



**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF
LAKE WORTH DRAINAGE DISTRICT
HELD AT THE DELRAY BEACH OFFICE ON
January 15, 2025 AT 8:30 A.M.**

Board Members Present:

John I. Whitworth, III
James Alderman

Carrie P. Hill
Stephen Bedner

Jeffrey Phipps, Sr.

1. Call to Order

President Bedner called the meeting to order at 8:30 A.M. and confirmed the quorum.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Vice President Hill led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Agenda Revisions – Tommy Strowd, Executive Director

Mr. Strowd noted that there were no agenda revisions. He announced that Karen Hoyt is retiring after 17 years of dedicated service with the District.

Throughout her tenure, Karen played a vital role in ensuring financial stability and operational efficiency. Her contributions included maintaining clean audits and balanced budgets, refining financial policies, and implementing technological solutions to streamline processes. Her professionalism, attention to detail, and commitment to excellence have had a lasting impact on the District.

The staff and the Board expressed their gratitude to Karen for her outstanding service and dedication.

Ms. Walker introduced Kevin Macpherson, a newly promoted employee. Kevin is now the crew leader for the low-maintenance team, responsible for clearing and maintaining rights-of-way using specialized equipment. His team manages over 130 miles of right-of-way, with that number continuing to grow. Kevin was hired in April 2021 as an Equipment Operator II.

4. Abstentions by Board Members from Items on the Agenda

There were no abstentions.

5. General Public Comment (limited to 5 minutes)

There was no general public comment.

6. Oath of Elected Board Supervisor – James M. Alderman, Sub-District 1

Ms. Walker issued the oath of office to elected Board Supervisor - James M. Alderman (Sub-District 1).

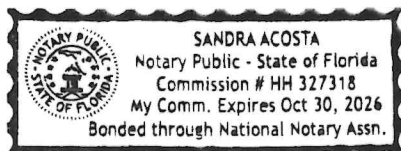
James M. Alderman, having been duly elected to the Board of Supervisors at the Landowners' Meeting held on January 8, 2025, for a period of three years in accordance with the legislative act, Chapter 2009-258, Laws of Florida, took the oath of office in the form and manner required by law, after which 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 solemnly affirms, and will honestly, faithfully and impartially perform all duties incumbent upon me as Supervisor of the Lake Worth Drainage District, to which I have been duly elected, and that I will uphold and fulfill the responsibilities required of me under the laws of the State of Florida, without neglect or exception.

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this the 15th day of January 2025, by James M. Alderman, who is personally known to me and who did take an oath.




Notary Public State of Florida

7. 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 Ms. Hill and approved unanimously.

A nomination for James M. Alderman for Senior Vice President was made by Mr. Whitworth, seconded by Mr. Phipps and approved unanimously.

A nomination for Carrie P. Hill for Vice President was made by Mr. Alderman, seconded by Mr. Phipps and approved unanimously.

8. Appointment of District Officers: Tommy B. Strowd, Secretary & District Engineer; Reagan Walker, Assistant Secretary; Chris Johnson, Treasurer

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

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

A motion was made by Supervisor Whitworth to approve the minutes, check register and financial statement for the previous month, seconded by Sr. Vice President Alderman and approved unanimously.

STAFF REPORTS

10. Executive Director's Report

Ms. Walker informed the Board of an item not on the agenda but requiring their attention. The District budgeted \$125,000 for Mock Roos to develop a conceptual plan and design for a new office building. After several meetings to discuss requirements, Mock Roos submitted a proposal for \$118,000 to assess feasibility, permitting requirements, and cost estimates. The goal is to present the findings during budget discussions to provide a clear understanding of the project's scope and costs. Since the amount exceeds \$65,000, Board approval is required to issue a purchase order. The Board may choose to approve the request now or request a more detailed briefing.

Sr. Vice President Alderman inquired about the purpose behind constructing the new building, asking if it was intended to expand office space, and seeking clarification on the end goal of the project.

Ms. Walker stated that it would be best to return to the Board with more detailed information to address all members' questions.

Ms. Walker reported that Journey Church, located off Military Trail and L-16 Canal, approached the District a couple of months ago with an offer to purchase a portion of L-16 Canal right-of-way adjacent to their current site. The District has had several meetings with them, but there are several issues to resolve, including a roadway issue, land interests, and title concerns. Staff is awaiting additional information and expects to return to the Board in the future with a recommendation.

Ms. Hoyt shared that Chris Johnson started last Monday. She assured the Board that the team is in good hands. Ms. Hoyt also took the opportunity to recognize Melissa Skora, with 16 years of service, and Lena Owens, with 18 years of service, for their valuable support and dedication. She expressed appreciation for their contributions.

11. District Counsel's Report

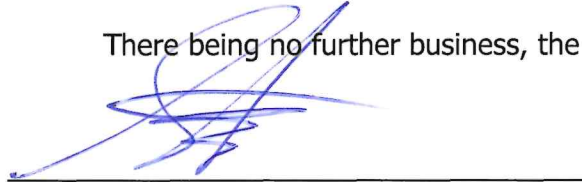
No additional items to report.

12. Board Reports & Comment

No additional reports or comments.

13. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:17 A.M.



President – Stephen Bedner



Recording Secretary – Sandra Acosta