

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING AND BUDGET HEARING
OF THE SOUTH INDIAN RIVER WATER CONTROL DISTRICT
HELD ON AUGUST 19, 2021**

The regular meeting and budget hearing of the South Indian River Water Control District were held on August 19, 2021, 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 Tom Powell, John Jones, Michael Howard, John Meyer, and Susan Kennedy. Also present in person were Amy Eason, engineer; Charles Haas, treasurer; Mike Dillon, manager of operations; and Jane Woodard, secretary. Five landowners were present in person. Present via Zoom conferencing were William Capko and Terry Lewis, attorneys; Donna DeNinno, public information; and one landowner.

Mr. Powell called the meeting to order, and the Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Mr. Powell then opened the public hearing on the budget. Mr. Haas presented the proposed 2021-22 budget and stated that the preliminary rates have been submitted for the TRIM bill. He noted the assessment for Jupiter Farms water control has been shifted to road maintenance in the amount of \$120,000. This does not affect the level of service. The Jupiter Farms capital improvement budget has been increased to continue the re-engineering project, begin improvements to the LRPI project, and replace the outdated telemetry system. The assessments for water control maintenance and capital projects will remain unchanged. In Palm Beach Country Estates, the budget will continue to fund Canal C and Canal E. Road maintenance will increase by \$12,000 and the water distribution bonds will decrease by \$12,000. Egret Landing and Jupiter Commerce Park assessments will have no changes. Internal service funds will be increased for distribution costs, and the debt service funds will also be increased. Mr. Haas then presented a breakdown of these highlights and a summary of the required assessment rates. He asked for landowner comments and Board discussion. There were no comments or further discussion.

Mr. Powell closed the public hearing and convened the regular Board meeting.

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

Mr. Powell opened the floor to landowner comments. There were no comments or discussion.

Ms. DeNinno presented the public information report. The summer newsletter has been mailed out. The "Welcome to the District" letter has been updated and is in the process of being mailed out to new owners. Upon adoption of the budget, it will be uploaded to the website. A Policy & Procedures Manual committee meeting has been scheduled for October 5th. Mr. Meyer noted that this meeting will be open to the public.

Mr. Haas presented the treasurer's report. The proposed assessment roll for the TRIM bill was sent to the Tax Collector on July 12th. He recommended adoption of a resolution approving the 2021-22 budget. Mr. Jones made a motion to adopt the budget and Mr. Howard seconded the motion. It was noted that the motion includes the election of the Uniform Method of Collection of Non-Ad Valorem Assessments for

the fiscal year 2021-22 and authorizes the Board to execute the appropriate written resolutions. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Dillon presented the manager of operations' report. The Canal C project is expected to qualify for possible funding in the 2022-23 calendar year. The District canals have been low all summer with rainfall 26" below last year.

Ms. Eason presented the engineer's report. The new AECOM contract has been reviewed by Attorney Capko and language was added regarding the CCNA selection process and the definition of Continuing Contract. Certain FEMA requirements, public records language, and E-Verify requirements were also added. It was noted that Ms. Eason's rate will not increase. She requested Board approval of the new contract. Attorneys Capko and Lewis confirmed their approval of the language changes. Mr. Haas also confirmed approval of the financial provisions in the contract. Mr. Meyer made a motion to approve the new contract. Mr. Jones seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Ms. Eason briefly discussed the FDEP grant for Section 7. The final documents are being prepared that will include answers to their questions. The cost reimbursement grant is \$353,500.

Regarding Canal C, there was a pre-application meeting with FDEP on the Section 404 permit. Plans were provided and a response is expected shortly.

Staff met with Palm Beach County regarding the proposed Canal E improvements. The District needs to provide a letter with plans of the intended improvements. A survey will be required.

Mr. Capko presented the attorney's report. Mr. Lewis reported on the change in his relationship with Florida Association of Special Districts. He will continue to participate legally and will continue to report on any legislation that affects special districts.

Ms. Eason presented an update on fill permits. She has provided information to the County regarding utilizing minimum sloping of .3% and 10-year retention. The County has made changes in the language, but Ms. Eason has not yet completed her review. The County is seeking input from other drainage districts. Ms. Kennedy questioned if the County will be able to implement grading. Ms. Eason stated this is correct as permits are coming in at .3% grade. The 10-year detention/retention is still being discussed.

This will be put in writing to the County. Ms. Kennedy stated the District-wide level of service should be whatever retention is necessary to keep the roads dry in a 10-year, 24-hour storm event. A landowner inquired if there is a long-term project for expanding the volume of water that can be held in swales. The Board stated this is what the engineer has been looking at in the Jupiter Farms Re-Engineering Project. The results suggest widening and deepening the swales for the best results.

Ms. Eason will inquire if there is anything in writing from the County at this time. Mr. Meyer inquired if this criteria applies to permits for new structures and bringing in fill. Ms. Eason stated the minimum requirement is 18 cubic yards for a permit. Mr. Meyer also inquired if there will be room on a 1.25-acre lot for a retention area to hold a 10-year storm. Ms. Eason noted an engineer in Palm Beach Country Estates was able to provide a 10-year retention area.

Mr. Howard brought up the issue of in-person attendance at the Board meetings as it applies to staff attendance. Mr. Powell stated the staff has done a good job of keeping the meetings going if they need to attend via Zoom conferencing, and the Board had no objections.

Ms. Eason noted that the trend from the federal government is to return to the environmental standards of the Obama era. She will monitor this trend and keep the Board advised.

There was no further business to come before the Board at this time, and the meeting was adjourned.

ADJOURNED.