



**MINUTES OF
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
WORKSHOP MEETING OF
LAKE WORTH DRAINAGE DISTRICT
HELD AT THE DELRAY BEACH OFFICE ON
February 7, 2023 AT 8:30 A.M.**

Board Members Present:

Steve Bedner

James M. Alderman

Carrie Hill

Jeffrey P. Phipps, Sr.

John I. Whitworth, III

1. Call to Order

President Bedner called the meeting to order.

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

There were no agenda revisions.

3. Briefing on Future Board Agenda Items

Staff provided briefings on anticipated agenda items for the February 15, 2023 regular board meeting including:

- Approval to release Chancery interest and reservations to clear title subject to LWDD's exclusive easement deed (ORB 2787/PG 0537). Location: 951 Yamato Road; L- 42 Canal, north side of W Yamato Road between Broken Sound Boulevard NW & Congress Avenue (Project #RI-23-0008) – David Bends, Right-of-Way Interest Supervisor
- Approval to assign the existing Piping, Paving and Parking License Agreement to BH Offices Venture, LLC and amend per LWDD operating policy. Location: L-41 Canal, east side of Military Trail, adjacent to 6600 NW Military Trail, Boca Raton (Project #RW-23-0004/#06-8274P.01) – Nicole Smith, Permit Supervisor
- Approval to transfer the existing Piping, Paving and Parking License Agreement and issue as a Right-of-Way Permit to Crampton Family Trust for a portion of the piped section of the L-34 Canal. Location: L-34 Canal, southeast corner of West Atlantic Ave & Jog Road. (Project #RW-21-0280) – Shawn Mitchell, Permit Coordinator

- Denial of variance request from Dane Knight for vegetation and landscape encroachments within the L-29 Canal right-of-way. Location: South side of the L-29 Canal, east of Military Trail; 12561 Oak Run Court, Boynton Beach (Project #RW-23-0038) – Nicole Smith, Permit Coordinator
- Approval of Florida Department of Transportation Revised conceptual design for Atlantic Avenue roadway widening and L-34 Canal modifications including Sale of Surplus and Reduction of Canal right-of-way from West of Florida's Turnpike to East of Jog Road. Location: L-34 Canal, Turnpike to Jog Road (Project #RI-19-0123) – David Bends, Right-of-Way Interest Supervisor

Staff explained that FDOT revised their initial conceptual design to provide a 75'-80' minimum right-of-way from the E-2E Canal to west of Cumberland Drive with the exception of two pinch points at Legends Way and Michelangelo Boulevard. FDOT and LWDD staff agreed on the proposed right-of-way lines and a conceptual design that included piping the L-34 Canal where the District's 75' minimum right-of-way requirement could not be met. FDOT then determined that they could not agree to maintain the piped canals because the facilities were located outside of FDOT road right-of-way. Rather than piping the canals, FDOT proposed to construct bulkhead walls at the two pinch points at Legends Way and Michelangelo Boulevard to accommodate the right turn lanes. The proposed bulkhead walls will be constructed within FDOT right-of-way and maintained by FDOT. Staff explained that bulkhead walls and an open channel canal were a preferable option to piping the canals.

Staff presented the right-of-way boundary lines as provided by FDOT which illustrated 67' and 69' respectively at the pinch points. FDOT's proposed cross section for the bulkhead walls at the pinch points reflected 65'. The board expressed concerns regarding drainage impacts with the pinch points and directed staff to request additional right-of-way at the pinch points. The board directed staff to postpone the agenda item until concerns could be addressed regarding the proposed right-of-way widths at the pinch points and potential hydraulic impacts.

4. Staff Reports

Mr. Strowd stated the Palm Beach County Commission hosted a Water 101 workshop to provide an introduction on water issues for new commissioners. Mr. Strowd provided public comment at that meeting, specifically addressing the proposed new Lake Okeechobee operating schedule. Mr. Strowd stated that Lake Okeechobee is at 15.97'. The Corps is currently releasing water to both coasts and to the south. The District is taking advantage of the releases to the south as rainfall projections are below average.

5. Board Reports & Comments


There was no additional board comment.

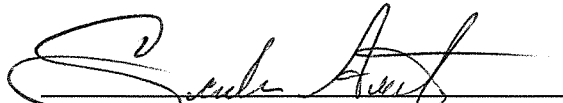
6. General Public Comment

There was no public comment.

7. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:08 A.M.



President – Stephen Bedner

Recording Secretary – Sandra Acosta