MINUTES OF MEETING
SUNSHINE WATER CONTROL DISTRICT

The Board of Supervisors of the Sunshine Water Control District held Public Hearings and a Regular Meeting on September 12, 2025 at 9:30 a.m. at LaQuinta Inn Coral Springs, 3701 N. University Drive, Coral Springs, Florida 33065.

Present:

Laurence Kaldor	President
Peter Palmer	Vice President
Frankie Romano	Secretary

Also present:

Jamie Sanchez	District Manager
Janice Rustin	District Counsel
Orlando Rubio	District Engineer
Cory Selchan	Field Superintendent
Gloria Guillo	Resident
Joe Morera	Resident
Other members of the public	

FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS **Call to Order**

Mr. Kaldor called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m.

SECOND ORDER OF BUSINESS **Roll Call**

All sitting Supervisors were present. Two seats are 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] (Comments should be made from the**

microphone to ensure recording. Please state your name prior to speaking.)

Mr. Kaldor reviewed the protocols for public comments.

Resident Gloria Guillo read her prepared statement into the record as follows:

"I am a homeowner and taxpayer in Coral Springs, and also co-founder of 'Safe Water South Florida,' a group of 60 families who oppose toxic chemical spraying and support integrated weed management. Integrated weed management combines fish, sterile grass carp and mechanical harvesters with limited targeted chemical treatments. It is proven to be cost effective, protective of water quality and consistent with expert recommendations from the University of Florida and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission (FFWC). At the June 11, 2025 District meeting, as the audio record confirms, I was cut off exactly at the 3-minute mark while reading a prepared statement. My request to finish the sentence with no other speakers waiting was denied. Vice President Peter Palmer interrupted repeatedly and even demanded that a Police Officer remove me from the room as if I was a dangerous offender. My last recorded words were 'We urge the Board not to approve this budget until it is corrected to reflect our community's wishes.' Silencing citizens in this way runs counter to Florida's Sunshine Law, which guarantees the right to attend, observe and comment on public decisions and is grounds for Mr. Palmer's removal. At this point, I have yet to receive an apology from Mr. Palmer or the Board. Safe Water South Florida and the 60 families it represents object to the District's wasteful and harmful spraying practices. Additionally, the District has been negligent or suffers from mismanagement because for more than eight months, it ignored excessive water lily growth that impeded waterflow in Windings Park and a canal despite repeated requests for their removal. Instead of physically removing these aquatic weeds, the District continues to spend taxpayer money on misdirected and ineffective spraying. By contrast, agencies such as the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD), the FFWC, the Lee County Hyacinth Control District (LCHCD) and even the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) employ integrated weed management. Glyphosate, on the other hand, is classified as a probable carcinogen and is banned or restricted in Europe, California and many other jurisdictions. Bayer-Monsanto has already paid $11 billion in settlements. Spraying destroys shoreline grasses, worsens erosion, degrades water quality and undermines flood protection by adding decomposing biomass into canals. The District has maintained a $500,000 surplus for years; no new increase is needed and none should be approved."

Mr. Palmer stated he will not issue an apology because Ms. Guillo routinely continues to speak after and over the 3-minute buzzer, which is a violation of the Rules of Decorum set by the Board. Secondly, based on the advice of the District Engineers, the chemicals that are currently being used are allowed to be used by Florida Law, County Law and City of Coral Springs Law. The District, to his knowledge and understanding, follows the standard that every other county, all 67 counties use for this type of project. The Board and Staff have not initiated a financial economic feasibility study on all the other variable ideas; that will cost tens of thousands of dollars and, since that standard of care is being provided, the District will continue down this path instead of needlessly spending taxpayer dollars on a feasibility study.

Mr. Romano stated the reason that the SFWMD, FFWC, USACE and LCHCD use mechanical harvesting is because there are no residential homes around their canals. He previously used the Weedoo boats; they did not work for residential areas and they took too long to manage the canal and to maintain than it was to spray with chemicals that are legal.

Mr. Kaldor stated he follows the guidance and recommendations of his fellow Board Members and Staff, as well as the public, who are always welcome to present any studies, reports or surveys.

Ms. Guillo asked if she can respond to the Board's comments, Ms. Sanchez stated the Board indicated that she can respond in the public comments section at the end of the agenda.

FIFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS **Public Hearing on Adoption of Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Budget**

A. Proof/Affidavit of Publication

B. Consideration of Resolution 2025-06, Relating to the Annual Appropriations and Adopting the Budget for the Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2025, and Ending September 30, 2026; Authorizing Budget Amendments; and Providing an Effective Date

Ms. Sanchez stated that the proposed Fiscal Year 2026 budget is unchanged since it was presented at the proposed budget meeting a few months ago. At the last meeting, there was discussion regarding allowing cost-savings in some of the field operations line items. She stated for the record that, between meetings, the Board President participated in a conference call with her, Mr. Rubio and Mr. Selchan to see if any reductions can be made. There were no line items that District Staff felt comfortable reducing in the Fiscal Year 2026 budget.

Mr. Kaldor confirmed that, on August 25, 2025, he participated in a 45-minute conference call with Ms. Sanchez, Mr. Rubio and Mr. Selchan. The group discussed not only the budget but potential changes, reductions and ideas. He reported that the Professional and Administrative costs are approximately $1 million annually, the field operations costs are about $700,000 per year and everything else above that would go into capital projects, ranging from $3.5 million to $4.5 million, and varies from year to year. As to future projects, there is a 5-Year Projects Capital Plan required under Chapter 298 of the Florida Water Control Plan. Mr. Kaldor concluded that, based on the conference call and the timing of his request, he is in favor of approving the Fiscal Year 2026 budget as is. Going forward, his focus will be to strictly scrutinize the budget for potential reductions and allocations.

Asked about the District's current status in relation to the Control Plan, Mr. Rubio stated the District may have passed the five years but the priority projects are unchanged. He will update the Florida Control Plan and forward the draft to Mr. Kaldor.

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

Resident Joe Morera stated, in all of the years that he served as Board President, the District operated in a very strong fiscal manner and any expenditures approved were necessary to ensure that the District performs at a level that the residents expected them to. He thinks Mr. Selchan has been an excellent steward of the District's financial resources and ensured that all work was performed in a manner that is representative of the District's high standards. Mr. Morera stated he applauds the residents' view to consider potential efficiencies of the budget expenditures; however, the Board must be mindful that some savings today could, in fact, be a detriment to future capital improvements projects. There are several unknowns weatherwise and reserve funds must be set aside to address any issues that arise. He looks forward to approval of the Fiscal Year 2026 budget and, as a resident of the District, he is pleased with the services that the District provides.

No other affected property owners or members of the public spoke.

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

Ms. Sanchez presented Resolution 2025-06 and read the title.

On MOTION by Mr. Kaldor and seconded by Mr. Romano, with all in favor, Resolution 2025-06, Relating to the Annual Appropriations and Adopting the Budget for the Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2025, and Ending September 30, 2026; Authorizing Budget Amendments; and Providing an Effective Date, was adopted.

Mr. Romano thanked Staff for preparing and streamlining the budget. He stated the Board's job is to be fiscally responsible with taxpayer dollars.

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 2025/2026, Pursuant to Florida Law**

A. Proof/Affidavit of Publication

B. Consideration of Resolution 2025-07, Making a Determination of Benefit and Imposing Special Assessments for Fiscal Year 2025/2026; 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

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

No affected property owners or members of the public spoke.

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

Ms. Sanchez presented Resolution 2025-07 and read the title.

On MOTION by Mr. Kaldor and seconded by Mr. Palmer, with all in favor, Resolution 2025-07, Making a Determination of Benefit and Imposing Special Assessments for Fiscal Year 2025/2026; 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 Goals and Objectives Reporting FY2026 [HB7013 - Special Districts Performance Measures and Standards Reporting]**

Ms. Sanchez presented the Goals and Objectives Reporting Fiscal Year 2026 Performance Measures and Standards. She noted that it will be necessary to authorize the Chair to approve the findings related to the 2025 Goals and Objectives.

- **Authorization of Chair to Approve Findings Related to 2025 Goals and Objectives Reporting**

On MOTION by Mr. Kaldor and seconded by Mr. Roman, with all in favor, the Goals and Objectives Reporting Fiscal Year 2026 Performance Measures and Standards and authorizing the Chair to approve the findings related to the 2025 Goals and Objectives Reporting, were approved.

EIGHTH ORDER OF BUSINESS **Acceptance of Unaudited Financial Statements as of July 31, 2025**

On MOTION by Mr. Kaldor and seconded by Mr. Romano, with all in favor, the Unaudited Financial Statements as of July 31, 2025, were accepted.

NINTH ORDER OF BUSINESS **Approval of August 13, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes**

On MOTION by Mr. Kaldor and seconded by Mr. Palmer, with all in favor, the August 13, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes, as presented, were approved.

TENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS **Supervisors' Communications**

Mr. Romano stated he is aware of an issue with the bids for treatment products with copper and asked if anything can be done. Mr. Selchan stated Staff still has a few copper products on hand; however, other products are preferred and are currently being tested. If the other alternative products being tested do not work out, a bid request will be put out.

In response to Mr. Kaldor's question, Mr. Selchan explained that, each year, the SFWMD purchases several thousand gallons of product to treat aquatics and the District piggybacks off of the SFWMD's chemical bids, because the SFWMD gets a better deal than the District could on its own. This is allowed in Florida because the products are publicly bid and awarded. This year, the SFWMD did not obtain bids for any copper product and is using a new product, which is designed specifically for algae. The District typically uses copper for underwater aquatics instead of on algae. If an alternative substitute cannot be found, bids will be obtained for the product the District wants to use.

Discussion ensued regarding whether there are any other municipalities that purchase copper products that the District can piggyback off of, how much copper product the District typically uses each year, if Mr. Romano is having a similar issue obtaining copper products in another District that he is involved with, and if the District should change its procurement policy.

Supervisors Palmer and Kaldor had no comments.

ELEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS **Staff Reports**

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

There was no report.

Mr. Palmer asked about Staff's engagement with a member of the public who comments frequently during meetings and is causing an increase in legal invoices/expenses to the District. Ms. Rustin stated she does not have direct communication with the resident; all of her communication is forwarded to the District Supervisor and it is the District Supervisor's role to entertain all comments from the public. Asked if the District is accruing legal fees based on this interaction, Ms. Rustin stated her time is related to responding to and reviewing public records requests.

Asked if there is a dollar amount associated with handling matters related to the resident, Ms. Sanchez stated it is difficult to quantify. Even though District Management charges a flat fee, she manages many other Districts and, whenever an item that she or Mr. Selchan are not comfortable handling arises, it is passed on to District Counsel, who invoices the District for legal services.

Discussion ensued regarding legal fees related to the member of the public in question, the District passing the fees onto the resident, if there is proof of erosion as alleged by the resident and the resident's First Amendment rights.

Ms. Rustin will prepare and provide a breakdown of the legal fees pertaining to work related to the resident in question.

B. District Engineer: Craig A. Smith & Associates

I. Presentation: Monthly Engineer's Report (MER)

Mr. Rubio presented the Monthly Engineer's Report from August 13, 2025 to September 5, 2025. He provided updates on the Pump Station 3 Replacement (PS3) at Royal Lands, the West Outfall Canal (WOFC) Phase 3 Encroachments Removal Project and the work schedule.

On MOTION by Mr. Kaldor and seconded by Mr. Palmer, with all in favor, authorizing the District Engineer to advertise for the WOFC Phase 3 Encroachments Removal Project, was approved.

C. District Field Supervisor: Cory Selchan

Mr. Selchan reported the following:

➢ Rainfall has been extremely low for the year. Typically, by this point, 40" of rain is received instead of the current 27". The pumps were activated on September 9, 2025 out of an abundance of caution.

➢ Staff is finding a vendor to replace a failed 30" meter, which is over $30,000. Once a contractor is found, a contract will be presented for the Board's approval.

➢ The District is operating smoothly.

Mr. Kaldor stated he would like to take the time in the next year to coordinate with the City and other Districts to complete current projects and commence work on wish list projects.

Discussion ensued regarding nourishing relationships with the City.

D. District Manager: Wrathell, Hunt & Associates, LLC

- **NEXT MEETING DATE: October 8, 2025 at 4:00 PM [Mullins Hall]**
  - **QUORUM CHECK**

The next meeting will be on October 8, 2025, unless canceled.

TWELFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS **Public Comments**

No members of the public spoke.

THIRTEENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS **New Business**

There was no new business.

FOURTEENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS **Adjournment**

On MOTION by Mr. Kaldor and seconded by Mr. Palmer, with all in favor, the meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

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Secretary/Assistant Secretary

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President/Vice President