

**MINUTES OF MEETING
SUNSHINE WATER CONTROL DISTRICT**

The Board of Supervisors of the Sunshine Water Control District held Multiple Public Hearings and a Regular Meeting on September 15, 2021 at 6:30 p.m., at the 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)
William G. Capko	District Counsel
Orlando Rubio	District Engineer
Cory Selchan	Field Superintendent
John McKune (via telephone)	Consultant Engineer
Donald Sharkey	Current Connections Inc.

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.

- **Electrical Services for Pump Station Nos. 1 and 2 Bid Response/Recommendation**

This item, previously part of Item 11B, was presented out of order.

Ms. Cerbone suggested allowing Mr. Rubio to present the bid status for the electrical engineering repairs for Pump Stations 1 (PS1) and 2 (PS2), to give the Board an opportunity to question the vendor.

Mr. Rubio presented the Official Bid Results of the SWCD – Stormwater Pump Stations 1 and 2 Electrical Repairs Project and recommended awarding the project to Current Connections, Inc. (CCI), based on the bid of \$1,251,000, the contractor’s responsiveness and project familiarity. He introduced Mr. Sharkey, of CCI.

Discussion ensued regarding CCI’s familiarity with the pump stations, deficiencies and challenges with the pump stations, the motor, generator, transformer, current reliance on Florida Power & Light (FPL) and new equipment being able to monitor itself.

On MOTION by Mr. Morera and seconded by Mr. Ortiz, with all in favor, awarding the contract for electrical repairs to PS1 and PS2 to Current Connections, Inc., in the amount of \$1,251,000, authorizing District Staff to draft a form of Agreement and authorizing the Chair to execute, was approved.

FIFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Public Hearing on Adoption of Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Budget

A. Proof/Affidavit of Publication

The affidavit of publication was included for informational purposes.

B. Consideration of Resolution 2021-08, Relating to the Annual Appropriations and Adopting the Budget for the Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2021, and Ending September 30, 2022; Authorizing Budget Amendments; and Providing an Effective Date

Ms. Cerbone reviewed the proposed Fiscal Year 2022 budget. No changes were made to the budget since the last meeting.

On MOTION by Mr. Morera and seconded by Mr. Ortiz, with all in favor, the Public Hearing was opened.

Ms. Cerbone stated property owner Lillian Sartell could not attend the meeting but contacted Management’s office earlier today with questions and concerns about the assessments. Although Staff answered her questions, Ms. Sartell asked for the District Manager to address the Board on her behalf. Ms. Sartell is in her 90s, has a health issue, is aided by her daughter and was referred to Management by the City of Coral Springs. Apparently, a City agency previously forgave Ms. Sartell’s non-ad valorem assessments partially or fully, as a one-time courtesy, and she was hoping the District would forgive this year’s assessment. Ms. Cerbone stated that she informed Ms. Sartell that she would relay the request to the Board but doubted that it could be approved. She asked for District Counsel’s opinion on the matter. Mr. Capko stated that he was unaware of any authority that the Board would have to forgive a property owners’ non-ad valorem assessments and suggested that Management encourage Ms. Sartell to continue to call the City to see if the City can find another mechanism to help her.

Mr. Morera stated, from a financial standpoint, the District has been very prudent in managing its finances and continues to work diligently to provide property owners with the best benefits at a reasonable cost.

On MOTION by Mr. Morera and seconded by Mr. Ortiz, with all in favor, the Public Hearing was closed.

Ms. Cerbone presented Resolution 2021-08 and read the title.

On MOTION by Mr. Ortiz and seconded by Mr. Prudhomme, with all in favor, Resolution 2021-08, Relating to the Annual Appropriations and Adopting the Budget for the Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2021, and Ending September 30, 2022; Authorizing Budget Amendments; and Providing an Effective Date, was adopted.

SIXTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Public Hearing to Hear Comments and Objections on the Imposition of Maintenance and Operation Special Assessments to Fund the Budget for Fiscal Year 2021/2022, Pursuant to Florida Law

A. Proof/Affidavit of Publication

The affidavit of publication was included for informational purposes.

B. Consideration of Resolution 2021-09, Making a Determination of Benefit and Imposing Special Assessments for Fiscal Year 2021/2022; Providing for the Collection and Enforcement of Special Assessments; Certifying an Assessment Roll; Providing for Amendments to the Assessment Roll; Providing a severability Clause; and Providing an Effective Date

Ms. Cerbone stated the Resolution authorizes the District Manager’s office to prepare the tax roll and transmit it to the County Tax Collector and make adjustments if needed.

On MOTION by Mr. Ortiz and seconded by Mr. Prudhomme, with all in favor, the Public Hearing was opened.

No members of the public spoke.

On MOTION by Mr. Morera and seconded by Mr. Prudhomme, with all in favor, the Public Hearing was closed.

Ms. Cerbone presented Resolution 2021-09 and read the title.

On MOTION by Mr. Prudhomme and seconded by Mr. Ortiz, with all in favor, Resolution 2021-09, Making a Determination of Benefit and Imposing Special Assessments for Fiscal Year 2021/2022; Providing for the Collection and Enforcement of Special Assessments; Certifying an Assessment Roll; Providing for Amendments to the Assessment Roll; Providing a severability Clause; and Providing an Effective Date, was adopted.

SEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Consideration of Requirement for New Sunshine Water Control District Employees to Provide Proof of Vaccination Prior to Employment

Ms. Cerbone stated the District Manager from the Coral Springs Improvement District (CSID) recently informed her of policies that were put in place for the CSID, related to its employees and contractors. Since the Sunshine Water Control District (SWCD) leases space from the CSID, the SWCD has been amenable to understanding the protocol the CSID would like to be followed. The CSID has required that its employees be vaccinated; whereas, SWCD employees may or may not be vaccinated. Management is proposing that the SWCD consider a requirement for new employees to provide proof of vaccination prior to employment.

In response to Mr. Morera’s question regarding the CSID’s new policy, Mr. Selchan stated that the CSID is in the process of modifying its plan to accommodate the SWCD. He noted that CSID and SWCD staff share a lunchroom, time clock and a general area and the CSID policy stipulates that no unvaccinated employees would be allowed into any of its administrative buildings and free COVID tests would be continue to be administered for now.

On MOTION by Mr. Morera and seconded by Mr. Ortiz, with all in favor, implementing a policy requiring all new SWCD employees to provide proof of vaccination, was approved.

EIGHTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Acceptance of Unaudited Financial Statements as of July 31, 2021

Ms. Cerbone presented the Unaudited Financial Statements as of July 31, 2021.

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

NINTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Approval of August 11, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes

Mr. Morera presented the August 11, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes. The following change was made:

Line 109: Change “performing” to “removing”

On MOTION by Mr. Ortiz and seconded by Mr. Prudhomme, with all in favor, the August 11, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes, as amended, were approved.

TENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**Supervisors' Communications**

Mr. Prudhomme expressed gratitude to everyone who purchased sponsorships to the Mental Wellness Network Alliance, which is an art exhibition set for September 23, 2021, to raise awareness about mental wellness in the community.

Mr. Ortiz wished everyone continued good health.

Mr. Morera thanked everyone for their condolences on the recent passing of his mother.

ELEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**Staff Reports****A. District Counsel: *Lewis, Longman & Walker, P.A.***

There was no report.

B. District Engineer: *Craig A. Smith & Associates***I. Presentation: Monthly Engineer's Report**

Mr. Rubio presented the Monthly Engineer's Report. He reported that bids for the West Outfall Canal Phase 2B Improvements were still under review; a recommendation would be made at the next meeting.

C. District Engineering Consultant: *John McKune*

There was no report.

D. District Field Supervisor: *Cory Selchan*

Mr. Selchan reported the following:

- There has been very little rainfall; water levels were at the mean level and the pump stations are not being strained.
- The cost for the chemicals used to treat the waterways increased by 13%, on average, and availability has decreased.
- Staff has had trouble purchasing the amount of herbicide needed to keep areas well-maintained.

Discussion ensued regarding the supply chain, invasive plants and animals in the canals, grass carp, herbicide and environmental researchers at the University of Florida.

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

I. Obstructions Removal Agreement – Option 2 [Jose Antonio Ruz Polanco, 10631 NW 32 Court]

- **Consideration of Rogue Response LLC DBA NTTI Estimate 2288**

Ms. Cerbone stated a resident fence request was received but, due to obstructions in the right-of-way (ROW), a Letter of No Objection (LONO) could not be issued. An Option 2 Agreement was drafted, the property owner executed it and, although Mr. Selchan was trying to obtain additional estimates for removal of the obstruction, only one estimate was obtained to date. Ms. Cerbone requested approval of Rogue Response LLC DBA NTTI Estimate 2288, in a not to exceed amount of \$5,000. Mr. Selchan stated he was confident that he could obtain quotes well under the amount of this estimate.

On MOTION by Mr. Prudhomme and seconded by Mr. Ortiz, with all in favor, the Option 2 Agreement with Jose Antonio Ruz Polanco and the Rogue Response LLC DBA NTTI Estimate 2288, in a not-to-exceed amount of \$5,000, were approved.

Discussion ensued regarding tree removal costs.

II. NEXT MEETING DATE: October 13, 2021 at 6:30 P.M.

- **QUORUM CHECK**

The next meeting would be held on October 13, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

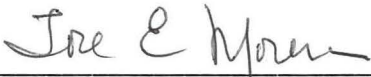
TWELFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned.

On MOTION by Mr. Morera and Seconded by Mr. Prudhomme, with all in favor, the meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.


Secretary/Assistant Secretary


President/Vice President