

**MINUTES OF MEETING
SUNSHINE WATER CONTROL DISTRICT**

The Board of Supervisors of the Sunshine Water Control District held a Regular Meeting on December 13, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. at Cypress Hall, Cypress Hammock Park, 1300 Coral Springs Drive, Coral Springs, Florida 33065.

Present were:

Laurence Kaldor	President
Peter Palmer	Vice President
Frankie Romano	Secretary

Also present:

Jamie Sanchez	District Manager
Janice Rustin	District Counsel
Chris Lyons (via telephone)	Lewis, Longman & Walker, P.A.
Orlando Rubio	District Engineer
Cory Selchan	Field Superintendent

FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS

Call to Order

Ms. Sanchez called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m.

SECOND ORDER OF BUSINESS

Roll Call

All Supervisors were present. Two seats are vacant.

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

Discussion: Trash Bonds

Ms. Sanchez recalled that the Board had questions regarding trash bond amounts and the Board asked for this to be included as a discussion item on today's agenda.

Mr. Selchan asked the Board to table this item to the next meeting.

This item was deferred.

SIXTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**Consideration of AvMed Renewal**

Ms. Sanchez presented the Gallagher Renewal Summary At-a-Glance and stated these are the health care plans that the Sunshine Water Control District (SWCD) provides for its employees. Although the plans are similar to Fiscal Year 2024, overall, the insurance cost increased by \$81.61, which is a 0.5% increase. She noted the AvMed Medical Plan and Ameritas Dental Plan increases and stated there were no changes for vision and basic life AD&D and Disability. Ms. Sanchez asked for approval of the insurance and new insurance rates. In response to Mr. Kaldor's question, Ms. Sanchez confirmed that the rates are correct; the summary is described as "for illustrative purposes only" to conceal the personal information of the District's employees.

On MOTION by Mr. Kaldor and seconded by Mr. Palmer, with all in favor, the renewal of the AvMed Health Insurance at the new rates, as presented by Gallagher, was approved.

SEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**Acceptance of Unaudited Financial Statements as of October 31, 2024**

Ms. Sanchez presented the Unaudited Financial Statements as of October 31, 2024.

Ms. Sanchez and Mr. Selchan responded to questions about the current interest rate for the BankUnited account, why the District has five bank accounts, which account offers the best interest rate, the "3 months working capital" line item, the annual budget process, the two debt service funds, the retirement plan consultant, status of the West Outfall Canal (WOFC) Phase 3 Project and the "Disaster recovery", "Truck replacement", and "Legal – legislative representation" budget line items.

On MOTION by Mr. Kaldor and seconded by Mr. Palmer, with all in favor, the Unaudited Financial Statements as of October 31, 2024, were accepted.

Mr. Chris Lyon joined the call.

EIGHTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Approval of November 19, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes

The following changes were made:

Lines 19 and 20: Change “member of the public” to “Resident”

<p>On MOTION by Mr. Kaldor and seconded by Mr. Palmer, with all in favor, the November 19, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes, as amended, were approved.</p>
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NINTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Supervisors’ Communications

Asked what would typically be communicated by Supervisors, Ms. Sanchez stated that the previous Board usually commented about what was going on in the City of Coral Springs and/or would just wish everyone a happy holiday, depending on the time of year. Ms. Sanchez pointed out that this Agenda item can be discontinued if the Board directs Staff to remove it.

Mr. Selchan stated Supervisors can communicate whatever is on their minds.

The Board Members wished everyone in attendance a happy holiday season.

TENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Staff Reports

A. District Counsel: Lewis, Longman & Walker, P.A.

Mr. Lyon introduced himself and gave a brief synopsis of his professional background and experience as a Legislative Lobbyist and assured that no other Lobbyist in Tallahassee is more knowledgeable about Special Districts than he and his firm. He provided a brief history of his legislative monitoring work for the SWCD. Referencing the handout, he presented the Engagement Letter for 2025 Legislative Representation and discussed costs, billing and payment and how he will coordinate with the Governor’s office to fill the remaining Board seats as quickly as possible.

Mr. Lyon responded to questions regarding the current legislative session, the bill filing system and if he can be contacted for advice if the Board’s consensus is to reject legislative monitoring.

Discussion ensued regarding the usefulness of legislative monitoring and whether to engage Mr. Lyon for \$12,000 or for \$24,000 for both appointment assistance and monitoring. The consensus was to engage Mr. Lyon for the Fiscal Year 2025 budgeted amount of \$24,000.

- **Engagement Letter for 2025 Legislative Representation**

On MOTION by Mr. Palmer and seconded by Mr. Romano, with all in favor, the Engagement Letter and engagement of Mr. Chris Lyon for 2025 Legislative Representation, was approved.

Mr. Lyon thanked the Board and left the call.

- **Discussion: DEP Permit Application for Monitoring Well**

Referencing a handout, Ms. Rustin presented the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Permit Application for Monitoring Well. She recommended the Board waive the permit fee, waive the trash bond and approve the Permit Application on a temporary basis for 30 days.

Mr. Selchan stated this item involves a dry-cleaning business that dumped chemicals in the well adjacent to District property and DEP has been monitoring and tracking a plume that has moved. He supports Ms. Rustin's recommendation to forego the permit application fees and the trash bond and approve the permit application.

On MOTION by Mr. Kaldor and seconded by Mr. Romano, with all in favor, Project #680, the DEP Monitoring Well Permit Application, authorizing Ms. Rustin to negotiate a contract and authorizing the Board Chair to execute in between meetings, was approved.

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 and the West Outfall Canal Phase 3 Improvements.

II. Permit Application(s)

There were no other permit applications to consider.

C. District Field Supervisor: Cory Selchan

Mr. Selchan reported the following:

- There was no measurable rainfall in the past month; the District has entered the dry season and water levels in the canals will start to fall fairly rapidly.
- The crews are successfully performing their normal activities. There are little to no resident complaints. In his opinion, the City looks good.

Discussion ensued regarding water filtration, stormwater operations and debris removal.

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

- **Consideration of Obstructions Removal Agreement - Option 2 [Stephanie Balsh and Asif Balsh, 3507 NW 82 Avenue]**

Ms. Sanchez presented the Obstruction Removal Agreement and three proposals to remove invasive trees. She stated, the Board typically approves the lowest bidder, which, in this case, would be Just Call James.

Discussion ensued regarding the obstruction removal process and the three bids.

On MOTION by Mr. Kaldor and seconded by Mr. Romano, with all in favor, the Option 2 Obstructions Removal Agreement for 3507 NW 82 Avenue and the Just Call James proposal for removal, in the amount of \$17,500, was approved.

- **NEXT MEETING: January 8, 2025 at 6:30 PM**

Discussion ensued regarding the meeting schedule.

Ms. Rustin stated, as she is unable to attend the February 12, 2025 meeting, Mr. Seth Behn will appear instead.

- **QUORUM CHECK**

ELEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS


Public Comments

No members of the public spoke.

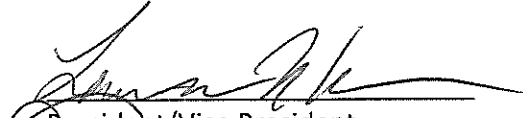
TWELFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Adjournment

On MOTION by Mr. Kaldor and seconded by Mr. Romano, with all in favor, the meeting adjourned at 10:54 a.m.



Secretary/Assistant Secretary



President/Vice President