

**MINUTES OF MEETING
SUNSHINE WATER CONTROL DISTRICT**

The Board of Supervisors of the Sunshine Water Control District held a Regular Meeting on May 12, 2021, at 6:30 p.m., at La Quinta Inn Coral Springs, 3701 N. University Drive, Coral Springs, Florida 33065.

Present were:

Joe Morera	President
Ivan Ortiz	Vice President
Daniel Prudhomme	Secretary

Also present were:

Cindy Cerbone	District Manager
Jamie Sanchez	Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC (WHA)
Al Malefatto	District Counsel
Bill Capko (via telephone)	Lewis, Longman & Walker, P.A.
Orlando Rubio	District Engineer
Larry Smith	Smith Engineering Consultants
Cory Selchan	Field Superintendent
John McKune (via telephone)	Consultant Engineer
Wes Bradish (via telephone)	Ziegler Investment Banking

FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS

Call to Order

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

SECOND ORDER OF BUSINESS

Roll Call

All Supervisors were present, in person.

THIRD ORDER OF BUSINESS

Pledge of Allegiance

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

FOURTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Public Comments [3-Minute Time Limit]

There were no public comments.

▪ **Bond Refinancing – Wes Bradish**

This item was an addition to the agenda.

Ms. Cerbone introduced Mr. Wes Bradish, an Underwriter from Ziegler Investment Banking, who has a potential savings opportunity for the District. If the Board would like more information, a formal presentation would be included on the June agenda and an IBA letter affirming that Mr. Bradish is not a financial advisor yet provides underwriting services would be required. Once acknowledgement is approved, a proposed refunding plan for the District could be presented.

Mr. Bradish stated the basis of his presentation would be to refinance the District's bonds with Capital One Bank, which was the provider that facilitated the original refinancing in 2018, and, given the prevailing interest rate environment, he believed that he would be able to renegotiate an even better transaction for the District and residents.

Ms. Cerbone stated the actual refunding information could not be placed on the agenda because the Board needs to authorize its understanding and acknowledgement of Mr. Bradish's role at the meeting before distribution of the informational package. Mr. Bradish stated the opportunity was pre-negotiated with the lender and a detailed proposal would be provided at the June meeting. Asked if he would be able to attend the June meeting in person, Mr. Capko replied affirmatively.

Mr. Capko left the call.

▪ **Staff Reports - District Engineer: *Craig A. Smith & Associates***

This item, previously Item 9B, was presented out of order.

Mr. Smith gave the following update:

- Electrical repairs at Pump Stations 1 and 2 (PS1 and PS2) were progressing smoothly.
- CAS facilitated an 11" x 17" printout of the electrical plan for easier viewing.
- The 90% plans were reviewed and submitted.
- In a recent team meeting, there were discussions regarding fuel storage and capacity and the number of gallons and tank sizes that might be needed to support the generator at PS2.
- Concerns and issues in the 60% phase were addressed in the 90% phase.

Mr. Rubio stated the project was almost finished and the team was preparing to submit a draft contract for the electrical work. He reviewed a recent contract that was put out for bid and the format used with Mr. Smith and pledged his assistance filling out forms, preparing the bid schedule and the opinion of costs. Overall, the project was on schedule.

The Board and Staff discussed the next steps, construction costs, bid process, electrical work time frame, project logistics, purchasing equipment, WCI, PS1 and PS2 and scheduling a Special session, if necessary.

Mr. Morera asked if the entire cabinetry inside the pump stations would be removed and replaced. Mr. Smith replied affirmatively, because the equipment is slightly older, the pump horsepower (HP) is increasing and the equipment is not large enough to handle the new pump HP. Most of the replacement work would occur in PS2; the main switch, transfer switch and generator would be left intact in PS1.

Asked if Staff would try to find potential buyers for the unwanted parts or equipment, Mr. Smith stated the District could sell the parts or subtract the equipment from the bid amount in the work contracts. Ms. Cerbone voiced her opinion that Staff should not be in the business of selling equipment for the District and it would be more appropriate to obtain a trade-in value or salvage value for the items.

Discussion ensued regarding salvaging leftover equipment, the motors, retrofitting, power monitoring equipment and Florida Power & Light (FPL), in relation to power interruptions. Mr. Morera asked Staff to be focused and check everything to make sure that all requirements are adhered to, so as to avoid the costly errors that occurred in the past with the pumps. Mr. Smith stated Staff was aware that the purpose of the project is to correct prior errors made by contractors; he assured that Staff would be vigilant in overseeing the project.

I. Presentation: Monthly Engineer's Report

This item, previously Item 9BI, was presented out of order.

Mr. Rubio presented the Monthly Engineer's Report.

II. Permit Applications

This item, previously Item 9BII, was presented out of order.

Mr. Rubio presented the following permit applications:

- a. **City of Coral Springs by Chen Moore and Associates - Westchester Stormwater Improvements – NW 24th Street Culvert Replacements**

On MOTION by Mr. Ortiz and seconded by Mr. Prudhomme, with all in favor, the CAS Project No. 15-1826 ROW Permit Application, submitted by Chen Moore and Associates, on behalf of the City of Coral Springs, for Westchester Stormwater Improvements – NW 24th Street Culvert Replacements, for replacement of the existing twin 66" Corrugated Metal Pipe (CMP) with twin 72" Reinforced Concrete Pipe (RCP) with concrete headwalls for the purposes of improving stormwater conveyance from the Westchester neighborhood, subject to the Special Conditions set forth in the May 3, 2021 recommendation letter, was approved.

- b. **KMV Fibertelecom, Inc. – CATV Span Replacement, 4361 NW 75th Way/Canal “L14-1” Crossing**

On MOTION by Mr. Prudhomme and seconded by Mr. Ortiz, with all in favor, the CAS Project No. 15-1826 ROW Permit Application for CATV Span Replacement, submitted by KMV Fibertelecom, Inc., for directional bore of 1-1.5" HDPE conduit along the upland canal bank above the existing culvert on the east ROW of 4361 NW 75th Way crossing Canal “L14-1”, was approved.

- **Permit Application – Atlantic Boulevard Bridge Repair**

This item was an addition to the agenda.

Mr. Rubio presented photographs of the Atlantic Boulevard Bridge and stated that the Broward County Engineering Department submitted a ROW permit application to perform rehabilitation work on the Bridge, over the West Outfall Canal. The application stressed that this was an emergency repair and the project would take over four months to complete.

On MOTION by Mr. Prudhomme and seconded by Mr. Ortiz, with all in favor, CAS Project No. 15-1826 ROW Permit Application, submitted by FG Construction Services, LLC, on behalf of the Broward County Board of County Commissioners, for emergency repair work at the Atlantic Boulevard Bridge over the West Outfall Canal, was approved.

Mr. Rubio stated work on the culvert break in Corporate Park was completed and asphalted today. He presented the Shenandoah Proposal #P21758 for canal de-mucking for the culvert repairs at NW 120th to NW 118th, in the amount of \$27,150.

Regarding the canal de-mucking project, Mr. Selchan stated that some of the canals in the Corporate Park area have a lot of caprock areas that were never dug to any real depth and, in these areas, the muck collects, resulting in considerable overgrowth that obstructs waterflow. The issue must be addressed and, since work was being done on the culverts, the contractor provided pre-bid rates; if the Board was amenable to expending the funds, Staff recommended de-mucking the canal while the weather conditions were still favorable. Mr. Morera stated \$50,000 was allocated in the budget for dredging; therefore, he felt that the District should take advantage of the opportunity to repair the canal. Discussion ensued regarding necessity of the project, price, canal bank restoration and where the muck would go.

On MOTION by Mr. Ortiz and seconded by Mr. Prudhomme, with all in favor, Shenandoah Proposal #P21758 for canal de-mucking from NW 120th to NW 118th, in a not-to-exceed amount of \$27,150, was approved.

FIFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Consideration of Resolution 2021-06, Approving a Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2021/2022 and Setting a Public Hearing Thereon Pursuant to Florida Law; Addressing Transmittal, Posting and Publication Requirements; Addressing Severability; and Providing an Effective Date

Ms. Cerbone presented Resolution 2021-06. She reviewed the proposed Fiscal Year 2022 budget, highlighting line item increases, decreases and adjustments, compared to the Fiscal Year 2021 budget, and explained the reasons for any adjustments.

Discussion ensued regarding the capital outlay expenses for Westchester, PS1 and PS2 and the West Outfall Canal (WOFC) Phase 2B projects, bond funds and unassigned fund reserves.

On MOTION by Mr. Prudhomme and seconded by Mr. Ortiz, with all in favor, Resolution 2021-06, Approving a Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2021/2022 and Setting a Public Hearing Thereon Pursuant to Florida Law for September 15, 2021 at 6:30 p.m., at La Quinta Inn Coral Springs, 3701 N. University Drive, Coral Springs, Florida 33065; Addressing Transmittal, Posting and Publication Requirements; Addressing Severability; and Providing an Effective Date, was adopted.

SIXTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Acceptance of Unaudited Financial Statements as of March 31, 2021

Ms. Cerbone presented the Unaudited Financial Statements as of March 31, 2021. Discussion ensued regarding operational costs, stormwater management and flood control costs, ROW obstructions and tree removal programs.

On MOTION by Mr. Prudhomme and seconded by Mr. Ortiz, with all in favor, the Unaudited Financial Statements as of March 31, 2021, were accepted.

SEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Approval of April 14, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes

Ms. Cerbone presented the April 14, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes. Minor edits from Mr. Malefatto were submitted to Management and would be incorporated before posting the minutes to the District website.

On MOTION by Mr. Ortiz and seconded by Mr. Prudhomme, with all in favor, the April 14, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes, as amended to incorporate edits previously submitted to Management, were approved.

EIGHTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Supervisors' Communications

Mr. Ortiz commended Mr. Selchan and Ms. Cerbone for their valuable contributions to the District.

Mr. Prudhomme recalled that this was the 25th anniversary of the ValuJet Airplane crash. He announced that he was recently appointed to the Board of Mental Health for Southeast Florida and urged anyone who might be affected by mental illness to contact him.

Mr. Morera wished Ms. Cerbone a Happy Mothers' Day and noted the other important dates to remember in May. He asked if an encroachment letter was sent to residents residing near the West Outfall area. Mr. Selchan stated the letter was not sent yet. The survey stakes were in place and photographed, as well as all the obstructions in the ROW. Staff would soon coordinate to prepare and distribute the packets to the affected residents. Mr. Selchan conferred with a few residents and assured them that the issues would be addressed.

NINTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Staff Reports

A. District Counsel: *Lewis, Longman & Walker, P.A.*

- **Discussion: HB 1501 Legislation**

Mr. Malefatto reviewed the HB 1501 legislation included in the agenda packet and noted the pertinent information found in each section.

Discussion ensued regarding the referendum election, alerting homeowners of the upcoming change in Supervisor elections, a Coral Springs Improvement District (CSID) letter to the Governor requesting a veto of the legislation, increased costs to the District. Mr. Malefatto stated there could be additional changes to the legislation in the next Session, depending on the amount of pushback that is put forth.

Mr. Malefatto stated he would have additional comments regarding mask requirements in certain areas at the next meeting.

B. District Engineer: *Craig A. Smith & Associates*

I. Presentation: Monthly Engineer's Report

This item was presented following the Fourth Order of Business.

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These items were presented following the Fourth Order of Business.

C. District Engineering Consultant: *John McKune*

There being no report, the next item followed.

D. District Field Supervisor: *Cory Selchan*

Mr. Selchan reported the following:

- Rainfall: The District was 9.8” below its average yearly rainfall. The normal mean water level is 7.5’ but, today, the East Basin was 3½’ low and the West Basin was 2½’ low.
- Hurricane season commences June 1st. A kickoff meeting was held today with the District’s hurricane vendors. All contracts are in place.
- The culvert on 118th, east of the one that was replaced, was in the same condition as the one that recently failed. The options were to replace it or line it. A proposal to line it would be obtained, as that would be the more cost-effective option. The proposal would be included on the next agenda.
- The City notified the District that the culvert at Holiday Village is collapsing. Staff dispatched divers to inspect it. The first 20’ of the pipe on the east side of University Drive was rotted and should be replaced. Mr. Selchan would have the area inspected, obtain proposals and give an update at the next meeting.
- Mr. Dan Daly’s presentation regarding the HB 1501 Legislation can be viewed at myfloridagov.com. Mr. Selchan felt that the comments made were devoid of facts.

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

Ms. Cerbone introduced Ms. Jamie Sanchez, a new District Manager at WHA, who would be servicing this and other Districts.

Ms. Cerbone stated she recently received a fence request from a resident who lives near the preserves. Upon inspection, it was discovered that there are several obstructions in the ROW and Mr. Selchan confirmed that, although it is not a conservation/preservation area, a few of the trees are protected. The solution would be to clear the area, from the water’s edge back to 15’ off the ROW, and leave the remaining trees. The resident’s neighbor made a similar

request. Staff was coordinating with the City regarding the feasibility of removing the trees without harming the “protected vegetation”. Ms. Cerbone asked if the Board was amenable to a modified Option 2 Agreement. Discussion ensued regarding the Option 2 Agreement, the City, which entity has the right of removal and mitigation costs. The Option 2 Agreement modification was approved.

I. Update: Availability of Performing Arts Center and Country Club for Future Meetings

There was no update; a response was pending from both venues.

II. NEXT MEETING DATE: June 9, 2021 at 6:30 P.M.

• QUORUM CHECK

The next meeting will be held on June 9, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

TENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

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Cindy Cebone

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

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President/Vice President