

RESOLUTION NO. 2015- 49

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR, OR DESIGNEE, TO DIRECT STAFF TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE ST. JOHNS RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT (SJRWMD) FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016 COOPERATIVE FUNDING GRANT.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, The waters of the state of Florida are among its basic resources, and it has been declared to be the policy of the Legislature to promote the conservation, development, and proper utilization of surface and ground water; and

WHEREAS, The St. Johns River Water Management District has determined that providing cost-share funding will benefit the management of the water resources; and

WHEREAS, The St. Johns River Water Management District has earmarked \$15 million in its Fiscal Year 2015-2016 budget process to partner with public and private entities on projects that conserve water, contribute to developing alternative water supplies and sources, or improve surface water quality; and

WHEREAS, By participating in the St. Johns River Water Management District's Algal Initiative, the County is required to identify and implement projects that will reduce nutrients discharged to the Lower St. Johns River (LSJR) in accordance with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's adopted LSJR BMAP. Staff will identify cost-effective projects to reduce nutrients discharged to the LSJR that meet the requirements of this cooperative funding opportunity; and

WHEREAS, the County has initiated an Integrated Water Resource Plan (IWRP) that will develop both long and short term strategies to ensure sustainable water supply solutions. Staff will identify cost-effective projects within the IWRP that will meet the requirements of the cooperative funding opportunity; and

WHEREAS, That St. Johns River Water Management District will begin accepting applications until March 13, 2015 for projects that will conserve water, promote water resource development and alternative water supply, and/or reduce nutrient loading in springsheds and other water bodies with established nutrient total maximum daily loads (TMDLs).

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, as follows:

Section 1. The above recitals are incorporated by reference into the body of this Resolution and such recitals are adopted as findings of fact.


Section 2. The Board of County Commissioners hereby approves and authorizes the County Administrator, or designee, to submit a completed application, on behalf of St. Johns County for a grant, in order to assist in the development and implementation of programs that will benefit the management of the County's water resources.

Section 3. The Board of County Commissioners hereby authorizes the County Administrator, or designee, to execute any paperwork necessary or associated with the application for the St. Johns River Management District Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Cooperative Funding Grant.

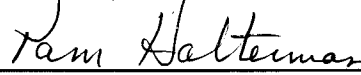
Section 4. To the extent that there are typographical and/or administrative errors and/or omissions that do not change the tone, tenor, or context of this Resolution, then this Resolution may be revised without subsequent approval of the Board of County Commissioners.

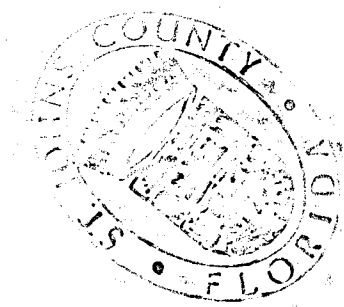
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County Florida, this 3rd day of March 2015

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA**

By: 
Priscilla L. Bennett, Chair

ATTEST: Cheryl Strickland, Clerk

By: 
Deputy Clerk
Effective Date:



RENDITION DATE 3/5/15