



**MINUTES OF
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
WORKSHOP MEETING OF
LAKE WORTH DRAINAGE DISTRICT
HELD AT THE DELRAY BEACH OFFICE ON
May 10, 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. Quarterly Investment Update – Karen Hoyt, Director of Finance & Administrative Services

Ms. Hoyt introduced Sean Gannon, PFM Asset Management, to provide a quarterly update on the performance of the District's managed and FL Palm investment accounts for the quarter ending March 31, 2023.

Mr. Gannon presented a summary of the quarterly reports. A copy of the account statements and report are attached hereto as part of the meeting record. Mr. Gannon stated given the recent turmoil in the banking sector, they established a conservative portfolio and invested a majority in government securities -- treasuries and agencies of high credit quality, high liquidity, and high safety.

Mr. Gannon stated \$23 million was initially invested into the managed portfolio and the \$23 million into the FL Palm account; the operating funds were kept and managed by Ms. Hoyt for district expenses. Mr. Gannon stated the managed portfolio accrued earnings at 4.84% in the first quarter; the FL Palm funds were locked in rate of 4.97% for 12 months.

Mr. Gannon indicated the next quarterly report will be presented in August 2023 which will reflect a full quarter of investment income.

4. Aquifer Storage & Recovery Feasibility Study – Tommy Strowd, Executive Director

Mr. Strowd presented background information and results of the Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR) Feasibility Study. Recognizing future water supply issues associated with the new Lake Okeechobee regulation schedule, the Board directed staff to evaluate operation of the SFWMD Hillsboro Canal ASR Well and the potential implementation of a broader ASR program. In March 2022, the District entered into agreement with SFWMD for operation of Hillsboro ASR Well. He stated in May 2022, after a formal solicitation, the District contracted with Nova Consulting, Inc. to conduct an ASR Feasibility Study.

Mr. Strowd stated the scope of work for the ASR Feasibility Study included an aquifer suitability and ASR capacity assessment, regulatory and permitting analysis, sizing ASR program, analysis of sites for potential ASR development, water quality treatment options and associated construction and operational cost estimates. He presented the study findings.

Following the presentation of the study, Mr. Strowd stated the application of ASR technology to mitigate LWDD water supply needs is 'technically' feasible; however, the projected costs reasonably exceed the agency's capability to fund an ASR program.

Mr. Strowd provided alternative options for future discussion including seeking partnership options for regional water supply projects or legal action regarding lost regional storage.

The Board discussed future options and agreed that implementing an ASR program would be too costly. The Board recommended that staff continue discussing options for completion of the Site 1 Impoundment with local partners.

Mr. Strowd thanked Nova Consulting, Inc representatives in attendance for their work on the project.

5. Briefing on Future Board Agenda Items

Staff provided briefings on anticipated agenda items for the May 17, 2023 regular board meeting including:

- **Approval of qualified contractors to provide Tree & Vegetation Removal Services for June 2023 to May 2024 (RFQ #23-9887L.06) – Michelle Sinclair, O&M Specialist**
- **Approval of ranked firms for Property & Casualty and Workers Compensation Insurance Brokerage Services and authorization to enter into a contract with the top ranked firm, Brown & Brown (RFP #23-8296L.02) - Karen Hoyt, Director of Finance & Administration**
- **Approval to surplus and dispose of designated items – Karen Hoyt, Director of Finance & Administration**

- **Approval of Fiscal Year 2022 Audited Financial Statements – Karen Hoyt, Director of Finance & Administration**
- **Approval to authorize staff to request Bids for the installation of a chain link fenced on Pine Jog parcel adjacent to L-5 Canal – Anthony LasCasas, Director of O&M**

A copy of the draft presentations and staff recommendations are attached hereto as part of the meeting record.

4. Staff Reports

Ms. Walker stated that Captain Bill Howard is expected to attend the board meeting to provide public comment regarding the use of District canals and rights-of-way to hunt iguanas.

Ms. Nicole Smith, Permit Coordinator, informed the board that Mr. VanDyke, 1006 SW 28th Avenue, is expected to attend the board meeting to request approval to permit an existing boat ramp into the L-28 Canal. She presented the permit and compliance history for the property and explained that Mr. VanDyke has complied to remove all other encroachments. The board and staff discussed the implications of permitting existing encroachments in this specific area. The board was receptive to issuing an encroachment permit for the boat ramp and staff stated they would direct Mr. VanDyke to apply for a permit for future board approval.

Ms. Walker shared a picture of a large oak tree on the L-28 Canal that is slated for removal as part of an upcoming CRP project. She reported that the adjacent property owner(s) may attend the upcoming board meeting to comment regarding their objection to the removal.

5. Board Reports & Comments

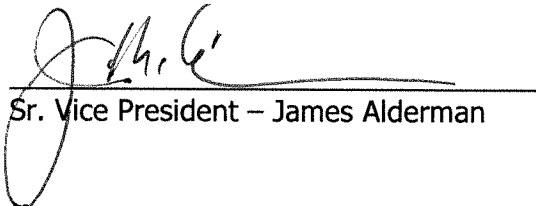
There was no additional board comment.

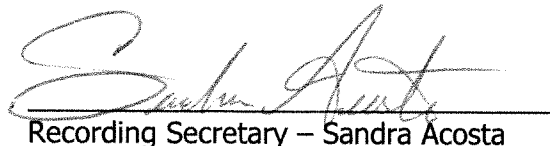
6. General Public Comment

There was no public comment.

7. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:46 A.M.


Sr. Vice President – James Alderman


Recording Secretary – Sandra Acosta