



**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF
LAKE WORTH DRAINAGE DISTRICT
HELD AT THE DELRAY BEACH OFFICE ON
SEPTEMBER 13, 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. Whitworth led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Ms. Walker stated that due to Hurricane Irma recovery efforts, all action items requiring board action will be postponed and placed on the October 2017 regular board meeting agenda.

4. Abstentions by Board Members from Items on the Agenda

There were no abstentions.

5. General Public Comment (limited to 5 minutes)

There was no public comment.

CONSENT (POSTPONED)

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. Board vote on Consent Agenda

DISCUSSION (POSTONED)

- 9. Consideration of requests to retain unauthorized encroachments on the E-4 Canal right-of-way. Location: E-4 Canal south of Germantown Road, Hampton Circle East (CM-17-0015 & CM-17-0016) – Tommy Strowd, Director of Operations & Maintenance**

STAFF REPORTS

10. Executive Director's Report

Hurricane Irma Update – Tommy Strowd, Director of Operations & Maintenance

Mr. Strowd presented an overview of Hurricane Irma and shared illustrations of the storm's path and subsequent property damage throughout the state. Hurricane Irma struck the Florida Keys as a strong Category 4 hurricane on Sunday, September 10th and continued on a northwest track making a second landfall in Naples on Florida's southwest coast and then traveling north through the interior of Florida. Due to the size of Hurricane Irma, the entire state was affected.

Mr. Strowd indicated that staff began pre-storm preparations and lowering canals on September 6th. The District authorized those communities with operable structures the ability to open them on September 7 and 8. Staff monitored water levels closely via Smartcover monitoring devices throughout the event.

Mr. Strowd stated that the District fared well during the storm and did not experience any flood-related incidents. However, due to the tropical storm winds and hurricane force gusts, many areas were identified requiring debris removal. Staff estimated that clean-up efforts will take several months to complete.

Mr. Strowd provided illustrations of the hurricane path and subsequent property damage throughout the state and shared that staff performed above and beyond expectations in the preparation and execution of the agency's emergency plans.

Mr. Brown discussed several lessons learned from Hurricane Irma and indicated that staff will be meeting to review opportunities for future improvements, and would brief the board on any future needs.

Mr. LasCasas provided a progress update on the Canal Rehabilitation Program stating that over the past 12 months, the District has cleared a total of 26.36 miles of vegetation on canal rights-of-way (36.43 miles from October 2015 to current).


11. Board Comment

President Alderman thanked staff for a great job preparing for and responding to Hurricane Irma.

President Alderman recommended that staff publicize the District's successful canal rehabilitation efforts. Mr. Raucher suggested presenting information or a video to local stakeholder groups.

12. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:40 A.M.



President - James M. Alderman



Recording Secretary Joann M. Aylor