

**MINUTES OF MEETING
SUNSHINE WATER CONTROL DISTRICT**

The Board of Supervisors of the Sunshine Water Control District held a Regular Meeting on February 12, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. at Mullins Hall, 10170 NW 29th St., Coral Springs, Florida 33065.

Present were:

Laurence Kaldor
Peter Palmer
Frankie Romano

President
Vice President
Secretary

Also present:

Jamie Sanchez
Seth Behn
Orlando Rubio
Cory Selchan
Chris Mathew
Sreesha Mathew
Joe Morera

District Manager
District Counsel
District Engineer
Field Superintendent
Resident
Resident
Resident

FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS

Call to Order

Ms. Sanchez called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.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.)

Ms. Sanchez explained the protocols for public comment.

Resident Joe Morera asked for an update regarding his prior request to join the Board and if any additional steps were taken with regard to that.

Mr. Behn stated there were no updates and asked if the vacant seats were advertised and about a recent Board who has submitted a request to the Governor.

Ms. Sanchez explained that it is up to the Governor to make the appointments to fill the vacant seats. She recalled that, in previous discussions about engaging Mr. Lyon as the District's Legislative representative, he mentioned that he could perhaps refer a few candidates to the Governor to fill the vacancies. She stated, regarding Mr. Morera's desire to fill one of the vacant seats, Counsel recommended providing the Governor with a slate of three candidates instead of one interested individual.

Mr. Kaldor asked Staff to include an item on the next agenda regarding considering and submitting a slate of individuals to the Governor to consider appointing to fill the vacant seats.

Discussion ensued regarding how best to fill the two vacancies and soliciting letters of interest from interested individuals to submit to the Governor.

Ms. Sanchez suggested Mr. Morera forward his letter of interest to her attention. In response to Mr. Morera's question, Mr. Behn stated the letter should include the reason for his interest in serving on the Board and his background information.

FIFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Discussion: Trash Bonds

Referencing a Permit Criteria Manual, Mr. Rubio reviewed the current updates and modifications, along with the three options for obstruction removal. Regarding trash bonds for commercial and residential developments, he stated, similar to what another municipality requires, Landowners must submit a financial statement showing the cost of the improvement that is going to occur in the right of way (ROW), along with a 125% bond to ensure that, if something goes awry, funds are available to cover any necessary ROW repairs. If the Manual is approved today, it can be validated and, if additional changes are made, it can be brought back

at the next meeting for ratification. For any permits submitted after this is approved, Staff will ask permittees if their projects are cost-recovery or non-cost recovery in reference to work in the ROW.

Mr. Rubio recapped the information about financial insurance, temporary permits and nuisance alligator removal permits.

Mr. Kaldor voiced his opinion that the language in the manual seems vague.

Discussion ensued regarding trash bonds, construction bonds, City of Coral Springs permit requirements, items in District ROWs, letters of no objections and homeowner permits.

Ms. Sanchez stated this item will be included on the March agenda for ratification with Ms. Rustin's input.

SIXTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Acceptance of Unaudited Financial Statements as of December 31, 2024

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

Mr. Palmer asked for the current interest rate for the District's "Bank United – ICS" account.

Ms. Sanchez will re-send the bank account data to Mr. Palmer.

On MOTION by Mr. Kaldor and seconded by Mr. Romano, with all in favor, the Unaudited Financial Statements as of December 31, 2024, were accepted.
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SEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Approval of December 13, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes

On MOTION by Mr. Kaldor and seconded by Mr. Romano, with all in favor, the December 13, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes, as presented, were approved.

EIGHTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Supervisors' Communications

There were no Supervisor comments.

NINTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Staff Reports

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

Mr. Behn stated Staff provided limited comments for the West Outfall Canal (WOFC) Project Request for Proposals (RFP). Work on the manual will continue.

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

Mr. Rubio presented the January Monthly Engineer's Report and reviewed the WOFC Phase 3 Improvements tentative project schedule dates and provided updates regarding the Pump Station #3 replacement project.

On MOTION by Mr. Kaldor and seconded by Mr. Palmer, with all in favor, the project/bidding schedule for the West Outfall Canal Phase 3 Improvements, was approved.

II. Permit Application(s)

Mr. Rubio presented the following permit application and recommended approval:

- a. Chris Mathew, Owner – residential work adjacent to SWCD Canal “L”
9027 NW 21ST CT – S27/T48S/R41E**

On MOTION by Mr. Romano and seconded by Mr. Kaldor, with all in favor, the CAS PROJECT NO. 15-1826 Right-of-Way Permit Application, submitted by Chris Mathew, Owner, for residential work adjacent to SWCD Canal “L” 9027 NW 21ST Court, S27/T48S/R41E, subject to the Special Conditions set forth in the January 7, 2025 recommendation letter, was approved.

Resident Sreesha Mathew submitted a recent survey, which shows that the pavers, shed and fence were removed and asked if their project is approved. Mr. Selchan confirmed approval of the project and stated that the trees must be removed. The District will facilitate removal of the trees at no charge but the property owner must accept the program and sign a contract.

Mr. Behn stated property owners/residents must maintain their properties to the water's edge, free and clear of any obstructions, whether the obstructions are on their private property or not.

Ms. Sanchez will forward the contract to Mr. and Mrs. Mathew.

- b. Comcast, Directional Bore Installation of 312 LF of 1/2" HDPE Conduits at 4 SWCD Canal Locations (L22-1, V (2), & W)**

On MOTION by Mr. Palmer and seconded by Mr. Kaldor, with all in favor, the CAS Project No. 15-1826 Right-of-Way Permit Application, submitted by Comcast, S21/T48S/R41E, for the directional bore installation of 1-2" HDPE conduits at 4 SWCD Canal locations (312 LF total) at SWCD Canals L22-1, V (2), & W, subject to the Special Conditions set forth in the January 28, 2025 recommendation letter, was approved.

- c. Comcast, Directional Bore Installation of 240 LF of 1/2" HDPE Conduits at 4 SWCD Canal Locations (D, L14-4, B & A)**

On MOTION by Mr. Kaldor and seconded by Mr. Romano, with all in favor, the CAS Project No. 15-1826 Right-of-Way Permit Application, submitted by Comcast, S21/T48S/R41E, for the Directional bore installation of 1-2" HDPE conduits at 4 SWCD Canal locations (240 LF total) at SWCD Canals D, L14-4, B & A, subject to the Special Conditions set forth in the January 29, 2025 recommendation letter, was approved.

- d. Blue Stream Communications, LLC Installation of 115 LF of 1.5" HDPE Pipe w/FOC Under SWCD Canals "G" & "M"**

On MOTION by Mr. Kaldor and seconded by Mr. Palmer, with all in favor, the CAS Project No. 15-1826 Right-of-Way Permit Application, submitted by Blue Stream Communications, LLC, S14/15/16T48S/R41E, for the Installation of 115 LF of 1.5" HDPE Pipe w/FOC Under SWCD Canals "G" & "M", subject to the Special Conditions set forth in the January 24, 2025 recommendation letter, was approved.

C. District Field Supervisor: Cory Selchan

Mr. Selchan reported the following:

- Broward County is experiencing moderate drought conditions. The water levels are falling extremely fast. The east basin is at 2½' and the west basin is at 5' due to a slight recharge from the Everglades.
- Staff is currently having issues with a system that monitors how much water is brought in from the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD), so it will be deactivated and repaired. Otherwise, all systems are working as usual.
- The canals are in good shape, crews are carrying out their duties effectively and there are no resident complaints.

Discussion ensued regarding the lack of rain, the culverts and the pipes.

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

Mr. Romano asked about changing the meeting times.

Ms. Sanchez stated, if the Board wishes to entertain different dates, that is a possibility; Staff would have to secure a location and confirm availability.

Discussion ensued regarding the need to have a quorum, advertising, Supervisor availability and calendar invites.

Ms. Sanchez suggested that Mr. Palmer review the remaining meeting dates for the current Fiscal Year and inform her if 4:00 p.m. is convenient for him. This can be included as a discussion item on the next agenda.

- **NEXT MEETING: March 12, 2025 at 6:30 PM**
 - **QUORUM CHECK**

TENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**Public Comments**


Mr. Morera commented that the Board should keep in mind that the meetings are scheduled in the evenings so that the public can conveniently attend them. Typically, most residents do not attend meetings; however, holding a meeting at 4:00 p.m., would create a hardship for some that might wish to attend, as residents are usually at work at that hour.

ELEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

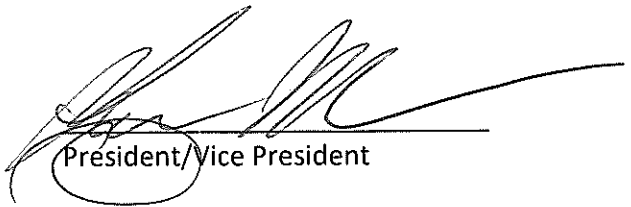
Adjournment

On MOTION by Mr. Palmer and seconded by Mr. Kaldor, with all in favor, the meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

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Secretary/Assistant Secretary



President/Vice President