

FEBRUARY 27, 1976

**RECONVENE**

The meeting reconvened at the Harper Kendrick Auditorium in Palmetto, Florida, Friday, February 27, 1976, at 9:10 a.m. All members were present, with the exception of Planning Commission Members Gordon Bartle and Louis Driggers.

**REBUTTAL BY PHILLIPS PETROLEUM COMPANY**

Chairman Fortson advised that the first item of the day would be rebuttal by Phillips Petroleum Company. Horacio Franco, employed by Phillips, was present and discussed the beneficiation process of phosphate mining. Mr Nelson of Sarasota also questioned Mr Franco regarding the effects of radiation. Board Members and Planning Commission also asked questions.

**RECESS**

Chairman Fortson called a five-minute recess, after which, the Board reconvened. Mr Bartle and Mr Driggers were not present.

Bob Galliger was called as a witness, being a professional health physicist. Jake Varn questioned him. Mr Galliger explained his profession in relation to radiology. Mr Galliger referred to charts and the effects of radiation to the damaging point.

**RECESS**

The Chairman called another five minute recess and the meeting reconvened. Those not present were Gordon Bartle and Louis Driggers.

Dick Nelson cross examined Bob Galliger also.

**RECESS**

Chairman Fortson called a recess until 1:30 p.m.

1:46 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 1:46 p.m. with all members present except Gordon Bartle and Louis Driggers of the Planning Commission.

Cross examinations with Bob Galliger continued.

**RECESS**

The Chairman called another recess, after which, the meeting reconvened with all members present except Mr Bartle and Mr Driggers.

The Sarasota County Attorney continued with his cross-examination of Mr Galliger.

Mr Grimes submitted a report made by Mr Galliger as Phillips Exhibit No. 41, which was for identification purposes only.

Mr Nelson continued questioning Mr Galliger. He advised that Sarasota County did not agree with the presentation of Mr Galliger. Mr Nelson further submitted Sarasota County's Exhibit No. 27 for identification purposes only. Mr Grimes also questioned Mr Galliger. The Board and the Planning Commission were allowed to question the experts, and those asking questions were E.S. Reasoner, Bob Hoffman, Maurice Goodnight, Ken Dierks, Dan McClure, Bob Hutches and Ken Burton. Information was requested from Jammal, Long, Layne, Norman, Williams, Galliger, Upchurch, Gamble and Rifkin.

**RECESS**

Chairman Fortson called a five minute recess. The meeting reconvened with all members except Mr Bartle and Mr Driggers present.

Mr Reasoner cross-examined Dr Geraghty about the Florida aquifer and the amount of water draw-down.

Mr Nelson stated that the introduction of Sarasota County's evidence of Identification Exhibits 25, 26 and 27 should not reflect in the record that they are for identification purposes only, but for exhibits. Chairman Fortson denied such action.

The County Attorney for Manatee County requested Sarasota County Exhibits Nos. 5, 6 and 23 and Phillips Exhibits No. 18A which had been discussed and labeled as exhibits, but not submitted.

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Mr Nelson further moved that Sarasota County's Exhibit No. 24 be admitted as evidence. Chairman Fortson denied the motion.

Upon request of the County Attorney for Sarasota to submit Exhibit No. 28, Mr Nelson advised that the letters known as Exhibit No. 28 would not be submitted.

**PHILLIPS PETROLEUM COMPANY CONCLUSION**

The meeting continued with Mr Grimes, Attorney representing Phillips Petroleum Company, making statement that Phillips Petroleum Company would like to mine at the proposed site, and it would represent a Development of Regional Impact; had gone through a long and expensive period of preparation and, in addition, had presented a complete master plan. He advised that mining was a necessary commodity of contributing to the environment. He stated it presented an opportunity to bring industry into the County, which was sorely needed and would provide jobs and business and an increase to the tax base. He continued, stating that if the D.R.I. was approved, Phillips would still have to go to agencies to determine the consumptive use of water and the same with radiation. He summarized by stating that the Zoning Ordinance would allow Phillips to do what the regulations require.

**SARASOTA COUNTY SUMMATION**

Richard Nelson, County Attorney for Sarasota, gave his summation. He stated that Sarasota County had attempted to present the work product of some outstanding people; adding that he did not think that Phillips Petroleum presented sufficient testimony of the risks involved with phosphate mining. He stated there could be possible damage to the economy and substantial threat to the water resources, with a threat of radiation; adding that Phillips did not present a good radiation presentation. Mr Nelson stated that he thought it was Sarasota's obligation to present the alternatives.

**MANATEE COUNTY SUMMATION**

Chairman Fortson stated that there had been much written testimony submitted to the Board and would be made available to all Board Members, and to anyone interested.

**MEETING ADJOURNED**

There being no further business, the meeting was declared adjourned.

Attest:

APPROVED:

  
Clerk  
Chairman