# MINUTES OF MEETING SUNSHINE WATER CONTROL DISTRICT

The Board of Supervisors of the Sunshine Water Control District held a Regular Meeting on August 11, 2021 at 6:30 p.m., at the La Quinta Inn Coral Springs, 3701 N. University Drive, Coral Springs, Florida 33065.

#### Present were:

Joe MoreraPresidentIvan OrtizVice PresidentDaniel PrudhommeSecretary

## Also present were:

Cindy Cerbone District Manager

Jamie Sanchez Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC (WHA)

Al Malefatto District Counsel
Orlando Rubio District Engineer
Cory Selchan Field Superintendent
John McKune (via telephone) Consultant Engineer

Steve Sanford Bond Counsel

#### FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS

**Call to Order** 

Mr. Morera called the meeting to order at 6:40 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.

#### FIFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

# Acceptance of Unaudited Financial Statements as of June 30, 2021

Ms. Cerbone presented the Unaudited Financial Statements as of June 30, 2021. The FY2021 bond refinancing information would be reflected in the August financial statements, as the refinancing was completed in July. She noted the District was running under budget because there were no opportunities for capital projects.

On MOTION by Mr. Prudhomme and seconded by Mr. Ortiz, with all in favor, the Unaudited Financial Statements as of June 30, 2021, were accepted.

#### SIXTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

# Approval of July 14, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes

Mr. Morera presented the July 14, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes. The following change was made:

Line 106: Change "Mr. Lear's" to "Mr. Amir Watynski's"

On MOTION by Mr. Prudhomme and seconded by Mr. Ortiz, with all in favor, the July 14, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes, as amended, were approved.

#### **SEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

## **Supervisors' Communications**

Mr. Morera stated the District was prepared for the expected storm. He shared information regarding the City's upcoming Budget Academy, to be held via Zoom on August 23, 2021.

#### **EIGHTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

# **Staff Reports**

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

Mr. Malefatto reported the following:

The Florida Legislature passed House Bill 53, which would require all Special Districts and local governments to provide a 20-year needs analysis for their stormwater systems; with the first one due by June 30, 2022. The Broward County Water Resources Technical Advisory

Committee would deliver a presentation at its virtual meeting on August 20, 2021; information provided to Staff would be emailed to Board Members wishing to attend.

- Mr. Capko would attend the September meeting in his place.
- Staff was contacted by Mr. Robbins, Attorney for The Briarwood Club Condominium, regarding a water body he believed the District should maintain; however, the plat showed that the water body in question is not on District property. An email was sent to Mr. Robbins and no further communications were received so the matter may be resolved.

Mr. Selchan stated that the water body is a little ditch between Thunderbird Villas and Briarwood and, while it is not the District's responsibility, it was likely that, over the years, the ditch was cleaned or sprayed, which would be considered a courtesy treatment. Discussion ensued regarding the plat and the water body, which is completely within Briarwood's property.

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

# I. Presentation: Monthly Engineer's Report

Mr. Rubio presented the Monthly Engineer's Report. He reported the following:

- Pump Stations 1 and 2 (PS1 and PS2): MWI installed the retrofitted pumps; some punch list items must be addressed in order to complete the installation at both pump stations. Motors were received and are being stored at MWI's facility.
- Generator: Communication was ongoing with Ring Power Corporation (RPC) for the purchase of a generator that meets specifications for PS1 and PS2, at a contract price of \$417,276.55; direct purchase would result in tax savings of \$25,000 in addition to savings of 20% off the Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price (MSRP). The team was working to address details, including design and plan layout, and attempting to keep the same footprint as the existing generator.

Discussion ensued regarding the generator specifications, output, cost, structure, fuel storage, maintenance, run time, fuel procurement following a storm and the need to have a reserve of fuel to last seven days.

PS1 and PS2 Electrical Repairs: The bid was publicly advertised and one potential bidder attended the mandatory pre-bid meeting. The contractor who intended to bid has done good

work for the District in the past. The bid would be considered and a decision would be made at an upcoming meeting.

West Outfall Canal Phase 2B Improvements: The bid was publicly advertised and because no bidders attended the mandatory pre-bid meeting, Staff discussed reducing the scope of the project to avoid project delays. Removing the bridge work from the bid would reduce the probable cost by \$1.34 million; this cost would be realized in the next phase.

Discussion ensued regarding the bidding process, reducing the scope of work in the bid package, and a Radise International (Radise) proposal for engineering of the intake bay. Mr. Rubio stated an addendum was sent to remove the mandatory pre-bid meeting attendance and to reduce the scope of the bid. Discussion ensued regarding the Radise proposal, construction and engineering costs and amounts already calculated for the project and budgeted items.

Ms. Cerbone asked Mr. Rubio if, although there is no "apples to apples" comparison, his review of the cost amounts allowed him to recommend that the estimate is reasonable. Mr. Rubio replied affirmatively.

Mr. Selchan stated he believed there were some underlying cost savings since the design work for PS2 would be applicable to PS1, given that the buildings have the exact same dimensions.

Mr. Ortiz expressed support for the proposal, as discussed. Discussion ensued regarding the project, lack of bidders, amended bid proposal, earthwork versus excavation and solutions to be implemented to overcome issues identified by Dr. Worth during litigation. Mr. Selchan stated his preference to clean out under the bridge, when possible.

Mr. McKune expressed support for the plan, as discussed.

On MOTION by Mr. Ortiz and seconded by Mr. Prudhomme, with all in favor, authorizing the District Engineer to engage Radise International to perform the work described in the proposal in the Agenda Package, in the amount of \$44,745, was approved.

#### II. Permit Application(s)

 Knoblauch, 4060 N.W. 113<sup>th</sup> Avenue by Pristine Landscapes – Adding Boulders to Retain Erosion of Canal Bank and Soil to Level Area Mr. Rubio presented the permit application for bank stabilization with fabric and boulders. A similar permit application was approved for the same landscaping company with the condition that future modifications would be performed at the property owner's expense.

The following change was made:

Special Condition 8: Add "at the property owner's expense"

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 Pristine Landscaping, on behalf of 4060 NE 113th Avenue, Coral Springs, Florida 33065, to install rip-rap with geofabric material, topsoil and sod along the bank to create a leveled surface, subject to the amended Special Conditions set forth in the August 4, 2021 recommendation letter, was approved.

# C. District Engineering Consultant: John McKune

Mr. McKune expressed concern about the lack of interest from prospective bidders on District projects. Mr. Morera stated he was also concerned. Discussion ensued regarding past contractors and subcontractors and the increased demand for contractors throughout Florida.

#### D. District Field Supervisor: Cory Selchan

Mr. Selchan reported the following:

Since the last meeting, the District received over 14" of rain; typical rainfall for this time of year would be 6" to 7". On July 20, 2021, a storm delivered 4.92" of rain in less than an hour.

Mr. Selchan stated that the water level rose over 2', very rapidly, leading a nearby resident to call the Mayor and express concern that the old golf course has too many street drains and too much impervious area and was now depositing more water in the canal than it can handle and it may flood her home. The City Engineer and the Public Works Director did not agree with her concerns and advised her that, if she wishes to pursue the matter, she must hire a consultant. She did not want to hire a consultant so she contacted the District. The District Engineer sent a response to the property owner and to the City addressing the concerns. While the East Basin gets extremely low due to wells and increased water demand, water was retained to meet the District's needs and fluctuates seasonally.

Bike/Walk Path: A map was displayed showing the City's proposed path through the City, including proposed vehicle parking. Further updates would be provided as received.

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

#### I. Updated Fiscal Year 2022 Proposed Budget

Ms. Cerbone distributed an updated version of the proposed Fiscal Year 2022 budget that included the bond refinancing information. The debt reduction resulted in less use of fund balance; the Fiscal Year 2022 budget would be adopted in September.

# II. Obstructions Removal Agreement - Option 2 [Anthony Montagnino, 2900 NW 87 Terrace]

Ms. Cerbone stated a property owner requested an Option 2 Agreement. Two estimates were received and the District received two bids. With Board approval, the lowest priced bidder, EZ Growing Landscaping, at a cost of \$2,500, would be engaged. Discussion ensued regarding the bids, preference for responsive local vendors and the competitive bidding process.

On MOTION by Mr. Ortiz and seconded by Mr. Prudhomme, with all in favor, the Obstructions Removal Agreement - Option 2, with Anthony Montagnino, of 2900 NW 87 Terrace, and approving obstruction removal, in an amount not-to-exceed amount of \$2,500, was approved.

#### III. NEXT MEETING DATE: September 15, 2021 at 6:30 P.M.

#### QUORUM CHECK

Ms. Cerbone stated the next meeting would be held on September 15, 2021, one week later than usual, in order to take advantage of the Truth in Millage (TRIM) notice process for the non-ad valorem assessment on the tax bill.

#### **NINTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

## Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

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Secretary/Assistant Secretary

President/Vice Presiden