



**MINUTES OF
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
WORKSHOP MEETING OF
LAKE WORTH DRAINAGE DISTRICT
HELD AT THE DELRAY BEACH OFFICE ON
February 3, 2026 at 8:30AM**

Board Members Present:

Stephen Bedner
John I. Whitworth, III

Carrie Hill

Board Members Absent:

James M. Alderman

Jeffrey Phipps, Sr.

1. Call to Order – Stephen Bedner, 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 February 11, 2026 regular board meeting as listed below.

- **PUBLIC HEARING – Final Accounting of Costs and Proposed Assessment for 10519 Pine Tree Terrace, Boynton Beach. Location: L-25 Canal within Pinetree Country Club Estates**

- **Resolution 2026-01 certifying the final costs for certain special improvements; declaring the portion of the costs to be paid by the benefited properties; stating the method for payment of the associated assessments, the term of those assessments, and the interest rate to be applied to the assessment; adopting the final assessment roll of benefited properties; declaring such assessments to be lien upon the benefited property; finding no sufficient objection raised at public hearing; and providing an effective date. Location: 10519 Pine Tree Terrace, Boynton Beach; L-25 Canal within Pine Tree Country Club Estates (Project #91-1557D.01, 03-1557P.08, CM-20-0260) – Reagan Walker, Assistant Executive Director**

Ms. Walker briefed the Board that a public hearing will be held for the piping repair project associated with the Joseph property. She explained that the purpose of the hearing is to receive comments or objections regarding the projects final costs and assessments for the project. Following the public hearing, staff will present Resolution 26-01, which certifies the final cost and the associated assessment. Upon adoption of the resolution, the District will package the final assessment documentation and submit it to the County for inclusion on next year's tax roll. She added that the Director of Finance has already provided the County with the initial resolutions, which were accepted for preliminary processing.

- **Petition by City of Delray Beach for authorization to permit existing Banyan Tree to remain within the west right-of-way of the E-4 Canal adjacent to Delray Beach Municipal Golf Course. Location: E-4 Canal, south side of Atlantic Avenue. (Project No. RW-26-0011) – Nicole Smith, Permit Supervisor & Tommy Strowd, Executive Director**

Ms. Smith and Mr. Strowd briefed the Board on the City of Delray Beach's request for a right-of-way permit to allow an existing banyan tree to remain within the LWDD E-4 Canal right-of-way. Staff provided background on prior agreements with the City dating to 1994 that allowed certain encroachments, including parking, a golf tee, and trees, subject to removal upon notice, and summarized subsequent amendments extending those arrangements. Staff also reviewed recent permitting activity related to the golf course redesign project including bridge repairs, utilities, and drainage, during which the City requested that the banyan tree remain following required vegetation clearing. Ms. Smith outlined considerations including potential drainage impacts, liability and maintenance responsibilities, and summarized the City's responses and supporting documentation. Mr. Strowd presented a risk assessment of the tree's location within the canal right-of-way, including historical storm impacts, canal maintenance requirements, and potential flood-control implications if debris were to obstruct the E-4 Canal. Staff recommended denial of the City's permit application and recommended that the banyan tree and any remaining encroachments within the right-of-way be removed within thirty (30) days. The City is expected to send a staff member to speak at the Board meeting.

4. Staff Reports

Mr. Strowd reported that the District was beginning another C-51 Reservoir water supply delivery for the month of February.

5. Board Reports & Comments

There were no additional board comments.

6. General Public Comment

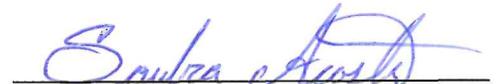
There was no public comment.

7. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:53 AM.



President –Stephen Bedner



Recording Secretary – Sandra Acosta