

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
SUNSHINE WATER CONTROL DISTRICT**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Sunshine Water Control District was held on **Wednesday, July 9, 2008, at 6:30 p.m.**, in the **Commission Chambers, Coral Springs City Hall, 9551 West Sample Road, Coral Springs, Florida 33928.**

**Present at the meeting were:**

Mary Macomber	President
Dave Hulett	Vice President
Emily Heafy	Assistant Secretary

**Also present were:**

Bruce Cranmer	District Counsel
Cory Selchan	District Field Supervisor
Doug Paton	Client Services Manager
Cedo Da Silva	District Engineer
John McKune	District Consulting Engineer
Rich Michaud	City of Coral Springs Public Works
Rhon Ernest-Jones	Rhon Ernest-Jones, CE/IBI
Tom Donahue	Rhon Ernest-Jones, CE/IBI
Luisa Moreno	DeRose Design Consultants
Terry	DeRose Design Consultants

**FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Call to Order/Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. Mr. Paton took roll call and all members were present.

**SECOND ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Authorization for District Engineer to Prepare Canal Bank & Canal Easement Exhibit**

This item was tabled in order to obtain additional information from staff.

**THIRD ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Consideration of Agreement Between the Sunshine Water Control District and Rhon Ernest-Jones/IBI, a Division of IBI Group, Inc., for Professional Engineering Services**

Mr. Paton advised that staff found everything in order and recommended moving forward with this agreement.

**On MOTION by Mr. Hulett and seconded by Ms. Heafy, all voted in favor of accepting the Agreement Between the Sunshine Water Control District and Rhon Ernest-Jones/IBI, a Division of IBI Group, Inc., for Professional Engineering Services.**

**FOURTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Authorization for Rhon Ernest-Jones/IBI, a Division of IBI Group, Inc., to Prepare an Exhibit to the Budget Outlining District Owned Property, Easements, and Facilities**

It was stated that since the agreement was signed, it might be a good idea to have Mr. Ernest-Jones address the Board regarding this assignment.

Mr. Ernest-Jones said it was his firm’s intent to save the District money by utilizing resources available from the City of Coral Springs. He explained that the exhibit to the budget outlined all the easements, facilities and District-owned property.

Mr. Paton explained that staff had asked Mr. Ernest-Jones to provide a detailed map of all the City’s right-of-ways and easements and attach this to the budget; this will help staff identify specific areas where work is being done in the reclamation project.

Ms. Macomber said she was uncomfortable approving this without more backup information. Mr. Ernest-Jones assured the Board that his firm will work efficiently to utilize all available material and resources that the City has offered to the District. Ms. Macomber voiced concern that this additional effort might cost the District additional money. She recalled that similar materials had been given to the District in the past that outlined ownership. She stressed that she would not support any effort that would cause undue expense unless there is a really good reason for this.

Mr. Hulett explained that Mr. Ernest-Jones is attempting to provide an updated map of everything that belongs to the District and that some helpful materials might be available from CH2M Hill and from the City.

Further discussion on this item was tabled to the next meeting.

**FIFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Board Approval to Piggyback Off of the City of Coral Springs' Post Hurricane Clean-Up Agreement and Monitoring Agreement**

Mr. Cranmer said there is now specific direction from the Manager and the two (2) City contractors to proceed on this. He explained that under the terms of this contract, the District substitutes itself for the city, agrees to abide by the terms and scope of the contracts and designates liaison personnel.

It was stated that the District will have a separate contract with the two (2) companies involved. It was suggested that Mr. Wrathell and Mr. Paton be designated as liaison personnel authorized to sign the documents to proceed.

It was suggested that staff customize the list of needed equipment for canal restoration to ensure reimbursement from NRCS.

Discussion ensued on this topic.

**On MOTION by Ms. Heafy and seconded by Mr. Hulett, all voted in favor of granting approval to piggyback off the City of Coral Springs' Post Hurricane Clean-Up Agreement and Monitoring Agreement.**

**SIXTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Approval of Forms of Agreement with the firms of Phillips and Jordan, Inc., and Malcolm Pirnie, With Forthcoming Modifications to Address Sunshine's Specific Needs**

**On MOTION by Mr. Hulett and seconded by Ms. Heafy, all voted in favor of granting approval of Forms of Agreement with the firms of Phillips and Jordan, Inc., and Malcolm Pirnie.**

**SEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Consideration of Permit Requests**

**a. Coral Springs New Fire Station #80 at Mullins Park & City Center Improvements**

Luisa Moreno, Engineer for DeRose Design Consultants, introduced herself to the Board. Ms. Moreno asked when her firm should coordinate work with the District. She also asked for clarification on the District's comments about the re-sodding and re-grading of District right-of-ways. It was stated that this comment was in place to ensure that the canal banks are compacted and re-sodded to the original state.

Terry with DeRose Design Consultants said the rear portion of the site is very low, but his firm is raising these elevations.

**On MOTION by Mr. Hulett and seconded by Ms. Heafy, all voted in favor of approving the permit with special conditions outlined.**

**b. Stormwater Improvements for Meadows & Dells Neighborhoods Basin 2 – East Riverside Drive and South of NW 44<sup>th</sup> Court**

**On MOTION by Ms. Heafy and seconded by Mr. Hulett, all voted in favor of approving the permit with special conditions outlined.**

**EIGHTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Consideration of CSID Scope of Services Provided to Sunshine Water Control District 2008-2009**

Mr. Paton explained that the original estimate from CSID for this year's budget was about \$45,000 for facilities and employee-related activities. He advised that staff negotiated with CSID and was able to reduce this number to \$39,000. He said the only caveat with approval and going forward with this arrangement for the next budget year is that staff wishes to have these costs re-allocated. He explained that after some queries were made of human resources companies, it was discovered that the real market prices were less than what they would charge the District. He explained that staff is asking CSID to allocate about \$10,000 toward Human Resources. Mr. Paton stated CSID is happy to work with these prices.

**On MOTION by Mr. Hulett and seconded by Ms. Heafy, all voted in favor of approval of an agreement with CSID.**

**NINTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Other Business**

No Other Business was discussed.

**TENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Approval of June 11, 2008 Regular Meeting Minutes**

Corrections were provided to the minutes as follows:

Page 6, Line 209: Insert "Chapter" before 197.

Line 291 and 292: Reflect that Mr. Hulett asked Mr. Cranmer about the pension plan, as well as the medical and dental plan.

**On MOTION by Mr. Hulett and seconded by Ms. Heafy, all voted in favor of approving the June 11, 2008 minutes as corrected.**

**ELEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Staff Reports**

**a. Attorney**

No report was given.

Mr. Hulett asked if a letter of termination was sent to CH2M Hill. Mr. Cranmer responded affirmatively and said the letter was sent the day after the last meeting. He advised that the termination would be in effect in ninety (90) days.

**b. Engineer**

Mr. Da Silva advised that the NRCS work is about 75 percent completed in the areas he indicated.

Mr. Paton advised that a work schedule was placed on the District's website, but the work did not exactly follow this.

Mr. Da Silva advised that staff met with the contractor and obtained a proposal for work on the east outfall canal. He stated this proposal was for \$260,000 to do the two (2) miles, in addition to the contract. He stated that staff and the contractor had agreed to eliminate some

areas and planned to bring fill from a specific site and replace fill in other canal bank areas; he stated that doing this will save the District \$375,000 out of the original contract.

Mr. Selchan commented that this is a good idea and recalled that canal bank work had become difficult when workers hit hard bedrock. He explained that the contractor is willing to give the District enough credit to begin work on the east outfall canal bank within the contracted \$1.3 million. He added that the NRCS will be coming out the following week to meet with staff.

Discussion ensued on this topic.

Staff requested approval from the Board on the plans as outlined.

**On MOTION by Ms. Heafy and seconded by Mr. Hulett, all voted in favor to approve the plans as outlined.**

**c. Field Supervisor**

Regarding the NRCS canal clean up work, Mr. Selchan said that most residents were providing positive feedback, in spite of some mishaps with sprinkler intake issues. He added that the contractor is doing an excellent job of taking care of residents and addressing their questions.

Mr. Selchan said since the fences were patched, there have been no further instances of vandalism.

Mr. Selchan said due to the increased rainfall, staff had pumped the west basin for about 30-40 hours over the past month. He added that water had been pumped to a level of about 8.5.

**d. Manager**

**i. Unaudited Financial Statements as of June 30, 2008**

Mr. Paton presented the June 30, 2008 Unaudited Financial Statements. He advised that assessment levies are up to 95 percent as of June 30. He said that everything else was status quo.

Mr. Hulett asked about the status of monies that were in the State Board of Administration. Mr. Paton advised this issue was still status quo and that so far, no monies had been released.

Brief discussion ensued on operational costs which had gone above the budgeted amount.

Mr. Hulett requested that staff take a look at areas that were over budget to see if these can be better anticipated next year.

**ii. Approval of CH2M Hill Invoices**

Mr. Paton requested the Board's approval of these invoices.

**On MOTION by Mr. Hulett, and seconded by Ms. Heafy, all voted in favor to approve the CH2M Hill invoices.**

**iii. Insurance Policy Savings**

Mr. Paton advised that Mr. Wrathell was able to save the District a considerable amount on the insurance premium by re-negotiating the contract period for a 15-month period. This resulted in a \$2,500 savings in premiums.

**TWELFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Audience Comments and Supervisors' Requests**

Mr. Ernest-Jones said he was approached by the property owners association for the Corporate Park and asked to advise the Board of a serious flooding situation there. He commented that this area needs to be looked at. He explained that water is being blocked by certain property owners who were not maintaining their areas in the Corporate Park. He asked the Board to help initiate an enforcement policy to ensure property owners maintain their swales if this is, in fact, their obligation.

Ms. Macomber stated this is an issue the Board has been working on with the City. Mr. Da Silva stated that the District does not issue the relevant permits. He spoke of a meeting held between staff, the engineer and SFWMD to see how this relationship could be worked to where the District could enforce maintenance.

It was stated by Mr. Selchan that the swale areas being referred to in the Corporate Park are not maintained by Sunshine Water Control District, but are the responsibility of the property owners. It was agreed that most of the businesses in this area are not maintaining their swales. It was suggested that the District meet with Code Enforcement personnel who could then stipulate that property managers address these problems.

Mr. Hulett suggested that Mr. Ernest-Jones discuss this issue with Mr. Wrathell and that this item be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

Mr. Ernest-Jones felt the District had some affirmative obligation to address this issue and take a stronger stance with those responsible for these problems.

Discussion ensued on this topic.

Mr. Hulett commented on the abundance of plant growth on canals. He asked that staff discuss this with Mr. Wrathell and address some kind of policy to maintain the newly cleaned canal banks. Ms. Heafy suggested that the District continue to use a page in the magazine to educate the public appropriately about canal bank maintenance.

Mr. Michaud stated that staff will meet with Mr. Mulronev and discuss this issue further.

It was stated that the herbicide being applied to tree stumps seems to be working better than the herbicide the contractor used. It was suggested that a combination of City and District staff, along with educational measures to the public, will help maintain the upgrades already done.

It was commented that residents who planted ornamentals created difficulties and blocked access to City right-of-ways. It was stressed that the public needs to be educated about the need for access to City right-of-ways in emergency situations.

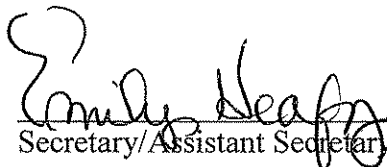
It was stated that an informative program on television would be a good measure to reach a large portion of residents in the community. It was stated that Channel 25 was unable to broadcast such a program at this time, but will consider it in the future.

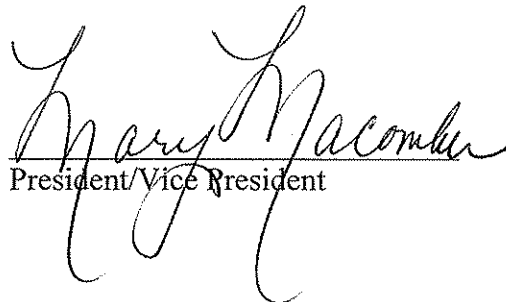
Discussion ensued on this topic.

**THIRTEENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

  
Secretary/Assistant Secretary

  
President/Vice President