



**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF
LAKE WORTH DRAINAGE DISTRICT
HELD AT THE DELRAY BEACH OFFICE ON
AUGUST 16, 2017 AT 8:30 A.M.**

Board Members Present:

James M. Alderman
John I. Whitworth, III

Steve Bedner
Jeffrey P. Phipps, Sr.

Harry Raucher

1. Call to Order

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

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Bedner led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

There were no agenda revisions.

4. Abstentions by Board Members from items on the Agenda

There were no abstentions.

5. General Public Comment

Ken Taranto, 2855 Hampton Circle East, Delray Beach and John Baleno, 2895 Hampton Circle East, Delray Beach commented regarding the District's ongoing canal rehabilitation project on the E-4 Canal south of Germantown Road adjacent to their homes and requested that the vegetation and encroachments be allowed to remain within a portion of the District's right-of-way. Mr. Taranto also invited board members to visit the site.

Mr. Brown stated that vegetation is currently being removed as part of the initial project phase, and structural encroachments will be scheduled for removal in the future. He further stated that board members would each be offered the opportunity to visit the site.

President Alderman recommended the request be reviewed by staff and placed on the following month's board agenda for consideration.

CONSENT

- 6. Board comment or request to pull items from Consent Agenda**
- 7. Approval of minutes, check register and financial statement for the previous month**
- 8. Approval to advertise a Request for Bids for Contracted Mowing Services – Anthony LasCasas, Assistant Director, Facilities & Maintenance**
- 9. Board Vote on Consent Agenda**

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

DISCUSSION

- 10. Approval of surplus, sale and fair market appraised value of a portion of the L-32 Canal west of Sims Road subject to the concurrent conveyance of an exclusive easement deed (Project No. RI-17-00026) - Dave Bends, Project Surveyor**

Mr. Bends stated the adjacent property owner, Barbara Kamhi, 14051 Sims Road, Delray Beach, requested to purchase the District's fee interest in the North 55.44 feet adjacent to her property on the L-32 Canal.

Staff recommended approval to declare the North 55.44 feet of the NE ¼ of the NE ¼ of the NW ¼ of Section 14/46/42, less the East 120 feet thereof surplus and eligible for sale based on fair market value of \$6.43 per square foot or \$194,932 for 30,316 square feet. Approval is subject to the property owner conveying an exclusive easement deed to the District over the North 85 feet thereof, sketch of descriptions, certification of title, legal and recording fees, all plans approved by staff and District Operating Policies.

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

- 11. RESOLUTION NO. 17-01 – Approval of Final Operating Budget for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2018 - Karen Hoyt, Director of Finance**

Ms. Walker presented Resolution No. 17-01 for adoption of the budget for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2018. She stated that a public hearing was held on August 8, 2017 and there were no public comments or changes to the budget. The final budget includes an assessment increase of \$1.50, for a total rate of \$48.00 per acre or portion thereof.

Ms. Walker stated that the \$1.50 assessment increase is dedicated for canal rehabilitation projects, bringing the total dedicated annual assessment for canal rehabilitation to \$2.50. She also stated that \$3.50 of the annual assessment remains dedicated for capital improvement projects.

Staff recommended approval of Resolution No. 17-01 adopting the Fiscal Year 2018 Operating Budget for the year ending September 30, 2018 totaling \$17.046 million with a non-ad valorem assessment rate of \$48.00.

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

12. Approval of employee health benefit renewals - Melissa Wheelihan, Business Operations Administrator

Ms. Wheelihan stated that quotes were solicited from all major health insurance carriers, and Cigna counteroffered with a rate increase of 17% or 7% for significantly revised plan designs. United Healthcare offered the most competitive and comparable medical plan options and the ancillary plan quotes (dental, vision, life and disability) were very minimal. Ms. Wheelihan stated that overall there was a less 1% increase in overall healthcare costs which would be offset by an increase in employee contributions.

Staff recommended approval to purchase group health benefits with United Healthcare and approval to renew ancillary benefits for dental, vision and life/disability insurance.

A motion was made by Supervisor Raucher to approve staff recommendation, seconded by Supervisor Phipps and approved unanimously.

STAFF REPORTS

13. Executive Director's Report

Mr. Brown stated the District received a letter from Larry Portnoy, G.L. Homes of Florida, indicating that G.L. Homes was terminating the contract with the District for purchase of Transfer of Development Rights (TDRs).

Mr. Brown stated a letter was sent to the Palm Beach County Farm Bureau President, Roland Yee, and Board of Directors providing notification of the District's interest in purchasing the Farm Bureau's property adjacent to the District's campus. Mr. Brown will keep the board apprised of any response.

Director of Operations and Maintenance

Mr. Strowd provided an update on the SCADA project stating that construction and testing is ongoing. Construction is estimated to be completed in 2017.

President Alderman inquired if the District will need to hire a contractor to assist with SCADA maintenance.

Mr. Strowd stated that staff will ultimately maintain the system; however, the District will retain a contractor for the first year while staff is trained. He indicated

that the District has a one-year warranty with CH2M Hill, but it does not include support for programming and software.

Mr. LasCasas provided a progress update on the Canal Rehabilitation Program. Over the past 12 months, the District has cleared a total of 24.62 miles of vegetation on canal rights-of-way (33.18 miles from October 2015 to current):

- LWDD – 14.33 miles; contractor – 9.40 miles; developer – 0.89 mile

Director of Administrative Services

Ms. Walker reminded the Board that the next Workshop is advertised for Tuesday, September 5, 2017 and the Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 13, 2017.

Director of Finance

Ms. Hoyt was not present.

District Counsel

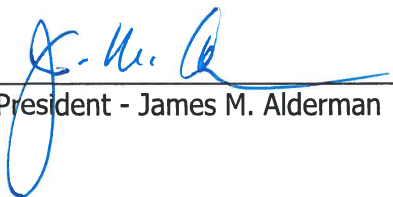
Mr. Perry had nothing additional to report.

14. Board Comment

No additional comments.

15. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:12 A.M.



President - James M. Alderman



Recording Secretary - Joann M. Aylor