

**MINUTES OF MEETING
SUNSHINE WATER CONTROL DISTRICT**

The Board of Supervisors of the Sunshine Water Control District held a Regular Meeting on March 12, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. at Mullins Hall, 10170 NW 29th St., Coral Springs, Florida 33065.

Present:

Laurence Kaldor	President
Peter Palmer	Vice President
Frankie Romano	Secretary

Also present:

Jamie Sanchez	District Manager
Janice Rustin	District Counsel
Orlando Rubio	District Engineer
Cory Selchan	Field Superintendent
Julio Tejada	South Florida Water Management District

FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS

Call to Order

Ms. Sanchez called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

SECOND ORDER OF BUSINESS

Roll Call

All sitting 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.)**

Mr. Julio Tejada stated he is part of the Intergovernmental Team at the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD), which covers all of Broward County and all levels of

government. Mr. Tejada distributed his business card and responded to questions regarding the mission of the SFWMD, current projects and Everglades restoration.

FIFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Ratification of Permit Criteria Manual

Ms. Sanchez recalled that the Board previously approved the Permit Criteria Manual; however, it had to be updated and modified and is currently in final form.

On MOTION by Mr. Kaldor and seconded by Mr. Palmer, with all in favor, the Permit Criteria Manual, was ratified.

SIXTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Acceptance of Unaudited Financial Statements as of January 31, 2025

Ms. Sanchez presented the Unaudited Financial Statements as of January 31, 2025. She responded to questions regarding fund transfers into the cash sweep account with Bank United and debt service payments. Ms. Sanchez will provide details of a \$2 million transaction at the next meeting.

On MOTION by Mr. Palmer and seconded by Mr. Kaldor, with all in favor, the Unaudited Financial Statements as of January 31, 2025, were accepted.

SEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Approval of February 12, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes

The following changes were made:

Line 46: Change “a recent amendment modifying the ability of the Board to make Board appointments” to “a recent Board submitted a request for Board appointments to be made”

Line 186: Change “Mr. Palmer” to “Mr. Romano”

On MOTION by Mr. Kaldor and seconded by Mr. Palmer, with all in favor, the February 12, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes, as amended, were approved.

EIGHTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Supervisors’ Communications

In response to a Board Member’s question regarding the meeting location, Ms. Sanchez stated the meeting is being held in the current location because the meeting time was changed from 6:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., and another venue could not be secured. The District is at the mercy of what was available. She stated, every time there are changes to the meeting schedule, she emails the Board and will continue emailing reminders. The next few 4:00 p.m. meetings will be in Mullins Hall.

NINTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Staff Reports

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

Ms. Rustin reported the following:

- Since the last meeting, an application was received from an interested candidate for one of the vacant Board seats. Since the new legislative session starts on Monday and the Governor will not be available to make appointments, there is a bit of flexibility with respect to a quorum. She reminded the Board Members to urge their friends and colleagues to join the Board and stated, as soon as a few applicant names are collected, they will be submitted to the Governor’s office, so that two new Board Members can be appointed.
- Legislative Update: The Florida Association of Special Districts (FASD) forwarded a bill that simplifies/streamlines doing business in Florida, mostly by allowing special districts to publish notices for meetings and Requests for Proposals (RFPs) on their website as opposed to in a local newspaper. If the bill passes, Mr. Rubio, for example, will be able to post RFP notices on the District’s website and any other online sources to seek vendors for District projects, which is more cost-effective and practical than placing an advertisement in a newspaper. The law would allow special districts to piggyback off other government contracts that have been competitively procured, which is especially helpful for small districts with limited resources, as they would not have to go through the full RFP process; they could look to another governmental agency that went through the competitive solicitation process and piggyback off of that agreement. The language in the Statute is a bit limiting, so part of the FASD bill is standard to government cooperatives and other state cooperatives.
- Goals and Objectives Update: In 2024, the Legislature passed a bill that required special districts to submit annual goals and objectives to the Governor and, at the end of the year,

follow up with an assessment of how those goals were achieved. Recently, a bill was introduced to repeal that requirement. Staff will continue monitoring and provide updates about this.

➤ Staff is monitoring the Federal Government’s initiative to reduce fraud, waste and abuse. The Governor initiated his own statewide agency to address State agreements but there is a movement to have it apply to agreements and contracts of local governments, as well.

B. District Engineer: Craig A. Smith & Associates

I. Presentation: Monthly Engineer’s Report (MER)

Mr. Rubio presented the Monthly Engineer’s Report from February 12, 2025 to March 5, 2025, and reviewed the West Outfall Canal (WOFC) Phase 3 Improvements Project and the Updated Encroachment Removal Schedule and a cover letter that will accompany the documents for Board approval.

II. Permit Application(s)

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 AT&T via SHR Communications, LLC for a directional bore installation: 1 – 70 LF of 1.5” Conduit under SWCD Canal “NN”, Crossing under NW 120th Ave., south of NW 37th Ave., subject to the Special Conditions set forth in the March 12, 2025 recommendation letter, was approved.

Mr. Rubio requested Board approval of a cover letter to 11 property owners regarding the WOFC Encroachments Removal Project Phase 3A, including an exhibit of items that need to be removed from the District’s ROW. The letter will be sent via certified mail.

The following errors will be corrected prior to dissemination:

Change “Project Communications Line at (954) 501-9518 or visit www.sunshinewcdnet” to Ms. Sanchez’s contact information

Change “Laurence Parker” to “Laurence Kaldor”

On MOTION by Mr. Kaldor and seconded by Mr. Romano, with all in favor, the WOFC cover letter, dated March 13, 2025, in substantial form and subject to the changes noted, was approved.

C. District Field Supervisor: Cory Selchan

Mr. Selchan reported the following:

➤ Rainfall since the last meeting was 1/10", which had no effect on the water levels in the canals. There was very little rain.

➤ Crews have been recharging the City’s wellfield via handheld flow meters to determine the flow coming out of the pipes; un-recharged pipes will dry up because of the lack of rainfall. Roughly two million gallons of water per day is recharged into the East Basin to help the City with its wellfield. Although recharging does not provide normal water levels, it serves a purpose by keeping resident complaints at a minimum. The dry season allows crews to catch up on spraying and cleaning the canals without having to worry about running pump stations.

➤ Some of the ditches in the District are very old and basically dry. Residents who live adjacent to them are not pleased but understand that very little can be done about it.

➤ The District is in good shape; operations are functioning as normal.

Asked if it is impractical to have a reservoir in Coral Springs, Mr. Selchan stated there is not enough space to build an impoundment.

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

Ms. Sanchez stated the meeting venue for the remainder of the year is Mullins Hall, except for the July 9, 2025 meeting, which will be held in Veterans Hall.

Discussion ensued regarding the proposed budget presentation meeting, set for May 14, 2025.

- **NEXT MEETING: April 9, 2025 at 4:00 PM**
 - **QUORUM CHECK**

TENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Public Comments

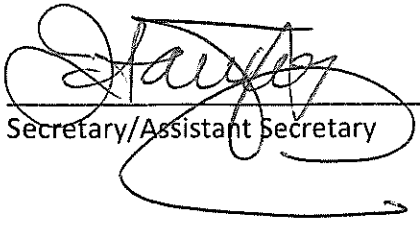
No members of the public spoke.

ELEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

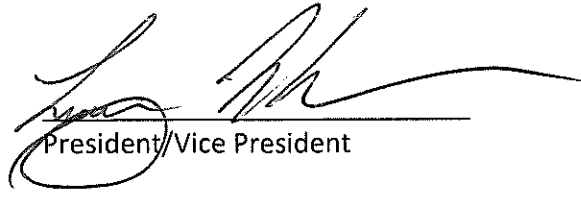
Adjournment

On MOTION by Mr. Kaldor and seconded by Mr. Romano, with all in favor, the meeting adjourned at 4:43 p.m.

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