



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

Board Members Present:

James M. Alderman
John I. Whitworth, III

Harry Raucher
Jeffrey P. Phipps, Sr.

Steve Bedner

1. Call to Order

Sr. Vice President Steve Bedner called the meeting to order. President Alderman was delayed and joined the meeting late.

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

There were no agenda revisions.

3. Briefing on Future Board Agenda Items

Staff provided briefings on anticipated agenda items for the May 16, 2018 regular board meeting including:

- Approval of 2017 Audited Financial Statements
- Approval to revoke a Temporary Fencing Permit (Project #83-4277F.01)
Location: North side of the L-49 Canal, south of Camino Real and east of Southwest 12th Avenue, Boca Raton
- Approval to modify the existing encroachment license agreement with Palm Beach County Palm Tran and transfer to a Right-of-Way Permit (Project #97-2632P.03). Location: East side of the E-4 Canal, west of Congress Avenue and north of Atlantic Avenue
- Approval to surplus and sale approximately 2.15 acres of L-44 Canal right-of-way. Location: South 40 feet of the south side of the L-44 canal right-of-way, immediately west of the E-2W Canal (Project #RI-18-0028)

As a follow up to the briefing on Project #RI-18-0028, staff also briefed the board regarding ownership of the north side of the L-44 Canal right-of-way, immediately west of the E-2W Canal. The District does not own the right-of-way in this area and needs to reclaim the property. The Board requested District Counsel, Mark Perry, to research options to reclaim the property and to provide a recommendation at the next board meeting.

4. Right-of-way permitting criteria for construction projects adjacent and/or connecting to LWDD drainage canals - Robert M. Brown, Executive Director and Tommy Strowd, Director, Operations & Maintenance

Mr. Brown stated that LWDD is a single-purpose special district created for drainage purposes. LWDD's operating policies were designed to manage drainage canals and associated rights-of-way to ensure efficient stormwater drainage and allow for unrestricted operations and maintenance of the canal system for flood control and water supply. Over the past years, staff has reviewed and updated policies for permitting the use or occupancy of public rights-of-way, including drainage connections to canals. As part of the District's ongoing efforts to identify efficiencies, staff have been meeting with other agencies and municipalities to evaluate drainage permit criteria for new construction and/or modified sites and identify possible overlap in project review and permitting. Results of meetings and review of District permit processes and criteria identified opportunities to reduce redundancy in project review for drainage infrastructure, saving time and money for the District and property owners.

Mr. Brown stated the State of Florida has delegated stormwater management permitting to the regional water management districts. South Florida Water Management District's (SFWMD) current Environmental Resource Permit (ERP) establishes criteria for stormwater management system design of all construction projects. SFWMD reviews construction plans to ensure appropriate design of stormwater management systems and issues a permit authorizing the design prior to construction and discharge to a receiving body such as LWDD. LWDD policy requires that all surface water storage and stormwater discharges meet state requirements.

Mr. Brown stated that LWDD's priority should be to review drainage outfall structures connecting directly to LWDD canal right-of-way and shared illustrations of types of projects that should be permitted by LWDD. He indicated that LWDD's permit review process will be refocused to only review projects that are directly adjacent and/or connected to an LWDD canal or facility to confirm the design has no adverse drainage impacts.

Mr. Brown shared that SFWMD issues No-Notice General Permits for projects that are both less than ten acres in total area and designed to have less than two acres of impervious areas. SFWMD requires the permittee receiving No-Notice General Permit to submit an "electronic self-certification" from a Florida registered professional prior to construction. Mr. Brown stated that LWDD staff continues to meet individually with each municipality and Palm Beach County to determine their processes for reviewing and permitting stormwater management designs.

Mr. Brown stated that if it is determined that a municipality or Palm Beach County is not reviewing stormwater management designs for the No-Notice projects, LWDD staff will continue to review these projects and permit designs through a right-of-way permit for the drainage outfall connection. LWDD will either comment on the design and request revisions or will issue a letter confirming the design has no significant impact to LWDD. If a project is not adjacent to LWDD right-of-way or proposing to occupy or use LWDD right-of-way, LWDD will not require a permit.

Mr. Brown stated for required permits issued by LWDD, staff is proposing to assess permit fees on a canal frontage linear basis with current fees based on project acreage. Permits will be conditioned to address regrading the section of canal fronting the project. He shared that staff are analyzing the financial impacts of permit fee changes.

Mr. Brown stated that staff will present proposed changes to permit fees and any necessary policy language at a future board meeting

5. Staff Reports

No additional reports.

6. Board Comment

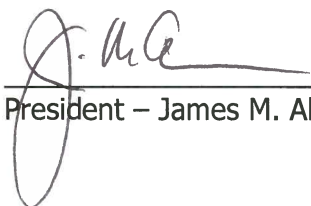
No additional board comments.

7. General Public Comment

There were no public comments.

8. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:50 A.M.



President – James M. Alderman



Recording Secretary – Reagan Walker