

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
SUNSHINE WATER CONTROL DISTRICT**

The Board of Supervisors of the Sunshine Water Control District held a Regular Meeting on April 13, 2022 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

**Also present were:**

Cindy Cerbone	District Manager
Al Malefatto	District Counsel
Orlando Rubio	District Engineer
Steve Smith	Craig A. Smith & Associates (CAS)
Cory Selchan	Field Superintendent
Mark Sirchio	Rio-Bak Corporation (Rio-Bak)

**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**

Supervisors Morera and Ortiz were present, in person. One seat was vacant.

**THIRD ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**FOURTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Public Comments [3-Minute Time Limit]**

No members of the public spoke.

Mr. Morera reported the sudden and untimely passing of Supervisor Prudhomme and expressed his sadness and appreciation for Mr. Prudhomme’s contributions and the way in which he represented the District.

The Board and Staff reflected on Mr. Prudhomme’s kindness, generosity and service to the District.

▪ **Update: PS1, PS2 and WOFC Phase 2B Project**

**This item was an addition to the agenda.**

Mr. Rubio gave the following update:

- The West Outfall Canal project is going well.
- The intake area for the pump stations was poured.
- The vortex suppression cones are being installed.
- The existing water service from the pump station needs to be replaced, as it currently exists at a substandard depth that will not allow for proper cover with the proposed canal bank grades.
- The cost is unknown as utility locating and exploratory excavation was not included in the engineering/survey services. This would have been a known bid item had the exploratory work been included in the design services.
- Staff obtained a proposal from the Rio-Bak and recommended replacement of the water service.

In response to Mr. Morera’s question, Mr. Rubio stated the District owns the water service.

**On MOTION by Mr. Ortiz and seconded by Mr. Morera, with all in favor, the Rio-Bak change order, in the amount of \$8,060 for water service replacement, was approved.**

Mr. Rubio stated Staff recently met with Rio-Bak at Pump Station #1 (PS1) and is contemplating negotiating a change order with Rio-Bak to install vortex suppression cones in PS1 and along the canal intake area and upstream of PS1. Due to the looming hurricane season,

Staff agreed that it would be best to postpone the project and keep the contract open in order to present it again in a few months with a price proposal to commence the work in the fall.

Discussion ensued regarding the scope of work, keeping the RBC contract open, drainage and budgeting. Ms. Cerbone would leave \$1,000 in the RBC account to keep it open.

**Mr. Sirchio left the meeting.**

**FIFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Consideration of Resolution 2022-03, Designating Dates, Times and Locations for Regular Meetings of the Board of Supervisors of the District for Fiscal Year 2022/2023 and Providing for an Effective Date**

Mr. Morera presented Resolution 2022-03. Ms. Cerbone recommended changing the December meeting date to avoid a conflict with the annual holiday parade. The following change was made to the Fiscal Year 2023 Meeting Schedule:

Change: "December 14, 2022" to "December 7, 2022"

**On MOTION by Mr. Ortiz and seconded by Mr. Morera, with all in favor, Resolution 2022-03, Designating Dates, Times and Locations for Regular Meetings of the Board of Supervisors of the District for Fiscal Year 2022/2023, as amended, and Providing for an Effective Date, was adopted.**

**SIXTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Update/Discussion: Board Member Participation in the Employee Health Care Benefits**

Ms. Cerbone reported the following:

- She contacted Gallagher & Associates (Gallagher) and each Supervisor to discuss individual health-care situations.
- Staff can arrange for individual plans, such as a non-Medicare grouped plan or, for those who are eligible and/or on Medicare, there could be ancillary or supplemental plans offered.
- The estimates obtained could be included on the proposed Fiscal Year 2023 budget based on the individual plans.

Mr. Malefatto stated, alternatively, Supervisors could secure their own insurance, submit the plan details to the Board and Staff for review and approval and then be reimbursed by the District, as outlined in Section 2 of the Resolution.

In response to Mr. Morera’s question, Mr. Malefatto confirmed that there two options. One option is an individual plan to be obtained by the individual Supervisor and the other option is a plan through Gallagher. Ms. Cerbone stated Supervisors would need to do their own comparisons. She noted that Gallagher does not offer and will not attempt to offer vision but they only offer dental. Ms. Cerbone would forward each Board Member their specific information.

Ms. Cerbone stated it is important to understand the financial, budgetary impact of this on the District. There is currently a vacant seat and, if the coverage demographic is similar once the new Board Member is seated, the total cost to provide health benefits to the three Board Members would be \$22,000 to \$25,000 per year, based on current estimates and grossing the cost up by 20%.

**SEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Consideration of Resolution 2022-04, Providing for Certain Insurance to Board Members and the Spouse of Board Members; Providing for Severability; Providing for an Effective Date**

Mr. Malefatto presented Resolution 2022-04 and read the title.

**On MOTION by Mr. Ortiz and seconded by Mr. Morera, with all in favor, Resolution 2022-04, Providing for Certain Insurance to Board Members and the Spouse of Board Members; Providing for Severability; Providing for an Effective Date, was adopted.**

**EIGHTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Update: Pension Plan Review**

Ms. Cerbone reported following:

- NFP will review the existing pension plan and provide options for the Board to consider.
- NFP would give a presentation at the May meeting.

➤ A hardcopy of the presentation would be submitted in advance for inclusion in the agenda books. If there is a delay, the information would be transmitted in a separate email.

**NINTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Acceptance of Unaudited Financial Statements as of February 28, 2022**

Ms. Cerbone presented the Unaudited Financial Statements as of February 28, 2022.

**On MOTION by Mr. Morera and seconded by Mr. Ortiz, with all in favor, the Unaudited Financial Statements as of February 28, 2022, were accepted.**

**TENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Morera presented the following:

**A. March 9, 2022 Landowners’ Meeting**

**On MOTION by Mr. Ortiz and seconded by Mr. Morera, with all in favor, the March 9, 2022 Landowners’ Meeting Minutes, as presented, were approved.**

**B. March 9, 2022 Regular Meeting**

Ms. Cerbone stated she received two minor edits; one from District Counsel and one from the District Engineer. The following changes would be made:

Line 169: Change “Mr. Smith” to “Mr. Selchan”

Line 112: Change “bloating” to “loading”

Line 108: Change “circumnavigate the hydraulics” to “resolve a substandard hydraulic design and the pumps”

**On MOTION by Mr. Ortiz and seconded by Mr. Morera, with all in favor, the March 9, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes, as amended, were approved.**

**ELEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Supervisors’ Communications**

Mr. Ortiz stated that his heart is heavy in light of Mr. Prudhomme’s passing. He wished everyone a blessed Passover and Easter holiday.

Mr. Morera thanked the Board for their vote of confidence in reinstating him as Board Chair at the last meeting. He wished everyone a pleasant Easter and Passover. He noted that the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Festival of the Arts took place on March 19 and 20, 2022 at The Walk. The event hosted 18,000 to 20,000 people and was a tremendous success. Mr. Morera stated he was recently notified that he would be receiving an award from the City of Coral Springs for enhancing the lives of the residents of the community. The ceremony is April 20, 2022 at the City Chambers during the Commission Meeting.

**TWELFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Staff Reports**

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

- **Discussion: Fence Encroachment Request from City of Margate Resident**

Mr. Malefatto stated the District received a request from a Margate resident to replace a fence encroaching into a District right-of-way (ROW). After researching the matter, Mr. Malefatto determined that there is already an existing, non-permitted encroachment into the District ROW and recommended denial of the resident’s request for approval of a new fence.

Discussion ensued regarding the property lines, the fence and the location of the residence.

**On MOTION by Mr. Ortiz and seconded by Mr. Morera, with all in favor, District Counsel’s recommendation to deny the Fence Encroachment Request, was approved.**

Mr. Malefatto stated the Coral Springs Improvement District (CSID) made a request to the Attorney General regarding tree removal and permitting from the City; a response is pending.

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

- **Presentation: Monthly Engineer’s Report**

Mr. Rubio presented the Monthly Engineer’s Report.

Mr. Rubio discussed the electric repair delays at PS1 and PS2, which are due to product delivery issues.

Mr. Rubio responded to questions about whether there is a cost impact related to work delays, the cost of the crane rental and if the motors in the pump houses were upgraded.

Ms. Cerbone stated, the proposed Fiscal Year 2023 budget will have separate line items for “Capital outlay - PS1”, “Capital outlay - PS2” and “Capital outlay – other”.

Discussion ensued regarding the electrical work, retrofitted pumps, cones and Dr. Worth’s recommendations and theory. Ms. Cerbone asked if the District Engineer or Operations Manager should contact Dr. Werth and ask him to visit and inspect the ongoing pump station project. Mr. Morera replied affirmatively.

- **Permit Application – Arcadis U.S., Inc. – Monitoring Well Installation, South ROW of Canal C, West of Woodside Drive, Immediately North of 7801 West Sample Road**  
**This item was an addition to the agenda.**

Referencing previously-distributed permitting documents, Mr. Rubio presented the recommendation letter related to the ROW permit application for installation of two monitoring wells in the south ROW of Canal C, west of Woodside Drive, immediately north of 7801 West Sample Road.

Discussion ensued regarding whether to ask for the monitoring results, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Broward County, well contamination and remediation but it was decided that would not be necessary.

**On MOTION by Mr. Morera and seconded by Mr. Ortiz, with all in favor, the CAS Project No. 15-1826 ROW Permit Application submitted by Arcadis U.S., Inc., installation of two monitoring wells in the south ROW of Canal C, west of Woodside Drive, immediately north of 7801 West Sample Road, subject to the Special Conditions set forth in the April 13, 2022 recommendation letter, was approved.**

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

There was no report.

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

- **Tree Removal from Canal**
  - I. **E-Z Growing Landscaping**
  - II. **Just Call James, Inc.**
  - III. **Rogue Response LLC DBA NTTI**

Mr. Selchan reported the following:

- There has been very little rain over the past month.
- The canal water levels are slowly decreasing; it has been very windy, causing the water to evaporate.
- Two retrofitted pumps will arrive at the pump stations on Friday and the final two will be sent for retrofitting and return in six weeks, at about the time hurricane season commences.
- Two pumps were installed in the location of the two existing pumps being picked up for retrofitting.
- The vortex bars would be installed next week.
- A palm tree was struck by lightning and a proposal for its removal would be presented at the next meeting.

**On MOTION by Mr. Morera and seconded by Mr. Ortiz, with all in favor, the palm tree removal expense, in a not-to-exceed amount of \$1,500, was approved.**

Mr. Selchan lamented Mr. Prudhomme’s passing and stated that he will greatly miss Mr. Prudhomme’s perspective.

Ms. Cerbone reviewed the tree removal proposals and stated Mr. Selchan typically recommends the lowest priced proposal, which is the \$8,500 Just Call James Inc. (JCJ) proposal.

**On MOTION by Mr. Ortiz and seconded by Mr. Morera, with all in favor, the Just Call James Inc. (JCJ) proposal for tree removal in the amount of \$8,500, was approved.**



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

Ms. Cerbone reported the following:

- A resident emailed a complaint of motorcycles and ATV activity along the canal behind his home. The Coral Springs Police were not helpful and Staff reported it to the Board.
- A new resident recently complained about vehicular traffic along the canal.

Discussion ensued regarding installing signage, inaction of the Police Department and the District’s limited ability to control the situation. The consensus was to continue calling the police.

Ms. Cerbone reviewed the unaudited financials and recapped the anticipated changes and increases that will be included in the proposed Fiscal Year 2023 budget.

- **NEXT MEETING DATE: May 11, 2022 at 6:30 P.M.**
  - **QUORUM CHECK**

The next meeting would be held on May 11, 2022.

Mr. Malefatto noted that the Board must fill the vacant seat within 30 days, per Florida Statutes and, once that person is appointed, they would serve until the next Landowners’ meeting. Mr. Morera reviewed the qualifications for potential candidates, including being a resident and property owner and being current on their assessments.

Discussion ensued regarding ad valorem assessments, the Landowners’ election and filling the vacant seat.

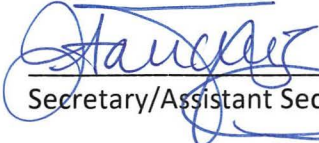
**THIRTEENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Adjournment**

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

**On MOTION by Mr. Morera and seconded by Mr. Ortiz, with all in favor, the meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.**

[SIGNATURES APPEAR ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE]

  
Secretary/Assistant Secretary

  
President/Vice President