



**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF
LAKE WORTH DRAINAGE DISTRICT
HELD AT THE DELRAY BEACH OFFICE ON
September 13, 2023 AT 8:30 A.M.**

Board Members Present:

John I. Whitworth, III
Jeffrey Phipps, Sr.

James M. Alderman
Stephen Bedner

Carrie P. Hill (via phone)

1. Call to Order

President Stephen Bedner called the meeting to order at 8:30 A.M.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Alderman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Service Award Recognition

• Armando Pereda, Tree Crew Leader – 30 Years

Mr. Strowd stated that Armando Pereda is celebrating 30 years of service. His supervisor, Tony LasCasas, and the Board thanked Armando for his service and presented him with a certificate in recognition of his service. Mr. Pereda commented and extended his thanks and appreciation to staff and the Board.

4. Agenda Revisions – Tommy Strowd, Executive Director

There were no agenda revisions.

5. Abstentions by Board Members from Items on the Agenda

There were no abstentions by board members.

6. General Public Comment (limited to 5 minutes)

There was no general public comment.

CONSENT

- 7. Board comment or request to pull items from Consent Agenda**
- 8. Approval of minutes, check register and financial statement for the previous month**
- 9. Approval to enter into a contract with the top-ranked firm, Imagenet Consulting, LLC, for Managed IT Services (RFP #23-10165L.02) - Juan Tobar, IT Manager**
- 10. Approval of ranking of qualified firms and authorization to enter into contract negotiations with the top ranked-firm(s) for surveying services (RFP #23-9584L.04) – Ibrahin Nuñez, Project Surveyor**
- 11. Board vote on Consent Agenda**

A motion was made by Supervisor Whitworth to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Supervisor Alderman and approved unanimously.

DISCUSSION

- 12. Approval of FY2024 legal services contract with Mark A. Perry, P.A. – Reagan Walker, Assistant Executive Director**

Ms. Walker recommended approval of a three-year contract extension for legal services with Mark A. Perry, P.A., including a 5% increase this year, as well as for each successive year of the contract term.

A motion was made by Supervisor Whitworth to approve staff recommendation, seconded by Supervisor Phipps and approved unanimously.

STAFF REPORTS

- 13. Canal Rehabilitation Program Update – Megan Hoffman, Vegetation Management Section Leader**

Ms. Hoffman provided an update on the progress of the Canal Rehabilitation Program. Since October 2015, the District has cleared more than 167.1 miles of vegetation on its canal rights-of-way: LWDD – 84.3 miles; contractor – 76.7 miles; developer – 6.0 miles. There are 6.0 miles remaining of 174.7 miles; 5.4 miles have been completed within the past 12 months.

- 14. Executive Director's Report**

Mr. LasCasas reported staff is continuing to watch the end of the hurricane season and prepare for next year.

Ms. Walker introduced a new employee, Rosie Byrd, Public Information Specialist.

Ms. Walker reported that staff will demonstrate the District's new online water management dashboard at the next board meeting. Additionally, she mentioned the water route crew will attend the meeting.

Mr. Alderman inquired if SCADA was now functional on Control Structure 9. Mr. Strowd stated that equipment has been installed and technicians were still working on finalizing the connection.

15. District Counsel's Report

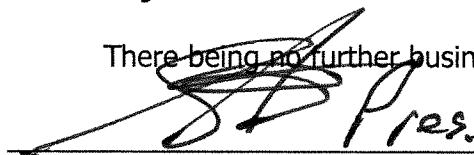
No additional items to report.

16. Board Reports & Comment


No additional reports or comments.

17. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:47 A.M.



President – Stephen Bedner



Recording Secretary – Sandra Acosta