



**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF  
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF  
LAKE WORTH DRAINAGE DISTRICT  
HELD AT THE DELRAY BEACH OFFICE ON  
APRIL 3, 2018 AT 8:00 A.M.**

**Board Members Present:**

James M. Alderman                      Steve Bedner                      Harry Raucher  
John I. Whitworth, III                  Jeffrey P. Phipps, Sr.

**1. Call to Order**

President James M. Alderman called the meeting to order at 8:00 A.M.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

Vice President Whitworth led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. Employee of the Quarter Presentation – Kelsey Smith, Employee Committee**  
• **Johnny Saldivar, Licensed Applicator**

Committee Member Kelsey Smith announced Johnny Saldivar as the Employee of the Quarter. Mr. Saldivar was recognized for exemplifying what it means to be a team player. The Board thanked Mr. Saldivar for his service to the District.

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

There were no agenda revisions.

**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. Board Vote on Consent Agenda**

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

## **DISCUSSION**

### **10. Approval of change orders for SCADA construction contract (Project #16-9831L.02) – Tommy Strowd, Director of Operations & Maintenance**

Mr. Strowd and Tom Butler presented a demonstration of the SCADA system.

Mr. Strowd presented a list of contract change orders that occurred during the SCADA construction project including, but not limited to:

- Reconnecting lighting arrestors on control buildings; \$7,650
- Furnishing and installing new power meter and cabinet at 17W; \$4,250
- Replacing specified network server rack; \$6,371.15
- Installing 120V run relays on all nine generators; \$5,362.71
- Power waivers from Palm Beach County due to lighting permits; \$1,350
- Additional required fencing; \$3,000

Staff recommended approval of all contract change orders for SCADA & Electrical Upgrades totaling \$20,528.86.

*A motion was made by Supervisor Raucher to approve the Staff Recommendation, seconded by Vice President Phipps and approved unanimously.*

### **11. Approval to rescind permit for culverts within the surplus portion of the S-4E Canal right-of-way. Location: ¼ mile south of Southern Boulevard and west of State Road 7 in Royal Palm Beach. (Project #16-9682P.05) – James Fandrey, Assistant Director of Right-of-Way**

Mr. Fandrey stated that the Board previously approved on February 14, 2018, the sale of 5.165 acres of S-4E Canal Right-of-Way immediately west of State Road 7. The sale was finalized in March 2018. Within the same area, LWDD previously issued Permit No. 02-2094C.09 to MPG Royal Palms Ltd. in May 15, 2002 authorizing two culvert crossings. Mr. Fandrey stated that the District no longer has interest in the property and the new owner acknowledges access/crossings per an easement agreement.

Staff recommended approval to rescind Permit No. 02-2094C.09 for the existing two culvert crossings within the portion of the S-4E Canal that was sold.

*A motion was made by Supervisor Whitworth to approve the Staff Recommendation, seconded by Senior Vice President Bedner and approved unanimously.*

## **STAFF REPORTS**

### **12. Executive Director's Report**

As a follow up to Agenda Item #11, Mr. Brown stated that the Board will approve all future revocation of permits regardless if the authorization was approved by staff or the Board.

Mr. Brown provided an update on the 2018 legislative session. He stated there was not much that impacted LWDD. The Governor approved the budget, which included slightly increased Florida Retirement System rates for the year. Mr. Raucher asked if LWDD expects any major legislation that will impact special districts next year. Mr. Brown stated he was not aware of any proposed legislation.

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

Mr. LasCasas provided the equipment utilization update for the first quarter of 2018. Mower utilization was 57% and Heavy Equipment was 62%. There was a 10% and 4% increase in utilization respectively since the first quarter did not include hurricane recovery activities. Staff continues to seek efficiencies to improve utilization rates.

Megan Hoffman provided an update on the progress of the Canal Rehabilitation Program. Over the past 12 months, the District cleared a total of 21.55 miles of vegetation on its canal rights-of-way: LWDD – 11.84 miles; contractor – 7.34 miles; developer - 2.37 miles. To date, the District has cleared more than 45 miles of vegetation on its canal rights-of-way.

Mr. Bedner commended Mr. LasCasas and staff on a job well done on the canal rehabilitation project on Thompson Road and the E-4 Canal. Mr. Strowd stated that staff were very professional and accomplished the goal of clearing the right-of-way for unimpeded right-of-way access in that area. Mr. Brown stated that the District installed a gate behind Advance Auto Parts as agreed.

#### **Director of Finance**

Ms. Hoyt presented an updated on the FY 2018 Budget. She stated that the District is mid-way through the budget year and has received 90% of its non-ad valorem assessments. Ms. Hoyt expects the District will receive 99% of its assessments for the budget year.

Mr. Brown stated approximately 55% of the dedicated funds for canal rehabilitation have been expended or encumbered to date.

#### **District Counsel**

Nothing to report.

#### **Director of Administrative Services**

Ms. Walker announced that the meeting would recess for transportation to Control Structure #11 for Agenda Item #13.

The meeting was recessed and reconvened at Control Structure #11.

**13. Demonstration of SCADA system at Control Structure #11. Location: L-30 Canal adjacent to District Headquarters.**

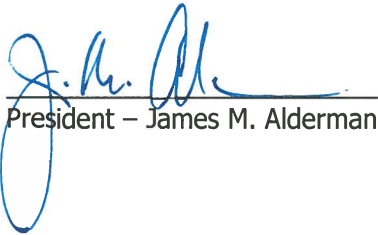
Mr. Strowd and Mr. Butler provided a tour of the control structure and SCADA system.

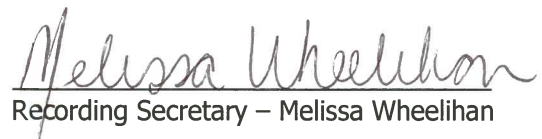
**14. Board Comment**

There were no additional board comments.

**15. Adjourn**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:45 A.M.

  
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President – James M. Alderman

  
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Recording Secretary – Melissa Wheelihan