



**MINUTES OF THE  
LAKE WORTH DRAINAGE DISTRICT  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
WORKSHOP & MONTHLY MEETINGS  
January 10, 2018 - 8:00 AM**

**Board Members Present:**

James M. Alderman  
John I. Whitworth, III

Stephen Bedner  
Jeffrey P. Phipps, Sr.

Harry Raucher

**1. Call to Order**

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

**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**

There were no public comments.

**WORKSHOP**

**6. Briefing on Future Board Agenda Items**

Mr. Brown briefed the Board on the surplus sale of 5.165 acres of S-4E Canal right-of-way. He stated that in November 2017, staff recommended approval to sell the surplus portion of canal right-of-way subject to a letter of authorization from the adjacent landowners for modification of the drainage outfall structure and proof of notification of sale to the adjacent landowners per District operating policies. Subsequently, the District delivered certified letters to adjacent landowners and received a response from one of the three adjacent landowners, 121 Crown Associates, LLC, expressing interest in purchasing the surplus right-of-way. Given that there was more than one adjacent property owner interested in purchase of the surplus right-of-way, the District proceeded to solicit formal sealed bids from

all interested adjacent property owners to be opened and awarded at the January 10 board meeting. Mr. Brown indicated the bids would be opened as part of Discussion Agenda Item #11.

## **7. Staff Reports**

### **Director of Operations and Maintenance**

Mr. LasCasas provided a progress update on the Canal Rehabilitation Program. To date, 41.88 miles of canal clearing projects have been completed. In the last 12 months, the District cleared a total of 27.22 miles of vegetation on its canal rights-of-way (LWDD – 15.20 miles; contracted services – 9.24 miles; developer – 2.78 miles).

Mr. Strowd indicated that the District is preparing to begin some large projects in the Boca Raton area, specifically on the L-44, L-45 and E-3 Canals. He stated that the District is working with the City of Boca Raton staff on outreach and project coordination.

Mr. LasCasas presented an update on equipment utilization and stated that the District did not realize significant improvements in utilization rates due to storm recovery efforts and holiday schedules. Mower utilization for the third and fourth quarter were at 48% and 47% respectively; heavy equipment utilization for the third and fourth quarter were 54% and 58% respectively. The overall 2017 utilization rates for both mowers and heavy equipment was 56%. Mr. Brown indicated that the District continues to look for opportunities to increase utilization rates.

Mr. Strowd provided an update on the SCADA project and stated that the project was back on track with a revised schedule following Hurricane Irma. He stated that Control Structure 11 & 12 would be online in February and the computer system is currently being installed at headquarters; the remaining sites are operational.

Mr. Brown stated that the legislative session began and Chris Coker has been providing updates on relevant legislation.

## **CONSENT**

- 8. Board comment or request to pull items from Consent Agenda**
- 9. Approval of minutes, check register and financial statement for the previous month**
- 10. 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**

### **11. Approval of bid award to highest responsive bidder for surplus sale of 5.165 acres of S-4E Canal right-of-way (Project #16-9682P.05) – Robert M. Brown, Executive Director**

Mr. Brown stated the District received two bids for the sale of 5.165 surplused acres on the S-4E Canal right-of-way. He stated the minimum bid was \$977,192 based on the property's appraised value. Mr. Brown opened the sealed bids and stated that Southern Blvd. Villas, LLC submitted a bid in the amount of \$977,791 subject to closing conditions. The Wallace Law Group, P.L. representing the Tuttle Group submitted a bid in the amount of \$500,000. The bid from The Wallace Group was deemed non-responsive as it did not meet the minimum bid. The board discussed the bid from Southern Blvd. Villas, LLC and determined the bid should be rejected due to unacceptable conditions placed upon the closing.

*A motion was made by Supervisor Raucher to reject the bids, seconded by Supervisor Phipps, and approved unanimously.*

*A motion was made by Sr. Vice President Whitworth to recess the meeting for the 9:00 a.m. time certain Annual Landowners' Meeting, seconded by Vice President Bedner, and approved unanimously.*

*The board meeting was reconvened at 10:15 a.m. following the Annual Landowners' Meeting.*

### **12. Oath of Elected Board of Supervisor**

Mr. Perry issued the oath of office to the elected Board Supervisors – John I. Whitworth, III (Sub-District 5) and Jeffrey P. Phipps, Sr. (Sub-District 3).

John I. Whitworth, III, having been duly elected to the Board of Supervisors at the Annual Landowners' Meeting held on January 10, 2018, for a period of three years in accordance with the legislative act, Chapter 2009-258, Laws of Florida, took the oath of office in the form and manner required by law, after which he took his seat as the newly elected Supervisor of the Board of Supervisors of the Lake Worth Drainage District from Sub-District 5.

#### **OATH OF JOHN I. WHITWORTH, III**

State of Florida  
County of Palm Beach

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public, personally appeared John I. Whitworth, III, who being duly sworn, did depose and say: That he will honestly, faithfully and impartially perform the duties devolved upon him in the office of Supervisor of the Lake Worth Drainage District, to which office he has been duly elected, and that he will not neglect any of the duties imposed upon him by the laws of the State of Florida.

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2018, by John I. Whitworth, III, who is personally known to me or who has produced \_\_\_\_\_ as identification and who did (did not) take an oath.

My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public State of Florida

**Oath of Elected Board of Supervisor**

Jeffrey P. Phipps, Sr., having been duly elected to the Board of Supervisors at the Annual Landowners' Meeting held on January 10, 2018, for a period of three years in accordance with the legislative act, Chapter 2009-258, Laws of Florida, took the oath of office in the form and manner required by law, after which he took his seat as the newly elected Supervisor of the Board of Supervisors of the Lake Worth Drainage District from Sub-District 3.

**OATH OF JEFFREY P. PHIPPS, SR.**

State of Florida  
County of Palm Beach

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public, personally appeared Jeffrey P. Phipps, Sr., who being duly sworn, did depose and say: That he will honestly, faithfully and impartially perform the duties devolved upon him in the office of Supervisor of the Lake Worth Drainage District, to which office he has been duly elected, and that he will not neglect any of the duties imposed upon him by the laws of the State of Florida.

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2018, by Jeffrey P. Phipps, Sr., who is personally known to me or who has produced \_\_\_\_\_ as identification and who did (did not) take an oath.

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**13. Election of Board Officers: President, Senior Vice President and Vice President**

*A nomination for James W. Alderman for President was made by Mr. Phipps, seconded by Mr. Bedner and approved unanimously.*

*A nomination for Stephen W. Bedner for Senior Vice President was made by Mr. Whitworth, seconded by Mr. Raucher and approved unanimously.*

*A nomination for Jeffrey P. Phipps, Sr. for Vice President was made by Mr. Bedner, seconded by Mr. Raucher and approved unanimously.*

**14. Appointment of District Officers: Robert M. Brown, Secretary; Reagan Walker, Assistant Secretary; Karen Hoyt, Treasurer; Tommy Strowd, District Engineer**

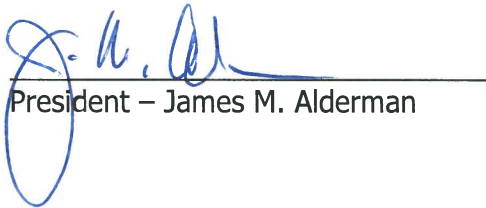
*A motion was made by Supervisor Raucher to approve the appointment of the District Officers as presented, seconded by Senior Vice President Bedner and approved unanimously.*

**15. Board Comment**

President Alderman thanked Mr. Brown and the staff for a tremendous job in 2017 and shared that he was very proud of the District's accomplishments.

**16. Adjourn**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:33 A.M.

  
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President – James M. Alderman

  
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Recording Secretary – Joann M. Aylor

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