



**MINUTES OF
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
WORKSHOP MEETING OF
LAKE WORTH DRAINAGE DISTRICT
HELD AT THE DELRAY BEACH OFFICE ON
AUGUST 10, 2016 AT 8:00 A.M.**

Board Members Present:

Harry Raucher James M. Alderman Steve Bedner
John I. Whitworth, III Jeffrey P. Phipps, Sr.

1. Call to Order

President Alderman called the meeting to order at 8:00 A.M.

2. Agenda Revisions - Robert M. Brown, Executive Director

There were no agenda revisions.

3. Capital Improvement Projects: SCADA Construction and Electrical Improvements - Tommy Strowd, Director of Operations & Maintenance

Mr. Strowd presented a briefing on the SCADA (Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition) system and electrical refurbishment construction contracts, and explained that the construction for both must occur simultaneously to ensure consistent and reliable electrical power for the SCADA system. He further explained that the engineer's estimate for SCADA construction was \$2.6 million and electrical refurbishment was \$1.2 million; the combined estimated construction cost would total \$3.8 million. Mr. Strowd indicated staff will be requesting Board approval at the August meeting to solicit a Request for Bids for construction of the SCADA system and electrical improvements.

Mr. Strowd stated staff will also be requesting Board approval of an amendment to the CH2MHill contract not-to-exceed \$24,000 to include funding for replacement of existing gate control panels, automation of the center hurricane gates and technical coordination with electrical design.

Supervisor Whitworth inquired about safety issues associated with the automatic operation of control structures. Mr. Strowd stated that boat barriers would be upstream of the structures.

4. Palm Beach County Tax Collector proposal to pipe a portion of the L-12 Canal adjacent to the Central Palm Beach Service Center at 4215 South Military Trail, Lake Worth - Robert Brown, Executive Director

Palm Beach County Tax Collector Anne M. Gannon, Lila Rowdy with Song & Associates and Alan Hall from Higgins Engineering briefed the Board on a proposal to pipe a portion of the L-12 Canal in order to expand parking for the Central Palm Beach County Service Center. They explained the options considered in order to meet additional parking needs and indicated that piping the canal was the most effective option. Mr. Hall explained that they needed at least 150 parking spaces, and they considered three options for using the District's L-12 Canal right-of-way. Two options provided included construction of a parking garage over the piped canal, and the other option was approximately 800 feet of surface parking on the north side of the parcel.

Mr. Brown stated that District does not support piping of canals; however, this project would serve a public purpose and a demonstrated hardship. He further indicated that the District would not support construction of a parking garage over the L-12 Canal because of future maintenance constraints.

The Board was generally supportive of approving the project subject to a permit application and meeting all required criteria.

5. Transfer of Development Rights Policy - Robert Brown, Executive Director and Mark Perry, District Counsel

Mr. Perry stated he has met with five Palm Beach County Commissioners except for Commissioners Paulette Burdick and Mary Lou Berger regarding the District's position on Transfer of Development Rights (TDRs) Program. He indicated the response has been generally favorable. Also, Mr. Perry and Mr. Strowd met with the Assistant County Administrator Faye Outlaw, and she suggested selling the fee-simple right-of-way while retaining an exclusive easement. Mr. Perry indicated his support for this option. He stated that the Palm Beach County Land Use Development Board will meet on September 9, 2016 to consider the District's appeal to participate in the TDR program.

President Alderman indicated that Mr. Perry should pursue both options with urgency.

Mr. Perry indicated that the item would be scheduled on the County Commissioner's October board meeting agenda.

6. Briefing on Future Board Agenda Items

Staff provided an overview of the draft agenda for the August 17, 2016 Board meeting and briefed board members on anticipated agenda items including:

- Approval of revisions to Section 2: Fees, District Operating Policies
- Approval to surplus and dispose of designated items
- Approval to issue a quit-claim deed to Ruth M. Jankovic Estate and to all property owners within designated adjacent plats as requested
- Approval to assign an existing Encroachment License Agreement and reissue as a Right-of-Way Permit to 420 South Congress Avenue, LLC (PetMed Express, Inc.) authorizing a paved encroachment on the E-4 Canal right-of-way
- Fiscal Year 2016-17 Preliminary Operating Budget Public Hearing and approval of the Final Operating Budget

- Approval of top-ranked firms and authorization to enter into contract negotiations for General Engineering Services
- Approval to modify an existing Conditional Easement Agreement with Palm Beach Country and reissue as a Right-of-Way Permit authorizing changes to portions of the pathway within the L-48 Canal right-of-way
- Approval of sale of surplus lands associated with the L-28 Canal to Delray Dunes Golf & Country Club Inc.
- Approval to issue a Right-of-Way Permit to Lynn University authorizing temporary use of a portion of the L-43 Canal right-of-way for student parking/drive aisle
- Approval of employee health benefit renewals

7. Staff Reports

There were no additional staff comments.

3. Board Comment

There were no additional Board comments.

4. General Public Comment

There was no public comment.

5. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:30 A.M.

President - James M. Alderman

Recording Secretary - Joann M. Aylor