

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
of the South Indian River Water Control District  
Held on August 17, 2023**

The regular meeting and annual public budget hearing of the South Indian River Water Control District were held on August 17, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at the District Work Center, 15600 Jupiter Farms Road, Jupiter, Florida, and via Zoom video conferencing. Present in person were Supervisors Michael Howard, Tom Powell, John Meyer, and John Jones. Also present were Charles Haas, treasurer; Mike Dillon, manager of operations; Karen Brandon, engineer; Seth Behn, attorney; Donna DeNinno, public information; and Jane Woodard, secretary. Two landowners were present in person. One landowner was present via Zoom conferencing.

Mr. Howard called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was given. He opened the meeting for the annual public budget hearing.

Mr. Haas stated there are no changes to the proposed 2023-24 annual budget presented at the June meeting. He noted that the rates for parcels subject to the hookup financing note will be decreased. There will be a \$75,000 increase in the internal service fund. There are sufficient funds available so maintenance assessments will not be changed. There are no changes in the debt service fund except that the Palm Beach Country Estates hookup financing assessments will decrease by \$98,000. This will be the final year for financing of the hookup fees in Palm Beach Country Estates, which will go to zero next year. There are no changes in Jupiter Farms or Egret Landing. Mr. Haas asked for questions from the landowners. There were no questions or comments, and Mr. Howard adjourned the public hearing.

Mr. Howard then opened the monthly board meeting.

Mr. Powell made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Jones seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mr. Howard opened the floor to landowner discussion. There were no questions or comments from the landowners.

Ms. DeNinno presented the public information report. The Policies & Procedures Manual continues to have changes from the engineer and attorney.

Mr. Haas presented the treasurer's report. He discussed plans to convert to a newer system of reporting which will be completed before the end of the fiscal year.

Mr. Haas presented a Resolution to adopt the proposed 2023-24 annual budget and elect to use the uniform method of collection of non-ad valorem assessments for the fiscal year 2023-24, and recommended Board approval. **Mr. Powell made a motion to approve the Resolution adopting the proposed 2023-24 budget and to levy special assessments using the uniform method of collection. Mr. Jones seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

Mr. Dillon presented the Manager of Operations report. Tree removal at C14 has been completed. There is still debris to be cleaned up. He will have a walkthrough with the contractor next week. Sod and seeding will follow.

Mr. Dillon presented photos of the resealing of the Berman Park parking area. There has been landowner discussion regarding an upgrade to the security system there. A ceiling fan has been requested for the pavilion.

Ms. Brandon presented the engineer's report. The contract documents for the Canal C project are being finalized. Bids will be solicited after Labor Day.

Ms. Brandon reported on water quality monitoring. Samples were presented for May, June and July. She presented a graph of the daily rainfall and a table showing the E. coli and fecal coliform results for those months. She will continue with this monitoring. Mr. Meyer noted a possible correlation between the rainfall and higher values. Ms. Brandon noted this was presented at only one location. She explained the difference between test tube and Petri dish procedures. At Mr. Meyer's request, Ms. Brandon will check to see if any samples are above the standards. She reported that no results on the sucralose samples have been received yet.

Ms. Brandon reported on the 20th Plan of Improvements. The surveyor with Legacy Surveying has not been able to provide his documents yet because of his workload. The same is the case with the Palm Beach Country Estates drainage study.

A new petition for paving of 167th Place North between Randolph Siding and 107th Drive North has been received. This includes nine parcels.

Under old business, it was noted that the ballots for electing a supervisor will be mailed out tomorrow.

Under new business, Mr. Dillon discussed the rainfall in the District this year, noting that there have been comments from the landowners that there is more water than normal in the swales. In 2021 the rainfall was 54"; in 2022 it was 63". This year April had 9" of rainfall, May was below average, June had 12", July was average, and August will be above average. He noted that storm fronts usually stall over the District. The rainy season extends to November and December. Mr. Howard noted this year the District has had short intense storms which lead to more standing water.

There was no further business to come before the Board at this time.

ADJOURNED.