



**MINUTES OF THE
LAKE WORTH DRAINAGE DISTRICT
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MONTHLY MEETING
January 9, 2019 - 9:00 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 10:05 A.M. and confirmed the quorum.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was announced at the preceding Annual Landowners' Meeting.

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

Alex Milano, representing the Springs at Boynton, stated that trucks operated by Matador Construction were driving fast on the Districts L-19 Canal right-of-way. The District issued a right-of-way permit to Matador Construction for temporary access on August 17, 2018. Mr. Milano stated that he has spoken to various representatives from Matador Construction to resolve the issue prior to addressing the Board.

Mr. Alderman stated this issue will be handled at the staff level with the permittee. Mr. Brown stated he is aware of the issue and that staff has discussed the issue with Matador Construction.

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

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

7. Oath of Elected Board of Supervisor

Mr. Perry issued the oath of office to the elected Board Supervisor – James M. Alderman (Sub-District 1).

James M. Alderman, having been duly elected to the Board of Supervisors at the Annual Landowners' Meeting held on January 9, 2019, 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 1.

OATH OF JAMES M. ALDERMAN

State of Florida
County of Palm Beach

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public, personally appeared James M. Alderman, 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 9th day of January, 2019, by James M. Alderman, 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

8. Election of Board Officers: President, Senior Vice President and Vice President

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

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

A nomination for Harry Raucher for Vice President was made by Mr. Whitworth, seconded by Mr. Alderman and approved unanimously.

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

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

10. Staff Reports

Executive Director

Mr. Brown stated the District received a letter from Fox Rothschild regarding Human Powered Delray's proposal for bike paths on the District's canal right-of-way. The letter requested that the Board reconsider their position on prohibiting bike paths on canal right-of-way. Mr. Brown stated that he will be responding on the Board's behalf to confirm that the District's position remains unchanged, as bike paths conflict with the District's flood control mission.

Director of Operations & Maintenance

Mr. Strowd provided an update on weather conditions and stated that last year South Florida experienced below average rainfall during the wet season. Since October 2018, the District has received half of the normal rainfall during the dry season. He stated that the US Drought Monitor is current reflecting a moderate drought in south Florida, and water shortages could be experienced if we do not receive rainfall soon.

Mr. Las Casas stated that mower and equipment utilization dropped during the holidays due to scheduled vacations and holidays, but overall utilization remains acceptable at 55-60%. Mr. LasCasas stated that he expects utilization to improve in the first quarter of 2019.

Ms. Hoffman updated the Board on the progress of the Canal Rehabilitation Program. Over the past 12 months, the District cleared a total of 28.00 miles of vegetation on canal rights-of-way (70.45 miles from October 2015 to current): LWDD – 16.40 miles; Contractor – 9.35 miles; Developer – 2.25 miles.

Director of Administrative Services

Nothing additional to report.

Director of Finance

Nothing additional to report.

District Counsel

Mr. Perry stated that a meeting has been scheduled for himself and Bob Brown with Kelly Tractor and Caterpillar for January 22, 2019. Mr. Perry stated that Kelly Tractor and Caterpillar would like to resolve issues with the faulty equipment rather than continue litigation. Mr. Perry explained that while the litigation process is moving

forward, it will take at least six months to appear in court due to the court system process which includes mediation.

11. Board Comment

Mr. Raucher requested an update on the C-51 Reservoir Project. Mr. Brown stated that there we will update at the February Workshop.

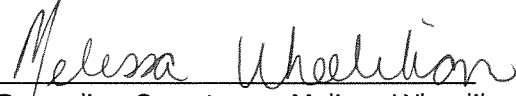
Mr. Raucher requested that staff meet with county commissioners to discuss Transfer of Development Rights within the Ag Reserve. Mr. Brown stated that there are plans to schedule meeting with new commissioners on the topic.

16. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:50 A.M.



President – Stephen Bedner



Recording Secretary – Melissa Wheelihan