



**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF
LAKE WORTH DRAINAGE DISTRICT
HELD AT THE DELRAY BEACH OFFICE ON
OCTOBER 13, 2016 AT 8:30 A.M.**

Board Members Present:

James M. Alderman
John I. Whitworth, III

Harry Raucher
Jeffrey P. Phipps, Sr.

Steve Bedner (via phone)

1. Call to Order

President Alderman called the meeting to order at 8:30 A.M.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Raucher led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Hurricane Matthew Remarks

On behalf of the Board, President Alderman recognized staff for their efforts to prepare for Hurricane Matthew. He read a commendation letter into the record, thanking staff for their commitment to excellence and dedication to the agency's mission.

Mr. Strowd and Ms. Walker thanked individual staff members that played a key role in preparing for and working during and immediately after the storm event.

3. Employee of the Quarter Presentation - Nicole Smith, Right-of-Way Permit Coordinator

- **George Aylor, Jr. - Equipment Operator V, Heavy Equipment Crew**

Committee Member Nicole Smith announced George Aylor, Jr. as the Employee of the Quarter. Mr. Aylor was nominated for his efforts to go above and beyond to provide equipment and CDL training to his co-workers. The Board presented Mr. Aylor with a check for \$200 in recognition of his efforts.

Mr. Brown also recognized Mr. Aylor for 30 years of service with the District. The Board thanked Mr. Aylor for his dedication and service to the District and presented his service pin.

President Alderman complimented Mr. Jim Schultz, Aquatics Crew Leader, and his entire team for their efforts to manage aquatic vegetation in the District's canals.

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

Mr. Brown stated Item #13 would be postponed.

5. Abstentions by Board Members from Items on the Agenda

There were no abstentions.

6. General Public Comment

There were no public comments.

CONSENT

7. Board comment or request to pull items from Consent Agenda

8. Approval of minutes, check register and financial statement for the previous month

9. Approval to issue a quit claim deed to The Estate of Susan Hofman-Arnowitz. Location: 6070 La Palma Lane, Delray Beach, north side L-33 Canal, Lot 95, Block "C", Delray Villas (Project #16-720P.15) - Kelsey Smith, Project Surveyor

10. Approval to issue a quit claim deed to Myron L. Kuzma Trust. Location: 1068 SW 7th Street, Boca Raton, north side L-49 Canal, Lot 13, Block 8, Boca Raton Square Unit 1 (Project #1604795P.23) - Kelsey Smith, Project Surveyor

11. Board vote on Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Senior Vice President Raucher to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Vice President Phipps and approved unanimously.

DISCUSSION

12. Approval to enter into contracts with Mock Roos & Associates, Inc. and Higgins Engineering, Inc. for General Engineering Services (RFP #16-9854L.01) - Patrick Martin, Director of Stormwater Permitting & Engineering

Mr. Martin stated that the Board approved the ranked firms and authorized staff to negotiate contracts with the top-ranked firms at the August 17, 2016 board meeting. Staff negotiated the contracts and rate schedules and recommended approval of General Engineering Services contracts with Mock, Roos and Associates, Inc. and Higgins Engineering, Inc.

A motion was made by Supervisor Whitworth to approve the recommendation, seconded by Vice President Phipps and approved unanimously.

13. Approval to award bid for SCADA Construction (RFB #16-9381L.02) - Tommy Strowd, Director of Operations & Maintenance

Mr. Strowd provided an overview of the SCADA / Electrical Construction contracts, and explaining that, per the engineers estimate, costs for both the SCADA and Electrical Construction contracts combined would total approximately \$3.8 million. Five bids were received in response to the Request for Bids with the low bid from Electron Corp. of

South Florida totaling \$4.6 million. Mr. Strowd shared that most of the bids were comparable which was a good indication that the scope of work was well-defined. Mr. Strowd stated that approval of the bid would be postponed to the following month to allow staff time to review the bids in comparison to the engineer's estimate and discuss options for potential cost savings.

14. Approval to issue a Right-of-Way Permit to Palm Beach County Tax Collector authorizing piping 888 feet of the L-12 Canal adjacent to the Central Palm Beach Service Center at 4215 South Military Trail, Lake Worth (Project #16-6455H.04) - Nicole Smith, Right-of-Way Permit Coordinator

Ms. Smith stated that staff met with Palm Beach County Tax Collector staff and their consultants to review the options regarding additional space needed for parking at their Central Palm Beach County Service Center. Based on the discussion and options presented at the August 10, 2016 Board workshop, it was determined that the project serves a public purpose and that a hardship was validated. Subject to review by District staff and the applicant meeting all required criteria, the Board provided conceptual approval to pipe the L-12 Canal for 888 feet, from Military Trail west to Raulerson Drive allowing the Tax Collector's office to gain an additional 150 parking spaces.

Based on further review of the application and plans, staff recommended authorization to pipe a portion of the L-12 Canal from Military Trail west to Raulerson Drive subject to District Operating Policies, approval of all plans by District staff, application fee, one-time use fee, annual fee and a pipe inspection every 5 years.

Supervisor Whitworth inquired if the petitioner sent letters to the adjacent property owners to inform them of the proposal.

Mr. Bob Higgins, representing the County Tax Collector, stated Ms. Gannon communicated with the Homeowners Association regarding the proposal.

Mr. Brown stated there will be a landscape buffer on both the north and south sides of the canal.

Palm Beach County Tax Collector Anne Gannon stated that parking in the piped area will be limited only to employees and a gate will be installed.

Supervisor Phipps inquired if the District will have access to this area for staging equipment if ever needed. Ms. Gannon replied yes.

Mr. Higgins stated the functions of the Florida Department of Motor Vehicles had been turned over to the Tax Collector causing this hardship.

Supervisor Whitworth inquired if the pipe will remain should the Tax Collector's office be moved or relocated in the future.

Mr. Strowd stated it would be preferable to restore the area back to an open canal if there was a change in owner or property use. Ms. Gannon stated they have no intention of selling this property.

Mr. Perry informed Ms. Gannon and Mr. Higgins that the District's general permit conditions were not negotiable.

A motion was made by Senior Vice President Raucher to approve staff's recommendation, seconded by Vice President Phipps and approved unanimously.

15. Approval to award bid for radial gates for Control Structure 11 (RFB #16-8308L.12) - Anthony LasCasas, Assistant Director Facilities & Maintenance

Mr. Strowd stated the Request for Bids (RFB) was re-solicited after cancelling the contract with D & J Machinery. The original cost estimate to replace the three radial gates at Control Structure 11 was \$150,000. Staff received one bid from Fluid Controls, Inc. in the amount of \$213,586. Mr. Strowd stated Fluid Controls, Inc. is the supplier for Waterman gates as specified in the RFB. Staff recommended approval to award bid for purchase of Radial Gates to Fluid Controls, Inc. for \$213,596.

A motion was made by Senior Vice President Raucher to approve staff's recommendation, seconded by Supervisor Bedner and approved unanimously.

STAFF REPORTS

16. Executive Director's Report

Mr. Brown stated that he sent a letter to the South Florida Water Management District in support of the C-51 Reservoir Project.

Mr. Brown also indicated that the District's lobbyist would be attending the December 2016 meeting to update the Board on DEP rulemaking regarding pollution noticing as well as upcoming legislation.

Director of Operations & Maintenance

Mr. Strowd updated the Board on progress of the Canal Rehabilitation Program. Over the past 12 months, the District has cleared a total of 10.73 miles of vegetation on its canal rights-of-way:

- LWDD - 7.12 miles
- Contractor Services - 3.37 miles
- Developer - 0.24 mile

Mr. Strowd shared a video of the new FECON implement to assist in tree and vegetation removal efforts.

Director of Administrative Services

Ms. Walker stated she had nothing further to report.

Director of Stormwater Permitting & Engineering

Mr. Martin left the meeting early to attend an offsite meeting.

Director of Finance

Ms. Hoyt stated the District's fiscal year ended September 30, 2016 and Board members would be receiving letters from District auditors, Rampell & Rampell, P.A.

District Counsel

Mr. Perry informed the Board members the Lake Worth Drainage District has been scheduled on the October 26, 2016 Palm Beach County Commission Meeting Agenda at 9:00 AM to present its appeal regarding the Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) program. Individual meetings have also been scheduled with each of the Commissioners.

17. Board Comment

Supervisor Bedner reiterated President Alderman's comments and stated he received positive feedback from the public.

18. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:37 A.M.

President - James M. Alderman

Recording Secretary - Joann M. Aylor