



**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF
LAKE WORTH DRAINAGE DISTRICT
HELD AT THE DELRAY BEACH OFFICE ON
AUGUST 15, 2018 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 James M. Alderman called the meeting to order at 8:30 A.M.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Supervisor Whitworth 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

Sherri Croyle, Boca Raton resident (1224 SW 14th Street), stated she was disappointed the District postponed canal rehabilitation work on the L-50 Canal. She stated she appreciated the District for being transparent and indicated that the L-50 Canal is different from the L-49 Canal as there is not a lake involved with the L-50 Canal. She voiced concern over the stagnant water and mosquitos.

Mr. Brown stated he met with George Brown from the City of Boca Raton. Since an agreement is in place to postpone projects in the City of Boca Raton until late October or early November, no additional work will take place until then. The L-50 Canal will be a priority when work commences.

Mr. Alderman thanked Ms. Croyle for her attendance and asked for clarification regarding her issue with the mosquitos. Mr. Strowd stated that dredging the canal may not help with the mosquito population. The work that will be done may help reduce mosquitos but will not eliminate them.

Mr. LasCasas stated that the District inspected the outfall and scoped the pipe on the L-50 Canal. There were no failures in the joint, but the District excavated some silt within the canal which allowed movement of water.

6. Approval of minutes, check register and financial statement for the previous month

Mr. Raucher inquired regarding Discussion Item #10 on the July 2018 board minutes. He stated it was his understanding that canal rehabilitation work would not re-commence in the Boca Raton until the end of October 2018. Mr. Brown indicated that a decision would be made at the October board meeting.

A motion was made by Supervisor Raucher to approve the minutes, check register and financial statement for the previous month, seconded by Senior Vice President Bedner and approved unanimously.

DISCUSSION

7. Resolution 18-02 - Approval of Final Operating Budget for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2019 - Karen Hoyt, Director of Finance

Ms. Hoyt presented Resolution No. 18-02 for adoption of the budget for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019. She stated that a public hearing was held on August 5, 2018 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 \$49.50 per acre or portion thereof.

Mr. Brown stated the overall budget did not change, but the previous amounts budgeted for the tractor trailer and legal counsel were amended.

Mr. Alderman inquired if the resolution included any future assessments. Ms. Hoyt stated the resolution is only for this budget year.

Staff recommended approval of Resolution No. 18-02 adopting the Fiscal Year 2019 Operating Budget for the year ending September 30, 2019 totaling \$18,276,700 with a non-ad valorem assessment rate of \$49.50.

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

8. Resolution 18-03 - Authorization to transfer Extraordinary Income funds for costs related to Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) implementation, and approval to designate remaining Extraordinary Income funds as Hazard Mitigation funds – Karen Hoyt, Director of Finance

The Board approved the use of \$2.55 million of Extraordinary Income to fund a portion of costs of SCADA system implementation. The total cost for implementation was approximately \$4.9 million. The difference was paid with operating funds and Board approval is required to transfer committed Extraordinary Funds to Operating

Funds. The remaining Extraordinary Income will be designated for Hazard Mitigation purposes for recovery efforts due to emergency events.

Mr. Brown stated he recommends keeping \$16 million in the Hazard Mitigation Fund, representing approximately one year of budgeted funds.

Mr. Phipps inquired regarding the warranty of the SCADA system. Mr. Strowd stated there is a one-year warranty for components and labor in the event there is an issue with parts the contractor constructed. Per the agreement with the District, CH2MHill will also be available to assist for one year.

Staff recommend approval of Resolution 18-03 authorizing the use Extraordinary Income to fund costs related to implementation of the District's SCADA System, and approval to designate remaining Extraordinary Income as Hazard Mitigation Funds.

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

9. 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 United Healthcare offered the same plans as the current plans with a 5% increase. All other quotes were not competitive or comparable medical plan options. The ancillary plan quotes (dental, vision, life and disability) were minimal. Ms. Wheelihan stated overall there was a 5.5% increase in overall healthcare costs.

Julie Freidus with Brown & Brown, addressed the board and stated that the District's cost for benefits has only increased 2% over the past two years.

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

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

STAFF REPORTS

13. Executive Director's Report

Mr. Brown stated that he met with George Brown from the City of Boca Raton regarding canal rehabilitation. The District will continue dialogue with the City for a recommendation at the October board meeting.

Mr. Brown stated the September 2018 Workshop is currently scheduled for the Tuesday after Labor Day and suggested the Workshop be moved to Wednesday, September 5, 2018. President Alderman agreed to move the Workshop.

Director of Operations and Maintenance

Mr. LasCasas updated the Board on equipment utilization for the second quarter. He stated that all utilization rates were up from the first quarter. Mower utilization increased from 57% to 65% and heavy equipment utilization increased from 62% to 70%.

Mr. LasCasas updated the Board on the progress of the Canal Rehabilitation Program. Over the past 12 months, the District has cleared a total of 29.33 miles of vegetation on canal rights-of-way (62.21 miles since October 2015 to current): LWDD – 14.62 miles; Contractor – 10.57 miles; Developer – 4.14 miles.

Mr. Alderman recognized and thanked Mr. LasCasas and staff for their work on the canal rehabilitation program. Mr. Whitworth stated that the outreach has been very successful.

Director of Administrative Services

Ms. Walker was not in attendance.

Director of Finance

Ms. Hoyt stated that responses for the Request for Proposal for auditing services are due August 22, 2018. At that time, responses will be evaluated and the committee will bring a recommendation for an auditing firm to the September 2018 meeting.

District Counsel

Mr. Perry stated that he asked Palm Beach County for a response to his letter regarding recognizing the District's right-of-way as a legal lot of record. He stated that Ramsey Blakely, Acting Director for Planning and Zoning, responded on behalf of all departments except for land development. Mr. Perry stated Joann Keller with the County has been out of the office and has not been available to respond to date. Mr. Perry indicated he would provide an update to the Board at the next Workshop.

Mr. Perry stated that he has been in communication with Jeff Beck, the trustee for TOUSA Homes, Inc. who took over for Engel Homes with regard to the L-44 Canal issue. He stated that Mr. Beck was not aware they owned the land on the L-44 Canal. Mr. Perry is expecting to get more information to avoid suit for quiet title.

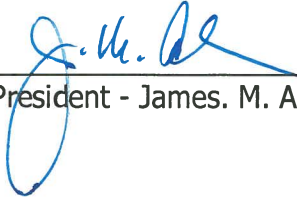
Mr. Perry stated Kelly Tractor and Caterpillar have been unresponsive. Mr. Perry stated he spoke with Mr. Brown and they agree that the District needs to litigate this case in Circuit Court so as to not limit the amount of recovery. Mr. Brown stated the District has exposure of more than \$75,000 due to rental and repair costs associates with the damaged track loader. The District had to pay a rental fee of \$4,000 a month for a replacement track loader during repairs.

14. Board Comment

There was no additional board comment.

15. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:30 A.M.



President - James. M. Alderman



Recording Secretary - Melissa Wheelihan