

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL LANDOWNERS' MEETING
OF THE SOUTH INDIAN RIVER WATER CONTROL DISTRICT
HELD ON SEPTEMBER 15, 2011

The annual landowners' meeting of the South Indian River Water Control District was held on September 15, 2011, at 7:30 p.m. at Jupiter High School, 500 N. Military Trail, Jupiter, Florida. Present were Supervisors Tom Powell, Tom Rice, Dave Beane, Michael Danchuk and Michael Ryan. Also present were Len J. Lindahl, engineer; Charles Haas, treasurer; William Capko, attorney; Michael Dillon, manager of operations; Donna DeNinno, public information; and Jane Woodard, secretary. Fifteen landowners were present.

Mr. Powell called the annual landowners' meeting to order. He proposed that Tom Rice and Jane Woodard act as chairman and secretary, respectively, for this meeting. There were no objections and the chairman and secretary were so appointed.

Mr. Rice took the gavel and noted this would be the first landowners' meeting in many years without Gale English. A moment of silence followed as a tribute to Mr. English. Mr. Rice introduced Ms. Karen Baker from the Supervisor of Elections office, noting that ballots could be cast until 8:00 p.m.

Ms. Woodard read the minutes from the last annual landowners' meeting of 9/16/10. There were no corrections or additions. Mr. Steve Hinkle made a motion to approve these

minutes as submitted; Mr. Tom Powell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mr. Rice called for the election of a supervisor. Mr. Steve Hinkle made a motion to accept the two pre-declared candidates: Thomas Powell and Susan Kennedy. Mr. Michael Ryan seconded the motion and it carried without objection. There were no other nominations and a motion was made by Ms. Susan Kennedy to close the floor to further nominations. Mrs. Diane Frye seconded the motion and it carried without objection.

Mr. Steve Hinkle was concerned about landowners who did not receive ballots due to transfers in property ownership. Mr. Haas stated the official TRIM bill tax roll is used for the mailing; it is the most current information available as of May 20th. Mr. Rice asked that the treasurer and attorney address this matter again with the Property Appraiser's office. He noted that several weeks ago election signs were erected throughout the District, and information about the election was posted on the website and in the newsletter.

Mr. Rice called for final balloting and Ms. Karen Baker from the Supervisor of Elections Office then removed the official ballot box.

Mr. Lindahl presented the engineer's report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. He noted the District is in

compliance with all regulatory requirements that affect the works of the District and their operation; the works of the District continue to be operated and maintained in a manner that achieves the available level of service. He discussed the 16th Plan of Improvements which is a landowner-initiated OGEM and asphalt application project in Jupiter Farms and Palm Beach Country Estates. Mr. Lindahl also discussed resource regulations including water quality, the statewide storm water treatment rule and reclassification of Florida waters. He discussed water quality monitoring at 14 stations within SIRWCD. He reviewed the G-160 impact analysis study and the Hatcher/Halpryn property. In terms of operation and maintenance, Mr. Lindahl discussed canals, roadways and levees, including the levee along 69th Drive in Palm Beach Country Estates. He reported on the community park in Palm Beach Country Estates which is now included in the 13th Plan of Improvements. The FEMA floodplain maps have been updated. Lastly, a report on the previous year's rainfall was provided.

Mr. Steve Hinkle inquired about the four miles of county-standard paving. Mr. Lindahl stated the county standards apply only to the roadway and possibly the swales. He noted SIRWCD does not have the ability to place traffic calming devices.

Mr. Dillon presented the manager's report. He explained that SIRWCD functions as a special taxing district and presented

an overview of the District's operations. He noted there are 185 miles of roadside swales and 60 miles of canals within the District. Safety is a priority in the District and operators are trained to be aware of their surroundings. He discussed the use of ATV's and dirt bikes as well as placement of landscape debris. Mr. Dillon thanked the Board members for their support and acknowledged Mr. English as his mentor.

Mr. Rice noted that water quality is a major concern and the Board will keep the landowners informed of ongoing developments. He also noted that the Governor has recently made budget cuts in water control, specifically looking at all special districts. Mr. Capko will be making a presentation to the Governor's staff next week on the District's behalf.

Mr. Rice then called for voting on compensation for the supervisors. Mr. Steve Hinkle made a motion to continue compensation at \$50/day for a maximum of eleven days per month. The motion was seconded by Ms. Judy Merrit and carried unanimously.

Mr. Rice then opened the floor to general discussion by the landowners. Mr. Steve Hinkle questioned a discrepancy in the policy pertaining to referendum requirements. Mr. Rice confirmed that the current policy requires 35% of the affected landowners to submit a petition; the information on the website will be

corrected. Ms. Susan Kennedy questioned if mowing is considered road maintenance. Mr. Dillon stated mowing is considered both roadway and canal maintenance. Ms. Kennedy also inquired about the increase in the road maintenance budget even though more roads are being paved. Mr. Haas stated that the road maintenance budget includes long-term maintenance of the roads, renewal and replacement. Ms. Kennedy suggested it should be made clear to landowners that paving does not reduce maintenance fees. Mr. Rice agreed that this information should be included in future referendums.

Ms. Laura Hanley, landowner in Jupiter Farms, introduced herself and announced she is a candidate for County Commission District 1.

There being no other landowner questions or further business to be discussed at this time, the meeting was adjourned.

ADJOURNED.

Recording Secretary

APPROVED: _____