

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
SUNSHINE WATER CONTROL DISTRICT**

The Board of Supervisors of the Sunshine Water Control District held a Regular Meeting on August 14, 2024 at 6:30 p.m., at Sartory Hall, 10150 NW 29th Street, Coral Springs, Florida 33065.

**Present were:**

Joe Morera  
Ivan Ortiz (via telephone)  
Carol Smith

President  
Vice President  
Secretary

**Also present:**

Jamie Sanchez  
Janice Rustin  
Orlando Rubio  
Cory Selchan

District Manager  
District Counsel  
District Engineer  
Field Superintendent

**FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Call to Order**

Mr. Morera called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

**SECOND ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Roll Call**

Supervisors Morera and Smith were present. Supervisor Ortiz attended via telephone.

**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.)**

No members of the public spoke.

**FIFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS****Consideration of Phillips & Jordan Contract  
Renewal – 1 Year Extension**

Ms. Sanchez presented the Phillips & Jordan contract renewal for an additional 1-year extension and stated that Ms. Rustin reviewed the agenda and noticed that an anti-human trafficking affidavit should be submitted with the renewal extension. The affidavit became effective as of July 1, 2024.

Ms. Smith asked about the total cost. Mr. Selchan stated there is no cost to the District unless it uses their services, such as following a hurricane or a natural storm event.

**On MOTION by Ms. Smith and seconded by Mr. Ortiz, with all in favor, the Phillips & Jordan Contract Renewal – 1 Year Extension, for disaster and debris removal, was approved.**

**SIXTH ORDER OF BUSINESS****Consideration of Goals and Objectives  
Reporting [HB7013 - Special Districts  
Performance Measures and Standards  
Reporting]**

Ms. Sanchez presented the Memorandum detailing this new requirement and explained that newly adopted legislation requires special districts to establish goals and objectives annually and develop performance measures and standards to assess the achievement of the goals and objectives, to enhance accountability and transparency. She called attention to a standard form that Management's office is using to establish the goals and objectives. Upon District Counsel's review of the form, Ms. Rustin suggested changing the verbiage to apply to Water Control Districts and stated that the Board should determine its goal in relation to the public meeting compliance and how many meetings to hold per year.

Discussion ensued regarding changing the minimum number of meetings from two to six, whether the District should continue holding monthly meetings, the capital improvement projects, how often other Water Control Districts meet, the Florida Legislature, cost recovery criteria, right-of-way (ROW) permitting and stormwater certifications.

Ms. Rustin stated the goals and objectives do not have to be adopted until October. She will research compliance of other Water Control Districts with respect to the number of meetings, permitting and certification and report her findings at the next meeting.

This item was deferred.

**SEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS****Acceptance of Unaudited Financial  
Statements as of June 30, 2024**

**On MOTION by Ms. Smith and seconded by Mr. Ortiz, with all in favor, the Unaudited Financial Statements as of June 30, 2024, were accepted.**

**EIGHTH ORDER OF BUSINESS****Approval of July 10, 2024 Regular Meeting  
Minutes**

Mr. Morera presented the July 10, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes.

The following changes were made:

Line 100: Change "Daly" to "Daley"

Line 44: Change "No members of the public spoke." to "Members of the public introduced themselves and stated that they would speak at the end of the meeting in the second portion of public comments."

**On MOTION by Ms. Smith and seconded by Mr. Ortiz, with all in favor, the July 10, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes, as amended, were approved.**

**NINTH ORDER OF BUSINESS****Supervisors' Communications**

Ms. Smith stated all is well and congratulated Mr. Morera on his new grandchild.

Mr. Ortiz congratulated Mr. Morera and asked if Supervisors who are not returning to the Board must still complete the ethics training requirement. Ms. Sanchez replied affirmatively and offered to resend the link to Mr. Ortiz. Ms. Rustin stated that, out of an abundance of caution, all Board Members should complete the training.

Mr. Morera thanked everyone for their well wishes on the birth of his granddaughter, noted that early voting for the primary has commenced and will go through August 18<sup>th</sup>, at the Northwest Regional Library but registered voters can vote anywhere in the County.

Discussion ensued regarding the convenience of mail-in ballots, the primary races and the League of Women Voters.

Mr. Morera stated that Labor Day is coming up and wished everyone a good holiday weekend and thanked Staff for their hard work on behalf of the District.

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

Ms. Rustin reported the following:

- Two new laws were passed during the most recent legislative session and took effect on July 1, 2024.
- The first law is a new requirement that prohibits human trafficking. A section of the law requires non-governmental entities that contract with governmental entities for labor or services to submit an anti-human trafficking affidavit attesting that they do not use coercion in their labor. Staff provided affidavits to all its clientele and urges them to have contractors submit an affidavit for the District's files.
- The second law is a requirement involving State-funded public works projects wherein, contractors are required to use iron and steel produced in the U.S.; this is similar to the Federal Buy America for America Act of 2021.

Ms. Rustin and Mr. Selchan responded to questions regarding House Bill (HB) 705, reclaimed water, pollution control, HB740, stormwater treatment and bid procurement.

**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 project, the West Outfall Canal Phase 3 project and a permit request.

**II. Permit Application(s)**

- **City of Coral Springs – Westchester Drainage Improvements [Phase 2]**

Mr. Rubio presented a City of Coral Springs right-of-way (ROW) permit application for the installation of upgraded stormwater outfalls into the Westchester Lake system and recommended approval.

**On MOTION by Ms. Smith and seconded by Mr. Ortiz, with all in favor, the CAS Project No. 15-1826, Right-of-Way permit application, submitted by the City of Coral Springs for Westchester Drainage Improvements – Phase 2, S19/T48S/R41E, for the installation of upgraded outfalls into the SWCD Westchester Lake system, subject to the Special Conditions set forth in the August 7, 2024 recommendation letter, was approved.**

**C. District Engineering Consultant: John McKune**

There was no report.

**D. District Field Supervisor: Cory Selchan**

Mr. Selchan reported the following:

- The District received 2.44” of rain in the past month. So far this year, the District has received approximately 36” of rain; typical annual rainfall is 67”.
- Water levels are high; aquatic weed growth is at its peak and crews have been spraying and picking up debris in the canals and waterways.

Mr. Morera shared that he recently attended a meeting wherein two residents complained about the spraying for invasive weeds, as they believe it impacts native vegetation and drives away the birds in the area. The residents asked about using other methods to control weed growth. Mr. Morera replied that the District follows EPA requirements and South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) directions on canal maintenance and are within the guidelines. Mr. Selchan stated the crews use the most cost-effective means of treating aquatic weeds. He discussed herbicides, harvesting machines, grass carp and Roundup®. He stated nothing controls weeds as well as herbicides.

- The pump stations are functioning as they should and the District is in good shape.

Asked about upgraded motor, Mr. Selchan stated one of the motors failed and, since a spare motor is always kept on hand, the failed motor was replaced with the spare one and the pumps are back up and running.

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

**I. Obstructions Removal Agreement - Option 2**

Ms. Sanchez presented the Option 2 Obstructions Removal Agreement; the resident is requesting that the District remove the obstruction.

**a. Consideration of Proposals for Obstruction Removal at 4356 Northwest 113<sup>th</sup> Terrace**

**i. Castle Tree Art Work Order/Invoice Estimate #1333**

**ii. Grateful Tree and Hedge Quote #1627**

**iii. Just Call James, Inc. Estimate #1339**

Mr. Selchan recommended engaging the lowest bidder, which is Grateful Tree & Hedge.

**On MOTION by Ms. Smith and seconded by Mr. Ortiz, with all in favor, Grateful Tree & Hedge Quote #1627 for Obstruction Removal at 4356 Northwest 113<sup>th</sup> Terrace, in a not-to-exceed amount of \$13,000, was approved.**

Ms. Rustin asked Staff to request an affidavit from the obstruction removal contractor.

Ms. Sanchez recalled that, at the previous meeting, the Board directed Staff to contact the four qualified electors and request proof of residency within the District. Three of the qualified electors sent their documents.

Referencing handouts, the Board and Staff reviewed the proof of residency documents submitted by the qualified electors. It was noted that one resident, Mr. Daniel Mulieri, is renting and his building address is not located within the District. Mr. Morera stated that, as far as documentation to confirm residency within the District, Mr. Mulieri has not met the criteria and asked about the next steps. Ms. Rustin recommended Staff inform Mr. Mulieri that he is not eligible and that he must withdraw his candidacy. Mr. Selchan stated it appears that two out of five new Board Members will have to be appointed by the Governor.

**I. NEXT MEETING: September 12, 2024 at 5:30 PM [Adoption of FY2025 Budget]**

○ QUORUM CHECK

ELEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Public Comments

There were no members of the public present.

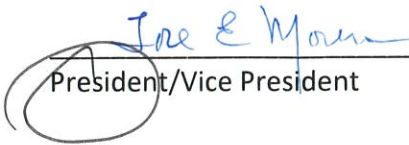
TWELFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Adjournment

On MOTION by Ms. Smith and seconded by Mr. Ortiz, with all in favor, the meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.
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Secretary/Assistant Secretary

  
President/Vice President