

PALM BEACH COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date: May 18, 2010

Consent

Regular

Workshop

Public Hearing

Department: County Administration

Submitted By: County Administration

Submitted For: Office of Economic Development

I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to adopt: A Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County, Florida, urging the Army Corp of Engineers to expedite the rehabilitation of the Herbert Hoover Dike (Dike) critical to the safety of the cities surrounding Lake Okeechobee (Lake) and to minimize the Economic Impact of these cities of Rural Economic Concern.

Summary: The Army Corp of Engineers released a construction timeline for the repair of the Dike that anticipate Reach 1 from Port Mayaca to Belle Glade in 2016, and the completion of Reaches 2 & 3 which includes South Bay, Lake Harbor and Clewiston in 2017. Route 2, the main boating channel that runs from Port Mayaca to Clewiston is a major economic generator in terms of tourism for the Lake communities. The Army Corp also has suspended any permits for the maintenance dredging of Route 2 until the completion of the Dike restorations which presents a significant economic impact to the region and marine industry. At the joint meeting between the Board of County Commissioners and the Cities of Belle Glade, Pahokee and South Bay, held on April 12, 2010, each entity agreed to pass a Resolution asking the Army Corp of Engineers to expedite the Dike rehabilitation critical to the safety and economic environment of the Lake communities. Countywide (DW)

Background and Policy Issues: In April 2006, Governor Bush wrote a letter to the Army citing a report from the South Florida Water Management District concerning imminent danger of failure to the Dike and requesting acceleration in the repairs to the Dike.

Attachments:

- 1. Resolution

Recommended by:

Sherry Howard
Economic Development Director

5-5-2010
Date

Approved by:

Balderson
Assistant County Administrator

5/11/10
Date

II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Fiscal Years	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Capital Expenditures	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Expenditure	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Operating Cost	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
External Revenue	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Program Income (PBC)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
In-Kind Match (PBC)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
NET FISCAL IMPACT	* \$0	\$0	\$0	_____	_____
# ADDITIONAL FTE POSITIONS (Cumulative)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Is Item Included In Current Budget? Yes ___ No ___

Fund Dept. Unit Object Various

B. Recommended Sources of Funds/Summary of Fiscal Impact:

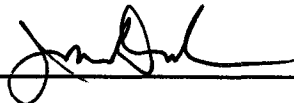
* There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

C. Departmental Fiscal Review: 

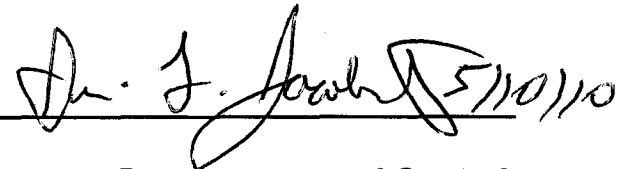
III. REVIEW COMMENTS

A. OFMB Fiscal and/or Contract Administration Comments:

* No fiscal impact



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 5/6/10



 Contract Development and Control

B. Legal Sufficiency:



 Sr. Assistant County Attorney 5/10/10

C. Other Department Review:



 Department Director

This summary is not to be used as a basis for payment.

RESOLUTION NO. R-2010-

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, URGING THE ARMY CORP OF ENGINEERS TO EXPEDITE THE REHABILITATION OF THE HERBERT HOOVER DIKE CRITICAL TO THE SAFETY OF THE CITIES SURROUNDING LAKE OKEECHOBEE AND TO MINIMIZE THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF THESE CITIES OF RURAL ECONOMIC CONCERN.

WHEREAS, The Lake Okeechobee Waterway covers more than 173 miles that has provided passage from the East to the West Coast of Florida and was used by both recreational and commercial vessels transiting both coasts of Florida; and

WHEREAS, in 1930 Congress authorized the Herbert Hoover Dike to be built on Lake Okeechobee (Lake), a 720 square-mile lake twice the size of New York, to prevent flooding due to hurricanes; and

WHEREAS, in 1995 and 1998, there were near failures to the Dike due to high water and in 2005 there were boils and seeps identified; and

WHEREAS, in April 2006, Governor Bush wrote a letter to the Army citing a report from the South Florida Water Management District concerning imminent danger of failure to the Dike and requesting an acceleration in the repairs and renovation to the Dike; and

WHEREAS, the Army Corp of Engineers released a construction timeline of the rehabilitation schedule that showed the completion of Reach 1 from Port Mayaca to Belle Glade in 2016, and the completion of Reaches 2 & 3 which includes South Bay, Lake Harbor and Clewiston in 2017; and

WHEREAS, the practice of lowering the Lake during hurricane season, the possible adoption of a new regulation schedule to lower the Lake, and the delay of maintenance dredging of Route 2 due to the repair of the Dike causes a significant economic impact to the Cities surrounding the Lake; and

WHEREAS, according to the Marine Industries Association, more than 30,000 vessels used this waterway annually prior to 2004, and since then low water levels have essentially eliminated all interstate commerce and recreation on this waterway; and

WHEREAS, acceleration of the rehabilitation to the Dike is not only critical for the safety of the Cities surrounding the Lake, but minimizes the economic impact to the Cities of Belle Glade, Pahokee and South Bay.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY THAT:

1. The Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners urges the Army Corp of Engineers to expedite the repairs to the Herbert Hoover Dike for the safety of the Cities surrounding the Lake and to minimize the economic impact to the Cities of Belle Glade, Pahokee and South Bay.
2. Copies of this Resolution will be forwarded to the Palm Beach County Congressional Delegation and the Army Corp of Engineers.

The foregoing Resolution was offered by Commissioner _____ who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner _____ and, being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

COMMISSIONER BURT AARONSON, CHAIR	_____
COMMISSIONER KAREN T. MARCUS, VICE CHAIR	_____
COMMISSIONER JOHN F. KOONS	_____
COMMISSIONER SHELLEY VANA	_____
COMMISSIONER STEVEN L. ABRAMS	_____
COMMISSIONER JESS R. SANTAMARIA	_____
COMMISSIONER PRISCILLA A. TAYLOR	_____

The Chair thereupon declared the Resolution duly passed and adopted this ____ day of _____, 2010.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY
COMMISSIONERS

PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, BY
ITS BOARD OF COUNTY

SHARON R. BOCK, CLERK & COMPTROLLER

By: _____
County Attorney

By: _____
Deputy Clerk