

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
SUNSHINE WATER CONTROL DISTRICT**

A Regular Meeting of the Sunshine Water Control District's Board of Supervisors was held on **Wednesday, March 12, 2014, at 6:30 p.m.**, at **Sartory Hall, located in Mullins Park, 10150 NW 29 St., Coral Springs, Florida 33065.**

**Present at the meeting were:**

Joe Morera	President
Daniel Prudhomme	Secretary

**Also present were:**

Craig Wrathell	District Manager
Rick Woodville	Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC
Doug Paton	Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC
Al Malefatto	District Counsel
Tom Donahue	District Engineer
Cory Selchan	Field Superintendent
John McKune	McKune & Associates
Gary Runge	Resident
Bernie Moyle	Resident
Michael Goldberg	Resident

**FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Call to Order**

Mr. Morera called the meeting to order at approximately 6:30 p.m.

**SECOND ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Roll Call**

Mr. Wrathell noted that the landowners' election, originally scheduled today, was rescheduled to Monday, March 31, 2014 at 6:30 p.m., at this location. Mr. Bernie Moyle, a resident, and representatives of the City of Coral Springs were notified of the date change. He explained that Supervisor Heafy's term expired.

Wrathell called the roll and noted, for the record, that Supervisors Morera and Prudhomme were present, in person. The seat formerly held by Supervisor Heafy will remain vacant until the landowners' election.

**THIRD ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**FOURTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Public Comments [3-Minute Time Limit]**  
*(Comments should be made from the microphone to ensure recording. Please state your name prior to speaking.)*

Mr. Bernie Moyle, a resident, recalled discussion, at the last meeting, regarding a potential temporary bridge, due to the canal clearing project, along Coral Ridge Drive. He asked for a status update on the outcome.

Mr. Donahue stated that the Board considered a proposal to construct a temporary bridge across the West Outfall, for additional costs, above the contract, to allow movement of trucks. He advised that the Board rejected the bridge proposal; therefore, the contractor will install a berm crossing the West Outfall, when necessary.

Mr. Morera indicated that the Board discussed the pros and cons, at length.

Mr. Michael Goldberg, a resident, asked about the status of removing stumps.

Mr. Donahue stated that he met with the contractor to explain what the District wants. The contractor is preparing estimates for several options. The District Engineer is also comparing the scope of work to the drainage analysis being conducted on the West Outfall. Mr. Donahue acknowledged the condition of the bank and assured Mr. Goldberg that the District is working with the contractor to develop the best solution. In response to Mr. Goldberg's question, Mr. Donahue anticipated presenting a proposal and recommendation, at the April meeting.

Mr. Goldberg noted that people can easily bypass the fence, which is intended to keep people away from the canal; he suggested installation of a fence panel extending to the water. Mr. Donahue confirmed that another panel or security fan will be installed.

**FIFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Update: Canal Z**

- **ROW Clearing Summary [DP, TD]**

Mr. Paton presented the ROW Clearing Summary. He reported that he met with the ROW clearing contractor regarding a few properties that needed repairs; the contractor

completed those repairs the day of the walkthrough. Mr. Paton stated that the ROW clearing project is essentially completed, pending Mr. Donahue's approval of final payment to the contractor.

Mr. Donahue explained that a partial payment is currently being processed and a final payment will follow.

Mr. Morera asked if Mr. Donahue is accounting for additional costs incurred by the District, as a result of the contractor's performance. Mr. Donahue indicated that Staff has the receipts from other contractors that were hired to address certain things; those costs will be considered, with regard to the final bill. Mr. Morera asked that the Board be provided with a breakdown of the extra costs and how these amounts were removed from the contractor's final payment, prior to payment of the final bill. Mr. Paton pointed out that the contractor has paid some of the other contractors, directly, for certain repairs.

- **Canal Restoration Project Update [TD]**

Regarding canal excavation, Mr. Donahue reported that Lanzo Construction (Lanzo) has steadily proceeded, excavating approximately 10,000 cubic yards (cu yds) of silt and muck and 5,000 cu yds of rock and hard materials. He explained that Lanzo first started by demucking the length of the canal. Mr. Donahue stated that approximately 15,000 cu yds of material was removed, thus far, which Lanzo estimates to be 41% of the total estimated quantity to be removed. Of the 15,000 cu yds 5,000 cu yds was hauled off site. He advised that Lanzo is stockpiling the excavated material to complete a "major haul", rather than having trucks onsite daily.

Mr. Donahue presented photographs of the work in progress and explained how the project is developing. He noted an early turbidity issue, reported by the City, which was resolved. The project is moving slowly but steadily; they are still on schedule to finish by early June, if not sooner.

Mr. Morera recalled the original plan to dewater the canal; however, Lanzo appears to be using a different approach. Mr. Donahue advised that Lanzo determined that, based on the conditions of the canal, it is quicker and more effective to excavate "in the wet", from the shelf. Regardless of the method used, Lanzo will provide as-builts and cross sections of the canals, to compare to the original plans. Mr. Morera questioned if Lanzo believes the same results can be achieved by excavating from the canal bank. Mr. Donahue advised that they believe the same

results can be achieved. Mr. Morera asked who the District has on site to monitor the work being completed. Mr. Donahue indicated that himself, Mr. Selchan and Mr. McKune are monitoring the work. Mr. Morera inquired about how often a District Engineer representative is on site. Mr. Donahue stated that he visits the site approximately three times per week; another engineer visits the other two days. Mr. Donahue indicated that he is in constant contact with Lanzo's project manager, field superintendant and the excavator operator. Mr. Morera asked if the project is "on track". Mr. Donahue replied affirmatively. Mr. Morera questioned if, from the bank, the excavator can reach the north side, to dig sufficiently and shape the bank, as they progress, or whether that part will be completed later. Mr. Donahue stated that an extension was added to the excavator arm, about one week ago. Mr. Morera inquired about who is taking the measurements, as excavation occurs, to ensure that the contractor is excavating to the proper depth. Mr. Donahue voiced his confidence that the excavator is reaching a deep elevation but will be confirmed, through the as-builts.

Mr. Morera asked how Lanzo's decision not to dewater the canal will impact the plans for the County's Coral Springs Drive bridge project. Mr. Donahue reported that the County notified him today that they are close to finalizing the funds for the project but need another letter from the District, which he will present to the Board in a few days. Mr. Donahue informed the County that the canal is no longer being dewatered; however, Lanzo's berm will assist the County. Mr. Morera questioned when Mr. Donahue will meet with Lanzo. Mr. Donahue indicated that they meet every couple of weeks. Mr. Morera asked to be notified so that he can attend the next meeting.

Mr. Selchan recalled that, in the original plans, the District asked Lanzo to complete contour work to the canal, to create straight banks, on both sides; however, the north bank will likely not be straight, due to the amount of material that would be needed. He stated that Staff decided to have Lanzo discontinue building up the north bank for the sole purpose of contouring to achieve a straight bank.

Mr. Morera questioned if the north bank will be stable enough. Mr. Selchan replied affirmatively.

Mr. McKune noted that the new approach is less work for the contractor. Staff advised the contractor to proceed if the result is a wider and deeper canal and the District is not charged more for it.

Mr. Morera asked if resident complaints were received. Mr. Donahue stated that there were a few irrigation issues but Lanzo was very proactive in addressing those; it has been “very quiet”. Mr. Donahue explained that residents are being allowed to use the canal for irrigation purposes, on weekends. Regarding residents affected by the water restriction enforcement, Mr. Donahue confirmed that the City is aware of the situation and will take it into consideration for those residents, for both the condition of the lawns and the watering schedule.

Mr. McKune discussed Lanzo’s hauling plans and advised that Lanzo finally located a purchaser for the excavated rock; a contamination assessment is pending.

Mr. Morera asked if the amount of material proposed to be used, on the west side of Canal Z, near Eagle Trace, will be in consideration, as they move down the line of the canal, as some spots are sand and the material could be used on the Canal Z side. Mr. McKune advised that Lanzo should have sufficient rock material to use on the Eagle Trace side.

**SIXTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Discussion/Consideration of Resolution 2014-1, Permit Cost Recovery Policy**

Mr. Malefatto presented Resolution 2014-1 for the Board’s consideration. He recalled that this item was presented, at the last meeting, and the Board’s suggested revisions were included in this version. He stated that single-family residential and multi-family townhouses, consisting of no more than four residential units, were “excepted out”, as requested. He indicated that the resolution clearly states that the District’s expenses will be deducted from the fees and, if the expenses exceed the deposit amount, the applicant must supplement the deposit to cover all expenses. Regarding discussion of returning overages, the language was removed.

Referring to the \$500 deposit, Mr. Wrathell asked how long the District Engineer spends reviewing a permit application.

Mr. Donahue noted that the permit fee is \$350; a simple permit application review ranges from \$350 to just below \$1,000. He explained that larger projects, such as Broken Woods, will require significantly more review time. Mr. Donahue recalled the recent permit application for Coral Springs Drive and Sample Road, where the applicant wants to culvert a canal; the project involved engineering and significant legal fees to the District, as it was a very detailed matter. He explained that the applicant was issued a \$7,100 bill to pay, prior to the District issuing the permit. Mr. Donahue believes that the larger developers fully expect to pay these types of fees.

Mr. Wrathell reviewed the billing and payment process. Mr. Donahue stressed that issuance of permits should be held until the applicant has paid the required fees, just as with the receipt of the trash bond.

Mr. Wrathell pointed out that the resolution provided by Mr. Malefatto is slightly different than the version contained in the Agenda.

**On MOTION by Mr. Prudhomme and seconded by Mr. Morera, with all in favor, Resolution 2014-1, Permit Cost Recovery Policy, as amended, was adopted.**

**SEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Approval of February 12, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes**

Mr. Morera presented the February 12, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes and asked for any additions, deletions or corrections. The following changes were made:

Line 147: Change “revise Line 11” to “revising Line 11 of the fence policy”

**On MOTION by Mr. Prudhomme and seconded by Mr. Morera, with all in favor, the February 12, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes, as amended, were approved.**

**EIGHTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Supervisors’ Communications**

Mr. Morera reported that the Taste of Coral Springs event was a success; a good time was had by all. He thanked Mr. Selchan and his staff for their participation in the City of Coral Springs’ waterway cleanup event.

Mr. Morera referred to the District’s website and noted that the last update regarding Canal Z was on August 19, 2013, although much work took place since then. He asked who is responsible for updating the website to keep residents informed.

Mr. Paton stated that he drafts updates; a Canal Z update can be prepared and posted on the website.

Mr. Morera noted that the District pays a webmaster to manage the website and, while great upgrades were made, it defeats the purpose of having a website if it is not kept current. He feels that residents should be able to find updated information on the District’s website.

Mr. Paton confirmed that he will prepare an update.

Mr. Morera pointed out that the Wildlife Habitat Policy was passed, at the last meeting, and asked that the information be added to the website. Mr. Paton stated that Mr. Gary Runge, a resident, has a wildlife habitat that is being used as the pilot test for the new policy and briefly discussed Mr. Runge’s habitat. Mr. Paton recommended that District Counsel review the agreement, prior to finalizing it. Mr. Morera stressed that he wants a standard policy, which covers all situations; he does not want an “adjustable” policy.

Regarding wildlife habitats, within the District, Mr. Selchan clarified that the District, as a whole, has 12 certified wildlife habitats, along its ROW; however, the District does not know, for sure, whether the parts in the ROW are included in the wildlife habitat certification area. He stated that staff must speak to those property owners to determine what portion is “wildlife habitat” and what is “other growth”, lying within the ROW.

Mr. Morera asked Mr. Selchan if he has a timeline for approaching those property owners. Mr. Selchan replied no, as those properties are within areas that the District is not currently addressing.

**NINTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Staff Reports**

**A. Attorney: *Lewis, Longman & Walker, P.A.***

Mr. Malefatto advised that he will probably fill in for Mr. Capko at the March 31, 2014 Landowners’ Meeting.

**B. Engineer: *IBI Group***

**i. Permit Application Log**

The permit application log was included for informational purposes. Mr. Donahue noted that there were no new permit applications but three fence inquiries were received and are being reviewed. He noted that these fence requests are the first test of the new fence policy that allows fences within a limited area, along wider canals.

**ii. Monthly Engineer’s Report: 02/05/14 to 03/05/14**

Mr. Donahue advised that the City is moving “full speed” on the new entrance to the City at Royal Palm Boulevard, in front of Pump Station #1. He recalled that the Board required the City to build a retaining wall, in front of Pump Station #1.

Mr. Donahue stated that the Broken Woods matter is ongoing. It appears that the project will be built by two developers. He explained to both developers that they must coordinate with the District regarding drainage calculations and agreements. To date, a formal permit application has not been received. Regarding working with two developers, Mr. Donahue indicated that the impact, to the District, is the same; each party's responsibility must be spelled out. He reiterated that he notified both developers and their engineers that they should plan to present a "master plan" to the District, which will be broken into two permits.

Mr. Morera recalled that letters were to be sent to two property owners that installed fences. Mr. Donahue was unsure whether the letters were mailed; he will verify. Mr. Selchan stated that photographs were taken and Mr. Donahue will provide an aerial view, which will be included in a packet to the resident. Mr. Morera stated that he wants more coordination between the Board and Staff, such that, the time from an infraction being reported and the resident receiving communication from the District is shortened. Mr. Morera believes that "timely" communication is essential; it should not take several months.

**C. Engineering Consultant: *John McKune***

Mr. McKune had nothing additional to report.

**D. Field Supervisor: *Cory Selchan***

Mr. Selchan reported that there are obstruction issues in the Canal A ROW. He presented a draft door hanger for homes along Canal A.

Mr. Prudhomme suggested that, going forward, the door hanger should be on white paper, as a local pizza restaurant utilizes yellow door hangers; he feels that business is conducted on white paper, not colored paper.

Mr. Selchan indicated that the District received less than 0.5" of rain, since the last meeting. Subsequent to the last meeting, over 80 million gallons of water was recharged into the East Basin and it is barely maintain 5'5" elevation, which is about 2' lower than normal. In response to Mr. Morera's question, Mr. Selchan stated that the District is allotted 73 million gallons per month and a grand total of 240 million gallons per year. Discussion ensued regarding recharging the canals and the allocation amounts. Mr. Selchan confirmed that the allotment is based on the calendar year.

Mr. Selchan reported that he and his staff participated in the Annual Waterway Cleanup, coordinated by the City of Coral Springs.



**E. Manager: *Wrathell, Hunt & Associates, LLC***

Regarding the operational audit, Mr. Wrathell indicated that the matter has escalated to the Deputy Auditor General's level, as the District knows that there are communications going back and forth with Senator Ring's office and that the District's audit has been shared with parties outside of the Auditor General's office. He stated that, although these facts were pointed out to the Deputy Auditor General's office, the Deputy Auditor General does not want to discuss the matter any further. Mr. Wrathell advised that the Deputy Auditor General previously indicated that the audit would be completed a few weeks ago; however, the District continues to receive requests for items, such as bids from Weitz's contractors and subcontractors, which were privately contracted by Weitz. He indicated that Weitz went through a bidding process for their subcontracted work and the documentation was provided, as requested. Mr. Wrathell felt that the audit should be completed soon, after which, the results will be shared with the Board. He reiterated that the auditor has found no violations of state statutes, promulgated rules or violations of anything; many of the auditor's findings fall under their offices "Best Business Practices" recommendations. Mr. Wrathell noted that the District has the opportunity to respond, once the audit is issued. He reported that the auditor's office made a point about the District placing plaques on the new pump stations.

**i. Approval of Unaudited Financial Statements as of January 31, 2014**

Mr. Wrathell presented the Unaudited Financial Statements as of January 31, 2014 and the corresponding unreconciled cash balances. He noted that assessment revenue collections were at 80%.

Mr. Morera referred to the "Designated - disaster recovery" line item and recalled that the amount appears reduced from \$2 million to \$1.7 million and asked where the funds went. Mr. Wrathell confirmed that the amount should be \$2 million; he will discuss it with his Accounting Department.

Mr. Wrathell reported that debt service collections were at 80%.

Mr. Morera asked about the status of the newsletter. Mr. Paton recalled that Mr. Wrathell's office was to speak with Mr. Morera; he has heard nothing more regarding the newsletter but will follow up. Mr. Morera stressed that he wants the newsletter completed.

**On MOTION by Mr. Prudhomme and seconded by Mr. Morera, with all in favor, the Unaudited Financial Statements as of January 31, 2014, were approved.**

**ii. NEXT MEETING DATES**

- **March 31, 2014 Landowners' Meeting at 6:30 P.M.**
- **April 9, 2014 Regular Meeting**

Mr. Wrathell confirmed that, technically, the Board does not need to be present, as a Board, in order to conduct the Landowners' Meeting. Mr. Wrathell asked Mr. Donahue to be prepared to briefly discuss the status of the District's capital projects. Mr. Donahue noted that the District Engineer prepares the Annual Report, for presentation at the Landowners' Meeting. Mr. Wrathell indicated that the Annual Report will be included in the Landowners' Meeting Agenda.

Mr. Morera indicated that the Landowners' Meeting will be held on Monday, March 31, 2014 at 6:30 p.m., at this location.

The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for April 9, 2014, at 6:30 p.m., at this location. Mr. Wrathell suggested that he administer the Oath of Office to the new Supervisor, during or immediately following the Landowners' Meeting.

**TENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

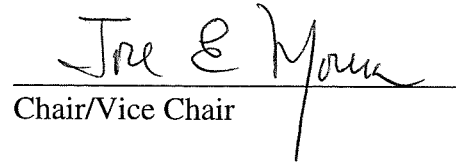
**Adjournment**

There being nothing further to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

**On MOTION by Mr. Prudhomme and seconded by Mr. Morera, with all in favor, the meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.**



Secretary/Assistant Secretary



Chair/Vice Chair