

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL LANDOWNERS' MEETING OF THE SOUTH INDIAN RIVER WATER CONTROL DISTRICT HELD ON SEPTEMBER 15, 2016

The annual landowners' meeting of the South Indian River Water Control District was held on September 15, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. at Jupiter High School, 500 N. Military Trail, Jupiter, Florida. Present were Supervisors Steve Hinkle, Michael Danchuk, Michael Ryan and Jon Meyer. Also present were Amy Eason, engineer; Charles Haas, treasurer; William Capko, attorney; Mike Dillon, manager of operations; Donna DeNinno, public information; and Jane Woodard, secretary. Approximately 40 landowners were also present.

Attorney William Capko called the meeting to order. The Board and staff members took their seats in the audience. Mr. Capko was unanimously elected as chairman for the meeting, and Ms. Jane Woodard was unanimously elected as secretary.

Mr. Steve Hinkle made a motion to accept the minutes of the 2015 annual landowners' meeting as presented. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

Mr. Capko opened the floor to nominations for supervisor. Mr. Hinkle nominated Kevin Baker, Tony Capute, Mike Ryan and Mike Howard. The nominations were duly seconded. There were no other nominations and a motion was made to close nominations. The motion was seconded and it carried unanimously. The ballot box was opened for depositing any ballots not yet submitted or sent by mail.

Mr. Charles Haas presented the annual treasurer's report. He explained how the District is organized under Chapter 298, and how the rules and regulations are followed. He explained the use of assessments to finance programs in the District. Approximately 11,000 landowners are assessed from Jupiter Farms, Jupiter Park of Commerce, Palm Beach Country Estates, and Egret Landing.

The District is required to use a uniform chart of accounts, a uniform fiscal year, and have an annual financial audit. Annual reports are filed with the Florida Chief Financial Officer. SIRWCD is a local governmental entity under the Uniform Special District Accountability Act and the Florida Statutes. Water control is assessed per acre. Maintenance is assessed per parcel.

Mr. Haas explained that Chapter 298 requires a combined statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances for each fiscal year. During the past year, total revenues were \$5,400,000; expenditures were \$5,700,00. He presented a breakdown of the revenues and expenditures and explained the debt service. In summary, Mr. Haas showed a graph of the expenditures history, which has been very low over the last 10-15 years. He displayed a graph of the history of assessments in Palm Beach Country Estates, Jupiter Farms, and Egret Landing. This information will be available online in the near future.

Mr. Capko then asked for the voting to be closed. Ms. Susan Kennedy made a motion to close the voting. Mr. Steve Hinkle seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Ms. Amy Eason presented the annual engineer's report. She noted the District is in compliance with all regulatory requirements that affect the works of the District and their operation. Ms. Eason discussed capital improvements, specifically the 18th Plan of Improvements and the proposed 19th Plan. The 18th Plan consists of 3.8 miles and 166 assessable lots, at a cost of \$1,430,000. The 19th Plan consists of 3.6 miles of asphalt at an estimated cost of \$1,700,000. Annual financing for the 19th Plan is estimated at \$1,575/year for ten years.

Ms. Eason discussed the NPDES program, the WOTUS Rule which defines the waters of the U.S., and intergovernmental coordination with LRMCC, LRPI, SFWMD, Everglades Restoration Project, and Loxahatchee River Watershed Restoration Project.

Ms. Eason discussed operation and maintenance of over 60 miles of canals and 189 miles of roads. She discussed the 128th Trail North Drainage Improvement Project, the culvert replacement program, culvert installation in Canals 6 and 8, the Reese Bridge across the C18 canal, and water quality sampling. She displayed a graph of the District's rainfall analysis as compared to the Town of Jupiter and Loxahatchee.

The level of service in the District was discussed, as well as the design of the storm system.

Mr. Dillon presented the general manager's report. He discussed the use of a shell rock base and the existing OGEM and asphalt roads. The OGEM roads were microsurfaced this year. Because of landowners reporting water intruding from neighboring lots, the secondary drainage system is being reviewed. In addition, a culvert replacement program was initiated. The replacement cost was set at \$300 when the culvert is placed by the District. County culverts are \$750 because there is extensive work required with the installation. Since March, 95 culverts have been installed under this program.

Mr. Dillon also discussed swales that need to be re-contoured and put into proper condition, as well as equipment purchased to aid in more detailed work with the drainage swales, particularly in Palm Beach Country Estates.

Mr. Capko then opened the floor to discussion of compensation for the supervisors. This is currently set at \$50/day for a maximum of 11 days/month. Mr. Hinkle made a motion to continue compensation at the same rate. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

Mr. Capko opened the floor to discussion by the landowners. Ms. Kennedy stated she has been working on the trail system along Jupiter Farms Road. The southern portion has had difficulties south of Canal 2 but the trail is underway with a lighted crossing across Jupiter Farms Road by Front Street. She welcomed the community to come out on Saturday, November 5th, to see the project.

There being no further business to be conducted or discussed by the landowners, the meeting was adjourned.

ADJOURNED.