

**MINUTES OF MEETING
SUNSHINE WATER CONTROL DISTRICT**

The Board of Supervisors of the Sunshine Water Control District held a Regular Meeting on July 10, 2024 at 6:30 p.m., at Sartory Hall, 10150 NW 29th Street, Coral Springs, Florida 33065.

Present were:

Joe Morera	President
Carol Smith	Secretary

Also present:

Jamie Sanchez	District Manager
Janice Rustin	District Counsel
Orlando Rubio (via telephone)	District Engineer
Cory Selchan	Field Superintendent
David Caplivski	Grau & Associates
Peter Palmer	Member of the public
Laurence N. Kaldor	Member of the public

FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS

Call to Order

Mr. Morera called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., and noted today is the 61st anniversary of the creation of the Sunshine Water Control District, which coincides with the creation of the City of Coral Springs. The City needed drainage and the District was formed.

SECOND ORDER OF BUSINESS

Roll Call

Supervisors Morera and Smith were present. Supervisor Ortiz was absent.

THIRD ORDER OF BUSINESS

Pledge of Allegiance

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

FOURTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

**Public Comments [3-Minute Time Limit]
(Comments should be made from the
microphone to ensure recording. Please
state your name prior to speaking.)**

Ms. Sanchez explained the protocols for public comments.

No members of the public spoke.

FIFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

**Presentation of Audited Financial Report
for the Fiscal Year Ended September 30,
2023, Prepared by Grau & Associates**

Mr. Caplivski, of Grau & Associates, stated the reason for an independent audit of the District's financial statements is to build trust and provide assurance that the information in the financial statements is accurately presented in accordance with generally-accepted governmental accounting principles (GAP). It is also required by the Florida Statutes, which state that all governmental entities in Florida must submit and file an audit of its financial statements annually with the State.

Mr. Caplivski presented the Audited Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2023 and noted the pertinent information. There were no findings, recommendations, deficiencies on internal control or instances of non-compliance; it was a clean audit.

Mr. Morera stated this is the District's 10th or 11th year having a clean financial audit and asked if there is anything specific in the Audit that needs to be highlighted. Mr. Caplivski stated, in general, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2023, the District is well within budget; the expenditures came in under budget and revenues came in slightly overbudget, which is a win-win. The District's ending financial position is \$13.1 million as of September 30, 2023, which is good.

SIXTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

**Consideration of Resolution 2024-08,
Hereby Accepting the Audited Financial
Report for the Fiscal Year Ended
September 30, 2023**

Mr. Morera presented Resolution 2024-08.

On MOTION by Ms. Smith and seconded by Mr. Morera, with all in favor, Resolution 2024-08, Hereby Accepting the Audited Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2023, was adopted.

SEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Update: General Election

Ms. Sanchez stated there were four qualified electors for the District Seats, two of which are present tonight.

Ms. Rustin recalled that, at the last meeting, there was a question about the residency requirements of one of the candidates. She contacted that individual during the candidate qualifying period and informed him about the District's boundaries and he responded that he is located within the District and is eligible. She then sent the person a map of the District and did not hear anything back. In checking with the Supervisor of Elections (SOE) office, it appears the person might not meet the eligibility criteria. This is currently an administrative matter and not a legal issue. The District Manager can contact the individual again to confirm his information. Aside from that, until the candidate is seated, this Board cannot take any action because the matter is under the providence of the SOE.

Mr. Morera stated he does not want to single anyone out, but the District is going to request confirmation of residency and voiced his opinion that it should do so for every candidate that filed. This way, there is a uniform application of information requested and, if at a certain point it is confirmed that the qualification is not met, then the appropriate action can be taken, as required by ordinance or by statute to then notify the particular individual that they do not meet the criteria, are not a qualified candidate and will not be placed on the November ballot by the SOE.

Discussion ensued regarding an Enabling Act Resolution put forth by Representative Daly; the District's boundaries; candidate eligibility; requesting information from candidates-elect, such as driver's licenses, utility bills and tax bills; accessing candidate information from the property appraiser's website; the SOE and the next steps.

Ms. Rustin stated the District should send a letter to the candidate requesting information of them and have the candidate state under oath that they live within this certain boundary and, if he is not within the boundaries, the District can inform him of his ineligibility and ask him to do the right thing by the District and not serve on the Board. It falls under the providence of the SOE until the candidate is actually seated, so District Staff can coordinate and send candidate residency information to the SOE.

Ms. Sanchez will draft a letter asking all four candidates to verify their addresses and to provide support documentation proving that they reside within the District boundaries and send it to Ms. Rustin for review before mailing it. Mr. Morera hopes to have a firm answer by the August meeting.

Ms. Rustin stated a second issue is that there is still one open seat and Mr. Lyons will alert the Governor's office to commence the process of having the Governor appoint an individual to fill the seat. She responded to questions regarding the process of having the Governor appoint someone to fill Board seats and about the criteria for assigning seats, with no opposition to newly-elected Board Members.

EIGHTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Consideration of Proposals to Remove Fallen Tree from Canal

A. Grateful Tree and Hedge Quote #1710

B. Just Call James, Inc. Estimate #1334

Mr. Selchan stated recent storms caused a tree to fall into one of the District's canals. He presented proposals to have the tree removed and noted that both vendors are well-qualified to do the work. He recommended using Just call James, the lowest-priced vendor.

Discussion ensued regarding the scope of work, the tree stump and the lake bank.

On MOTION by Ms. Smith and seconded by Mr. Morera, with all in favor, Just Call James, Inc. Estimate #1334, in the amount of \$4,400, was approved.

NINTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**Consideration of Proposals for Obstruction Removal at 8976 NW 25th Court**

Mr. Selchan presented the following proposals for obstruction removal at 8976 NW 25th Court:

- A. Grateful Tree and Hedge Quote #1709**
- B. Just Call James, Inc. Estimate #1333**

On MOTION by Ms. Smith and seconded by Mr. Morera, with all in favor, Just Call James, Inc. Estimate #1333, in the amount of \$5,400, was approved.

TENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**Acceptance of Unaudited Financial Statements as of May 31, 2024**

Ms. Sanchez presented the Unaudited Financial Statements as of May 31, 2024 and reported that the Controller recommended keeping the State Board of Administration (SBA) account where it is currently being held because it is earning slightly more interest there than in the ICS account.

Discussion ensued regarding the accrued interest, the ICS fund, the SBA account, updating the debt service payments, the increased revenue amount and future debris removal projects.

On MOTION by Ms. Smith and seconded by Mr. Morera, with all in favor, the Unaudited Financial Statements as of May 31, 2024, were accepted.

ELEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**Approval of June 12, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes**

Ms. Sanchez presented the June 12, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes. The following changes were made:

Line 102: Change "Meleary" to "Mulieri"

Line 103: Change "Caldire" to "Kaldor"

On MOTION by Ms. Smith and seconded by Mr. Morera, with all in favor, the June 12, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes, as amended, were approved.

TWELFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**Supervisors' Communications**

Ms. Smith discussed the upcoming November General Election, August primary, the universal primary, County races and School Board and Judgeship races. Information about the candidates and races can be found on the website vote411.org.

Mr. Morera reported that the City had a technical issue with its July 4th fireworks display and there were several disappointed residents. He urged everyone to be safe, stay hydrated and voiced his hope that no disastrous storms impact the area. He thanked District Staff and the Field Supervisor for their hard work and dedication.

THIRTEENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**Staff Reports****A. District Counsel: Lewis, Longman & Walker, P.A.**

Ms. Rustin stated, with the two qualified candidates in attendance, she wondered if the Sunshine Law applies to them and read the following statement from the Sunshine Law Manual into the record:

"The Sunshine Law applies when you are a candidate-elect or a Board Member-elect, even though you are unopposed, the Sunshine Law will not apply until after the election. So, on the day of the election, any candidate-elect or a Board Member-elect should refrain from discussing any District business with other Board Members unless in a public meeting."

Ms. Sanchez stated, once the candidates are sworn in this November, she will provide a Supervisors packet and go over all the rules and requirements of being a Board Member so the new Board Members understand exactly what is expected.

B. District Engineer: Craig A. Smith & Associates**I. Presentation: Monthly Engineer's Report**

Mr. Rubio presented the Monthly Engineer's Report and provided updates about the Pump Station 3 Replacement, the West Outfall Canal (WOFC) Phase 3 and a ROW permitting.

C. District Engineering Consultant: John McKune

There was no report.

D. District Field Supervisor: Cory Selchan

Mr. Selchan reported the following:

- The District received 13" of rain in June; the monthly average is 7.3".
- A two-day storm on June 12 and 13, 2024 caused a tree to fall into a canal and created a condition that necessitated running the pump station for the West Basin. There was an issue with one of the motors, which was subsequently repaired. Mr. Selchan hopes the repair is covered and under warranty from the manufacturer.
- Since the last meeting, a culvert project at three sites in the District was completed.
- Staffing: Two employees recently contracted Covid.
- The District might need to purchase a new tractor, as the current one is not consistent.

Mr. Selchan responded to questions regarding the gate at the south end in Margate, the divers and the culverts.

E. District Manager: Wrathell, Hunt & Associates, LLC

- **NEXT MEETING: August 14, 2024 at 6:30 PM**
- QUORUM CHECK**

FOURTEENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Public Comments


Resident Laurence Kaldor introduced himself and voiced his intention to attend every meeting until November. He asked if there is anything he should know or learn about before becoming an official Board Member. Ms. Sanchez suggested reading the meeting minutes that are posted on the District website.

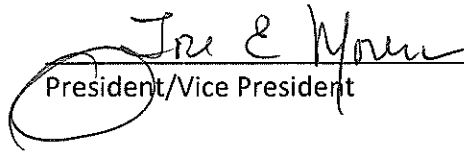
Resident Peter Palmer stated he has resided in Coral Springs for 34 years, is a former firefighter for the City and he looks forward to serving on the Board.

FIFTEENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Adjournment

On MOTION by Ms. Smith and seconded by Mr. Morera, with all in favor, the meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.


Secretary/Assistant Secretary


President/Vice President