



**MINUTES OF  
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
WORKSHOP MEETING OF  
LAKE WORTH DRAINAGE DISTRICT  
HELD AT THE DELRAY BEACH OFFICE ON  
March 3, 2026 at 9:00AM**

**Board Members Present:**

Carrie Hill  
Jeffrey Phipps, Sr.  
John I. Whitworth, III

**Board Members Attending By Phone:**

Stephen Bedner  
James M. Alderman

**1. Call to Order – Carrie Hill, Vice President**

President Bedner called the meeting to order.

**2. Agenda Revisions – Tommy Strowd, Executive Director**

There were no agenda revisions.

**3. Briefing on Future Board Agenda Items**

Staff provided briefings on anticipated agenda items for the March 11, 2026 regular board meeting as listed below.

- **Approval to issue a right-of-way permit to Palm Beach County to install mast arms within the L-18 Canal right-of-way. Location: L-18 Canal; southwest and southeast quadrants of Military Trail and Hypoluxo Road (Project #RW-21-0258) – Shawn Mitchell, Permit Coordinator**

Mr. Mitchell provided background on Palm Beach County's proposed mast arm signalization poles within the L-18 Canal right-of-way at the intersection of Hypoluxo Road and Military Trail. He explained that on August 20, 2021, Palm Beach County's consultant, Simmons and White, Inc., submitted a permit application to LWDD requesting approval to install three mast arm signal poles within the southeast and southwest corners of the canal right-of-way.

- **Denial of permit application by homeowner Robert Seguso requesting a variance of permitting policies to allow encroachments to remain within the E-4 Canal right-of-way. Location: E-4 Canal, north of Lake Ida Road; 770 Enfield Court (Project #RW-25-0277) – Nicole Smith, Permit Supervisor**

Ms. Smith explained that in November 2022, Mr. Seguso applied for a Right-of-Way Permit to install a bulkhead along the east bank of the E-4 Canal. The permit was issued in March 2023 (RW-22-0400) and included a condition addressing unpermitted encroachments.

She further stated that in August 2025, a Notice of Violation (CM-25-0082) was issued to the permittee identifying multiple unpermitted encroachments, including a hedge, fence, trees, and drainage features. In November 2025, Mr. Seguso applied for a Right-of-Way Permit to retain the remaining encroachments.

In January 2026, Mr. Seguso met with LWDD staff and Ms. Hill regarding the encroachment application. Ms. Smith presented images of the permitted bulkhead as well as the existing encroachments, including the podocarpus hedge, fence, and tree. She concluded by noting that staff recommended denial of the variance request as presented.

- **Approval to award a contract to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder for fabrication of a submersible electric pump for Control Structure #12. Location: L-38 Canal, east of the E-3 Canal, west of Military Trail (ITB #26-9381L.05) – Anthony LasCasas, Director of Operations & Maintenance**

Mr. LasCasas reported on the planned procurement of a submersible pump for Control Structure 12. He explained that while the structure was originally designed with two pump bays, only one has been in use since construction, leaving the second bay unused for more than 40 years. The proposed project will install a second pump to improve system performance, particularly during low-flow conditions, and will be similar in design to the pump system at Control Structure 9.

He noted that most of the necessary infrastructure is already in place, although the existing discharge pipe may require modification or replacement due to its age. The project is currently out for bid, with limited but competitive interest from vendors. Mr. LasCasas emphasized that delivery timelines will be a key factor in the selection process, as the equipment must be received within the current fiscal year to meet budget requirements. Final bid results are expected to be presented to the board for approval at the regular board meeting.

- **Approval to award a contract to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder for the purchase of a variable frequency drive for the Control Structure #12 pump. Location: L-38 Canal, east of the E-3 Canal, west of Military Trail (ITB #26-9381L.06) – Anthony LasCasas, Director of Operations & Maintenance**

Mr. LasCasas discussed the procurement of a variable frequency drive (VFD) to support the new pump installation. He explained that the VFD will allow for controlled pump operation, reducing stress from hard starts and enabling speed adjustments to better manage low-flow conditions and prevent cavitation.

The VFD will function similarly to the system used at Control Structure 9 and is considered a critical component of the overall project. This item is also currently out for bid, though the level of vendor participation is still uncertain. As with the pump, it is a significant purchase with a long lead time, and the goal is to complete procurement within the current fiscal year, with installation scheduled for the following fiscal year.

- **Approval to surplus and dispose of designated items – Chris Johnson, Director of Finance**

Mr. Johnson presented the surplus list, noting it primarily consists of recently replaced network switches, along with additional outdated equipment identified during the year-end inventory review. He stated that the items are no longer needed for operations and are recommended for disposal. The Board agreed the item could be placed on the consent agenda.

#### **4. Staff Reports**

Ms. Walker reported briefly on a planned large-scale restoration project along the L-42 and E-1 Canals. She advised that the project would involve significant reconstruction of canal banks and will require extensive outreach, as work will impact adjacent properties. To properly stabilize and harden the banks, grading work may extend into nearby residential areas, potentially affecting fences and requiring restoration measures to return properties to their original condition. This represents a larger effort than typical maintenance activities and will involve additional costs to the District. She stated that the project is expected to span multiple years and will include phased implementation. Initial coordination has already begun with local homeowner associations, and additional meetings are planned to engage residents and secure cooperation. Ms. Walker emphasized the importance of Board alignment and awareness, as the project will generate public interest and require a substantial investment, including materials and property restorations. Ms. Walker stated that a full briefing will be provided to the board at a future meeting.

#### **5. Board Reports & Comments**

There were no additional board comments.

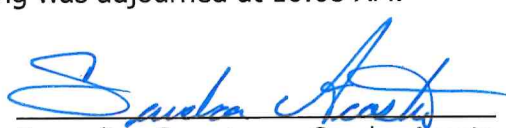
#### **6. General Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

#### **7. Adjourn**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:08 AM.

  
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President –Stephen Bedner

  
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Recording Secretary – Sandra Acosta