



**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF
LAKE WORTH DRAINAGE DISTRICT
HELD AT THE DELRAY BEACH OFFICE ON
JUNE 14, 2017 AT 8:30 A.M.**

Board Members Present:

James M. Alderman
John I. Whitworth, III

Steve Bedner (VIA PHONE) Harry Raucher
Jeffrey P. Phipps, Sr.

1. Call to Order

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

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. 30-Year Service Recognition - Robert M. Brown, Executive Director

- **Jose Martinez, Equipment Operator IV**
- **Bobby Johnson, Equipment Operator IV**

Mr. Brown and the Board of Supervisors recognized Mr. Martinez and Mr. Johnson for their service to the District and presented each with a 30-year service pin.

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

Mr. Brown announced that Agenda Item #13 was postponed and Agenda Item #11 title was revised to correct a scrivener's error.

5. Abstentions by Board Members from items on the Agenda

There were no abstentions.

6. General Public Comment

President Alderman thanked staff for their efforts in responding to the significant rainfall event the week of June 5, 2017.

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 for authorization to issue a quit claim deed to Gilbert Price and Lois Price. Location: Camino Garden Villas Unit A4, 829 Camino Gardens Lane, Boca Raton; E-4 Canal (Project #17-10140P.01) and approval for authorization to issue a quit claim deed to the remaining units in Camino Garden Villas adjacent to the E-4 Canal subject to the same conditions - Kelsey Smith, Project Surveyor**

10. **Board Vote on Consent Agenda**

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

DISCUSSION

11. **Approval of 2016 Audited Financial Statement - Karen Hoyt, Director of Finance (REVISED)**

Ms. Hoyt introduced Dana McDonald from the District's auditing firm, Rampell and Rampell. Ms. McDonald presented the governance letter and the audited financial report and stated that there were no corrections or disagreements with the District's financial statements. She further stated that the District received the highest possible opinion on their financial statements indicating that the statements were fairly presented in all aspects and in accordance with governmental accounting and financial standards.

Ms. McDonald indicated that auditors reviewed internal controls for payroll and purchasing and did not find any deficiencies. She also confirmed that the District is compliant with the state auditor general's reporting requirements and is in great financial position with no debt.

A motion was made by Supervisor Raucher to approve the audited financial statements, seconded by Senior Vice President Whitworth, and approved unanimously.

12. **Approval to enter into a contract with Mock Roos & Associates, Inc. for Engineering Design and Construction Phase Services for Control Structure No. 9 (Project #16-7170L.05) - Tommy Strowd, Director of Operations & Maintenance**

Mr. Strowd presented background on the proposed relocation of Control Structure 9 indicating that the District completed a preliminary engineering study and solicited a request for proposals for engineering and design services in December 2016. The board authorized staff to enter contract negotiations with the top-ranked firm, Mock-Roos, in February 2017. Mock-Roos' final proposal totaled \$722,850, including \$551,885 for design engineering services and \$170,965 for engineering services during construction. Staff recommended approval to enter into a contract with Mock-Roos for \$722,850 for engineering design and construction phase services.

Senior Vice President Whitworth suggested that Supervisor Phipps serve on the selection committee for the future construction contractor.

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

13. **Approval to issue a Right-of-Way Permit to FPL authorizing replacement and installation of poles for storm-hardening within the L-8 Canal right-of-way. Location: North and south sides of the L-8 Canal between Haverhill Road and Military Trail. (Project #17-10103U.01) - Nicole Smith, Right-of-Way, Permit Coordinator (POSTPONED)**

STAFF REPORTS

14. Executive Director's Report

Mr. Brown recommended that the District submit an offer to purchase the Farm Bureau property adjacent to District Headquarters. Mr. Alderman requested that Mr. Brown speak with Farm Bureau representatives to ascertain their interest in selling the property.

Director of Operations and Maintenance

Mr. Strowd provided an overview of the rainfall event that occurred during the week of June 5, 2017. He stated that the excessive rainfall quantities were not forecasted and therefore no pre-storm operations were initiated. For the previous several months, no releases from the system were required due to excessively low groundwater levels and consistent deficit rainfall during the dry season. He stated that as rainfall accumulations were noted and revised forecasts were released by the National Weather Service, the District responded by opening major water control structures. He stated that staff communicated with residents and local homeowner associations in response to flooding reports and concerns. Depending on specific conditions, approximately 25 communities were authorized to open their operable discharge control structures after the rains subsided to release additional water above and beyond the discharge allowed by their passive drainage structures.

Mr. Strowd thanked Doug Gunther and other water crew staff including George Aylor, Bob McLaughlin, Lany Altman and Troy Lee for their dedicated efforts in managing water levels. He also thanked Vickie Demerski and other office staff including Nicole Smith, Melissa Wheelihan, Diana Acosta, and Megan Hoffman in answering phone calls from the public. Rosemary Rayman was also recognized for her efforts to keep the public updated through email notifications and the District's website.

Mr. LasCasas provided an update on the progress of the Canal Rehabilitation Program. Over the past 12 months, the District has cleared a total of 20.74 miles of vegetation on canal rights-of-way. To date, the District has cleared 25.67 of the initial 150 miles identified for clearing.

Director of Administrative Services

Director of Finance

District Counsel

There were no additional staff reports.

15. Board Comment

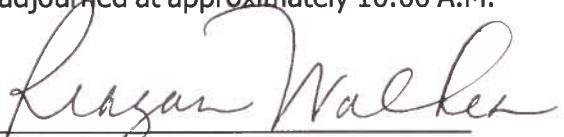
There were no additional board comments.

16. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 10:00 A.M.



President - James M. Alderman



Recording Secretary – Reagan Walker