

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL LANDOWNERS' MEETING  
OF THE SOUTH INDIAN RIVER WATER CONTROL DISTRICT  
HELD ON SEPTEMBER 21, 2017**

The annual landowners' meeting of the South Indian River Water Control District was held on September 21, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. at Jupiter High School, 500 N. Military Trail, Jupiter, Florida. Present were Supervisors Steve Hinkle, Michael Howard and John Jones. Also present were Amy Eason, engineer; Charles Haas, treasurer; William Capko, attorney; Mike Dillon, manager of operations; Donna DeNinno, public information; and Jane Woodard, secretary. Approximately 33 landowners were also present.

Attorney William Capko called the meeting to order. The Board and staff members took their seats in the audience.

Mr. Capko was nominated for chairman of the meeting by Mr. Matt Gitkin. Mr. Hinkle seconded the nomination and Mr. Capko was unanimously elected as chairman. Mr. Gitkin nominated Ms. Jane Woodard for secretary. Mr. Hinkle seconded the nomination and Ms. Woodard was unanimously elected as secretary.

Mr. Hinkle made a motion to accept the minutes of the 2016 annual landowners' meeting as presented. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

Mr. Capko opened the floor to nominations for supervisor. Messrs. John Jones, Bob Berman and Tom Powell were nominated and the nominations were seconded. Mr. Hinkle made a motion to close the nominations. Mr. Howard seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Landowners were asked to deposit any outstanding ballots. Mr. Hinkle made a motion to close the balloting. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously. Mr. Capko stated he will deliver the ballots to the Supervisor of Elections Office.

Mr. Haas presented the annual treasurer's report. He gave a brief background of how the District operates and assessments are determined. The District's fiscal year ends September 30th. District assessments are included on the County's tax bill. Water control is divided by east and west sides of the District. Road and park maintenance are separated into individual areas. He presented an overview of the revenues and expenditures, and noted that a major item is the payback of the debt service for various improvements. There were no questions or comments from the landowners, and Mr. Haas concluded his report.

Ms. Eason presented the annual engineer's report. She stated the District is in compliance with all regulatory requirements. She discussed capital improvements, resource regulations, intergovernmental coordination, and operations and maintenance.

Ms. Eason stated the 18<sup>th</sup> Plan of Improvements is expected to be finalized in April, under budget. A slideshow of the plan was presented.

Ms. Eason then discussed the 19<sup>th</sup> Plan of Improvements and presented a map of the roads involved. This plan is for an estimated \$1.1 million of asphalt. Swale maintenance will be done before the surveying, which is scheduled to begin in December. Annual financing for the 19th Plan is estimated at \$1,575/year for ten years.

Ms. Eason also discussed in detail the Reasonable Assurance Plan (RAP) and the Loxahatchee River Watershed Restoration Project.

Mr. Charles Bratton inquired about the delay in the 19th Plan. Ms. Eason explained there was time lost due to the storms. Ditches now have to be cleaned out in order for the surveying and design to be accurate. Mr. Murray Frye asked about choosing a paving project that would be handled by the County. Ms. Eason explained the County would have to be petitioned to do such a project and this is a cumbersome and expensive process.

Mr. Bob Berman stated there are lots in Palm Beach Country Estates that are shown as a flood area on the FEMA maps. It is hoped that this designation will be eliminated when the maps are updated. An application was made for an exemption from flood insurance requirements. Ms. Eason noted if there is enough interest, another petition can be filed. She will need to meet with the surveyor and reapply.

There were no other comments or questions from the landowners and Ms. Eason concluded her report.

Mr. Mike Dillon presented the annual Operations & Maintenance report. The rainfall this year was 54 inches. He presented an update on Hurricane Irma which produced 8 inches of rain in 14 hours. There were no reported issues with drainage. Mr. Dillon is working with SWA for debris removal and expects it will take four to six weeks to complete cleanup in the District. Road grading and mowing are continuing as much as possible.

Mr. Dillon discussed the driveway culvert replacement program which has now been delayed until November because of the storm. He explained that an 18-20" pipe costs \$300; a 24" pipe costs \$750. He asked landowners to call the office if this work is needed. Mr. Dillon also discussed culvert replacement in Canals 6 and 8. He discussed clearing of vegetation in the canals and presented slides of various areas being maintained. Mr. Dillon discussed secondary ditch reclamation, and drainage outfall swales that are encroached by fences, barns, etc. that impede maintenance, especially in Palm Beach Country Estates. He noted there are over 100 miles of dirt roads that require grading in the District. There were no comments or questions from the landowners and Mr. Dillon concluded his report.

Mr. Capko called for a vote on compensation for the supervisors.

Mr. Matt Gitkin stated he had reviewed the minutes back to 2004 and noted that the last raise for the supervisors was in 2006. He made a motion to increase the compensation from the current 11 days per month to 15 days. Mr. Capko noted this is the maximum provided for in Chapter 298. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Ms. Laura Bender asked about an increase in compensation for the Board secretary. Mr. Capko explained this is a matter that should be handled during a regular meeting of the supervisors.

There being no further business, Mr. Matt Gitkin made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Steve Hinkle seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

ADJOURNED.