programs like the Youth Turkey Hunt.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- 1. Approve Minutes of August 6, 2025, Board of Directors' Meeting**
- 2. Approve Projects for State of Florida Grant Funding - Local Funding Initiatives**
- 3. Approve Regional Integrated Loop Phase 3C Pipeline Project Amendment #3**
- 4. Approve Disbursement of Funds for FY 2026 Debt Service Coverage Payments**
- 5. Approve 2025 Agency Achievements Pursuant to Chapter 189.0694, F.S.**
- 6. Approve PR3 Volumes #3 and #4 Construction Engineering and Inspection Services**

**Motion was made by Commissioner Langford, seconded by Commissioner Cutsinger, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion was approved unanimously.**

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**1. Water Supply Conditions Report**

Katie Gilmore presented the Water Supply Conditions at the Peace River Facility as of September 15, 2025, for the Board’s information.

- Water Supply Quantity: Excellent
- Treated Water Quality: Excellent

September Water Demand	27.29 MGD
September River Withdrawals	31.0 MGD
<u>Storage Volume:</u>	
Reservoirs	6.45 BG
ASR	<u>8.74 BG</u>
Total	15.19 BG

**2. Legislative Priorities for 2026**

Laura Donaldson discussed the proposed legislative priorities for the Authority in 2026. Board-approved legislative priorities will be presented to each of the Authority Members' legislative delegations and will guide the Authority’s legislative lobbying efforts for the year. The regular session of the State Legislature is scheduled from January 13, 2026 to March 13, 2026.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Langford, seconded by Commissioner Tiseo, to adopt the Legislative Priorities for 2026. The motion was approved unanimously.**

**3. Partially Treated Surface Water ASR Project Results**

Jim Guida and Stephanie Ishii of Hazen & Sawyer presented the results of the technical, regulatory, and economic feasibility of Partially Treated Surface Water Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR), along with recommendations and next steps for the Board's consideration.

Mr. Guida reviewed the project's history. He explained that the Authority’s ASR system has been in operation since the mid-1980s and is a critical storage component at the Peace River Facility (PRF). Surface water injected into the ASR system is currently fully treated to drinking water standards twice: first, upon injection as required by our Underground Injection Control (UIC) permit, and again upon recovery prior to distribution to the public. Operationally, this makes ASR water twice as expensive as water from the reservoir system.

In 2015, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) informed utilities throughout the state that, rather than requiring full treatment, FDEP would consider authorizing injection of “partially treated surface water” (PTSW) if it could be demonstrated through site-specific “pilot projects” that it could be done safely and effectively. At the time, “Partial treatment” included filtration but not disinfection. The Authority recognized that the implementation of PTSW ASR presented a potential opportunity for both cost savings in treatment and increased water supply yield. As a result, over the last decade, the Authority has supported pilot studies, investigations, and permitting applications to evaluate the technical, regulatory,

and economic feasibility of implementing PWS ASR at the PRF. Several other utilities around the state, as well as water management districts, have also pursued similar investigations. In the Authority's case, both the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) and the FDEP agreed to cooperatively fund PWS feasibility investigations and associated infrastructure should PWS be deemed feasible.

In September 2023, the Authority received a UIC permit from the FDEP, which would allow the use of PWS instead of fully treated drinking water for ASR. However, FDEP reverted to its historical position of requiring disinfection prior to injection, along with a rigorous list of water quality conditions that must be met at the ASR wellheads and in the aquifer. Since the issuance of the permit, new federal and state regulations have also been promulgated regarding water quality standards for PFAS.

In June 2024, the Authority Board approved AECOM to determine the technical, regulatory, and economic feasibility of PWS ASR through a study evaluating whether PWS is a viable alternative under the current permit and prevailing regulatory environment. AECOM's evaluation has included developing a pilot testing project, preliminary facility design, assessment of regulatory requirements, and design-level cost estimates.

Although technically feasible, AECOM's recommendation currently is that the project is not economically feasible in the current regulatory climate. They suggest continuing to monitor the regulatory environment surrounding ASR and revisiting the economics of this project should regulations and technological changes make it feasible in the future.

#### **4. PR3 Volume #3 Electrical Package and Volume #4 Guaranteed Maximum Price**

The current Board-approved water supply project to meet member demands is the Surface Water Supply Expansion Project (SWSEP), consisting of the Peace River Regional Reservoir No. 3 (PR3) Project and the PRF Expansion Project. The PR3 Project comprises a new 9-billion-gallon reservoir, a new 258 MGD river intake pump station, a new reservoir pump station, and conveyance piping connecting these new components to the Authority's existing facilities. At the October 4, 2023, Board meeting, Archer Western Contractors, LLC was selected as the Construction Management At-Risk (CMAR) Contractor to provide (1) Phase I Preconstruction Services, and (2) Phase II Construction Services for the PR3 Pumping and Conveyance Facilities (new river pump station, new reservoir pump station and conveyance piping associated with the PR3 Project).

The PR3 Reservoir Pump Station Early Works Package Scope and Fee, approved at the April 2025 Authority Board meeting, leveraged the foundation work for the Reservoir Pump Station during the drier months, resulting in a four-month reduction in the overall timeline. Then, the GMP for the Reservoir Pump Station, approved at the August 2025 Board meeting, took the new reservoir pump station through construction, testing, and startup for a fee not to exceed \$ 42,490,000, which included \$4,951,475 in contingencies and allowances.

As the electrical master plan for the SWSEP was finalized late last year, it was determined that these improvements would be best incorporated into the Volume 3 PR3 plans rather than being separated among several design plans. As such, the final design details to meet the electrical master plan requirements have been completed and are included in this final Volume 3E electrical package, along with the guaranteed maximum price amendment, which has been submitted to the Board for consideration (\$25,303,645).

This motion also incorporates the GMP amendment for the construction and testing of the PR3 Volume 4 Conveyance Pipeline, which includes the large 84-inch-diameter steel pipeline that will deliver raw water to the new Reservoir No. 3 (\$22,312,212).

**Motion was made by Commissioner Langford, seconded by Commissioner Cutsinger, to approve Amendment 3 to Construction Price GMP to Construction Agreement between the Authority and Construction Management At-Risk (CMAR) for the Peace River Regional Reservoir No. 3 (PR3) Conveyance Facilities Volume 3E – Plant Standby Generator and Volume 4 – Conveyance Pipeline GMPs in the amount not to exceed \$47,615,857. The motion was approved unanimously.**

**GENERAL COUNSEL’S REPORT**

**1. Contract Renewal with Manson Bolves Donaldson Tanner, P.A.**

The Authority’s existing Agreement for General Counsel Services with Manson Bolves Donaldson Tanner, P.A. is a five-year agreement and was approved by the Board on September 30, 2020. It is amended annually to adjust compensation for the ensuing fiscal year. There have been five (5) amendments to date. The revised agreement, for a term of five (5) years, includes a fee schedule as an exhibit that can be adjusted by the Board. The total compensation for the fiscal year shall not exceed the approved line item in the annual budget. The revised agreement accounts for a planned change in the firm's structure as of January 1, 2026.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Bearden, seconded by Commissioner Langford, to approve Peace River Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority Agreement for Legal Services with Manson Bolves Donaldson Tanner, P.A. The motion was approved unanimously.**

**2. Phase 2B Regional Interconnect Purchase of Pipeline Easements 610 PUE and 510 TCE**

The Regional Integrated Loop Phase 2B Pipeline Project comprises approximately 13 miles of 42-inch-diameter pipeline. The pipeline route is located along the border of Sarasota and Charlotte County, extending from Serris Boulevard, generally west along Hillsborough and Chancellor Boulevards, and south, mostly in Charlotte County, crossing the Myakka River and then extending to Charlotte County’s Gulf Cove Booster Station.

Board authorization is requested for payment into the court deposit registry for the quick take process to acquire permanent easement number 610 and temporary construction easement number 510 for the Phase 2B pipeline project. The court order, pursuant to the stipulation for taking, requires a deposit of \$200,000.00 in the court registry, and an additional fee of \$632.74 to be added to the court registry deposit for associated court fees. Board authorization is also requested for the Chairman and Executive Director to execute the necessary documents and pay closing costs to complete the acquisition of the Easements, should the costs remain unchanged.

Permanent Easement #	Perm. Easement Area (Ac)	Temporary Easement #	Temp. Easement Area (Ac)	Total Registry Deposit
610	3.04	510	1.60	\$200,632.74

Motion was made by Commissioner Langford, seconded by Commissioner Cutsinger, to approve the payment into the court registry for Permanent Pipeline Easement Number 610 and Temporary Construction Easement Number 510 (Easements) for the Phase 2B Regional Interconnect and Authorization for the Chairman and Executive Director to execute the NON-EXCLUSIVE PERMANENT WATER MAIN EASEMENT AGREEMENTS and TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT AGREEMENTS, and other documents and payment of transaction fees necessary to close on the Easements. The motion was approved unanimously.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

Mr. Anderson had no further updates for the Board.

**ROUTINE STATUS REPORTS**

There were no Board comments on routine status reports.

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

There were no additional Board comments.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No additional public comments were made.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Friends of Peace Water BBQ**

November 14, 2025 @ 11:30 a.m.  
Peace River Facility Ranch House  
8998 SW County Road 769, Arcadia, FL 34269

**Next Authority Board Meeting**

Wednesday, December 3, 2025 @ 9:30 a.m.  
Charlotte County Administration Center  
Commission Chambers, Room 119  
18500 Murdock Circle, Port Charlotte, FL

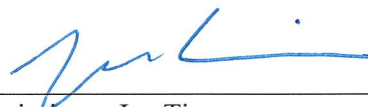
**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 11:02 a.m.

**BOARD APPROVED**

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**Peace River Manasota**  
Regional Water Supply Authority



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Commissioner Joe Tiseo  
Chairman