



**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE LANDOWNERS OF THE
LAKE WORTH DRAINAGE DISTRICT
HELD ON JANUARY 10, 2018 AT 9:00 A.M.**

Attendees:

Harry Raucher	James M. Alderman	Mark A. Perry
John I. Whitworth, III	Jeffrey P. Phipps, Sr.	Rosemary Rayman
Stephen Bedner	Joann M. Aylor	Nancy Kline
Robert M. Brown	Reagan Walker	Mikel W. Kline
Alice Finst	Karen Hoyt	James Jones
Megan Hoffman	Nicole Smith	Tom Thayer
Daryl Bush	Joseph Lee	Tom McNicholas
Melissa Wheelihan	Anne Perry	Kelsey Smith

1. Call to Order

Mark Perry called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Whitworth led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Presentation of Notice of Meeting

Mr. Perry confirmed that the legal advertisement for the Landowners' Meeting was published according to noticing requirements.

4. Nomination and Election of Chairman and Secretary

Mr. Perry opened nominations for Chairman of the meeting. John I. Whitworth, III nominated Daryl Bush. Jeffrey P. Phipps, Sr. seconded the nomination. There being no further nominations, a unanimous vote was cast for Daryl Bush.

Chairman Bush opened nominations for Secretary of the meeting. John I. Whitworth, III nominated Alice Finst. Harry Raucher seconded the nomination. There being no further nominations, a unanimous vote was cast for Alice Finst.

5. Call for Proxies for Board of Supervisors Election

Mr. Perry called for the election of two members to the Board of Supervisors for Lake Worth Drainage District. There were three qualified candidates: Jeffrey P. Phipps, Sr. and Joseph M. Lee for Sub-District 3, and John I. Whitworth, III for

Sub-District 5. Mr. Lee withdrew his name from consideration for Sub-District 3. Mr. Perry asked Ms. Rayman and Ms. Hoyt to collect and tabulate the ballots and proxies.

6. Approval of Minutes - January 4, 2017 Landowners' Meeting

A copy of the draft minutes for the 2017 Landowners' Meeting were distributed to landowners. Time was provided for landowners to review the draft minutes. Chairman Bush asked if there were any suggested edits or comments. With no comments, Chairman Bush called for a motion to approve the 2017 meeting minutes. Harry Raucher made a motion to approve, Anne Perry seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

7. Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Robert M. Brown presented a report reflecting on the District's annual activities, accomplishments and progress.

In 2017, the District received 66.03 inches of total rainfall; 6.51 inches above average. There was a heavy rainfall event in June 2017, delivering 6-15 inches of rain. Local street flooding was experienced in the southwest portion of the District. Hurricane Irma hit South Florida in September 2017. Impacts were experienced statewide; Palm Beach county experienced tropical storm force winds with hurricane force gusts. District staff made advance preparations and successfully executed emergency response plans. There were over 500 sites on canal rights-of-way which required debris removal. All debris was removed by District staff and completed by the end of the year. Storm recovery would have been much more intensive if not for the completed canal rehabilitation projects to date.

In 2017, the District cleared 26.71 miles of encumbered canal rights-of-way. Since the initiation of the Canal Rehabilitation Program in October 2015, the District has cleared a total of 39.34 miles of encumbered rights-of-way. To assist with clearing efforts, the District solicited and procured contracted tree removal services. Contracted services were utilized to clear 9.24 miles of canal rights-of-way at a cost of \$630,785.

Construction on the SCADA project began in February 2017. Seven (7) sites were completed and functioning. Two (2) additional sites at Control Structures 11 and 12 are scheduled for completion in Spring 2018. Replacement of three radial gates was completed at Control Structure 11 on the L-30 Canal.

District staff mowed a total of 3,500 miles of rights-of-way in 2017 and expanded the pilot program for contracted mowing services on the E-2W Canal to also include the E-2E and C. Stanley Weaver Canals. District staff also continues the ongoing treatment of aquatic and terrestrial vegetation. There has been an increase in upland treatment and management of canal banks following completion of tree removal projects. An additional 45 heavy-duty booms were installed to manage aquatic weeds and trash, for a total of 110 boom sites located throughout the District's canals. The District purchased and implemented Chemical Safety software to catalogue and track chemical inventory, as well as implemented GPS tracking of treatment operations.

In 2017, the District staff maintained a fleet of 63 vehicles, 19 machines/heavy equipment, 11 tractor mowers and 6 boats. District staff implemented tracking and quarterly reporting of equipment usage. Heavy equipment and mower utilization both averaged 56%; maintenance averaged 16-17%.

The District issued approximately 300 right-of-way and drainage permits, researched and responded to 2,200 Chancery Case 407 review requests, completed 500 plat and development (DRO) reviews for county and municipality projects, initiated 146 compliance cases, and closed 108 cases. The District completed mapping of 37,752 conveyance records, mapped 8,500 of 15,500 permit boundaries (55% complete) and completed an inventory of docks on District canals. The District implemented its cloud-based Accela system to streamline permit, compliance and land interest review processes. Staff training and system roll-out was completed in Summer 2017.

The District also continued implementation of its UAV (drone) program for aerial maintenance inspections of canals and began capturing 3D imagery for modeling of facilities.

Campus improvements were completed to improve safety, security and energy efficiency. Enhanced LED lighting was installed throughout the campus and in offices. The Shop building refurbishment was completed with replacement of the side-paneling, new roofing, painting and installation of hurricane impact garage doors.

District auditors issued an unqualified opinion for FY2016 and confirmed that the financial records and statements were fairly and appropriately stated in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

The District adopted the FY2018 budget totaling \$17.05 million with \$2.4 million dedicated for capital projects including SCADA, electrical improvements, design work on two structures and improvements to secondary structures. The non-ad valorem assessment increased by \$1.50 per acre or portion thereof and was dedicated for accelerated canal rehabilitation and vegetation removal.

In FY2017, the District received nearly \$577,238 in revenues for permit fees, \$157,700 in surplus land sales, \$3,500 in quit claim deeds, \$83,721 in right-of-way agreements and tower leases. The sale of surplus vehicles and equipment generated more than \$65,962. Expenditures for salaries, benefits and administration continued to remain even, with an increase realized in expenditures for field operations and maintenance and capital improvement projects.

The District continues to focus on safety in the workplace and holds quarterly safety meetings. The District's Workers' Compensation experience modification rate continues to fall below average and property and casualty insurance costs remained flat.

The District continued its outreach efforts, responding to more than 2,000 constituent inquiries related to field activities and more than 50 public records requests. Two (2) community workshops on storm readiness were hosted for

more than 100 property managers. More than 2,250 parties have now subscribed to the District's e-notification list for news and updates, and staff continues to enhance efforts on its Facebook and Twitter social media accounts.

In 2018, the District looks forward to the completion and implementation of the SCADA system. Canal rehabilitation efforts will continue, as well as water control infrastructure improvements including the relocation of Control Structure 9 and refurbishment of Control Structure 20.

Mr. Brown stated that the 2017 Report to Landowners provides an overview of the District's annual activities, including District activities undertaken in furtherance of the adopted water control plan. He recommended acceptance of the report pursuant to Florida Statutes, Ch. 298.26.

A motion was made by Harry Raucher to approve the report, seconded by James M. Alderman and approved unanimously.

8. Financial Report

Copies of the Balance Sheet and Budget Report for Year End September 30, 2017 were furnished, and Ms. Hoyt stated the year-end audit report was still on-going. The completed audit will be posted on the District's website when available. Ms. Hoyt stated the District is in good financial position.

A motion was made by Harry Raucher to approve the financial report, seconded by Anne Perry and approved unanimously.

9. New Business

There was no new business.

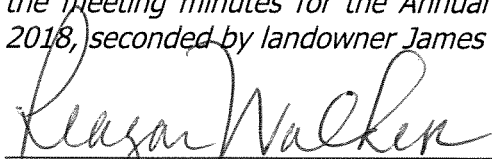
10. Election Results for Board of Supervisors

Mr. Perry called for the tally of the proxies and stated Jeffrey P. Phipps, Sr. in Sub-District 3 and John I. Whitworth, III in Sub-District 5 had been re-elected as Supervisors of Lake Worth Drainage District.

11. Adjourn

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

The preceding meeting minutes were adopted at the Annual Landowners' Meeting on January 9, 2019. A motion was made by landowner Harry Raucher to approve the meeting minutes for the Annual Landowners' Meeting held on January 10, 2018, seconded by landowner James Alderman, and approved unanimously.


Recording Secretary – Reagan Walker