

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
ENGLEWOOD WATER DISTRICT
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
201 SELMA AVENUE, ENGLEWOOD, FLORIDA
MARCH 6, 2014 @ 8:30 A.M.**

Board of Supervisors:

Steven Samuels, Chair
Eric Fogo, Vice-Chair
Sydney B. Crampton
Phyllis Wright
Taylor Meals

Staff:

Michael J. Ray, Administrator
Robert Berntsson, District Counsel
Jarl "Jay" D. Linden, P.E. Technical/Operations Support Manager
Sonia R. Zoeller, Finance Director (absent)
Roger K. Quick, Water Operations Manager
Teresa L. Herzog, Board Secretary

1. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call to establish a quorum.
2. ANNOUNCEMENTS – Mr. Ray suggested discussion item 6; a, EWD 30 Acre Property be moved to follow the consent section so Ms. Osborne could leave earlier.
3. PUBLIC INPUT – None
4. CONSENT SECTION – Chair Samuels called for removal of either and/or both items on the consent section. Hear no objections he called for a motion. Mr. Meals moved, **"to accept,"** seconded by Mr. Fogo.

Unanimous

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| a. Minutes of the Regular Meeting dated February 6, 2014 | 14-03-06 CS A |
| b. Attorney's Invoice dated February 19, 2014 | 14-06-06 CS B |

Change in agenda order; Discussion item 6; a EWD 30 Acre Property as follows:

a. EWD 30 Acre Property – Chair Samuels welcomed Ms. Osborne, Senior Project Manager for the Conservation Foundation representing Sarasota County who was present to listen to the discussion and answer questions if any arose. Mr. Ray began by recapping the events that lead to this discussion. An offer was received from Sarasota County to purchase the property. Because they were unable to share their appraisal, staff was directed to obtain one for the District. He then asked the Board how to proceed.

Lengthy discussion ensued to include if the property was sold how the money would be used, the benefits of selling the property to Sarasota County as environmentally sensitive land that could be used by all citizens of Englewood in both counties, the cost to the District to continue maintaining it and the possible need going forward to prevent trespassing. Also discussed was the need or desire to sell and the considerable monetary difference between the offer and the appraisal. Additionally the possibility of property values rising as the market rebounds was mentioned.

Attorney Berntsson then presented two options. 1) Reject the offer and allow them to make a new offer or 2) Make a counter offer to them. He also defined terms that could be added to the deed that would assure the land is used for preservation and conservation purposes. Each Board Member expressed their views of selling or retaining the property. Chair Samuels then called for a motion.

Mr. Meals moved, **“to reject their offer,”** seconded by Ms. Wright.

Passed 4/5

14-03-06 A

Ms. Crampton then moved, **“that we ask for the proposed appraisal then, making the counter offer of \$425,000 with the caveat that Rob put in, about that it would be used for preservation and it would be managed in an environmentally sensitive way.”**

Motion died for lack of a second.

At the conclusion of additional discussion Chair Samuels clarified the motion made, stating that the offer was not going to be accepted and if they are still interested they can come back at a later date and make another offer. Ms. Osborne then assured the Board that Sarasota County would get back to them.

5. ACTION ITEM

a. Administrator's Review – Chair Samuels opened the discussion and requested each board member read their review. Each read their statement, with positive remarks for Mr. Ray.

Mr. Ray thanked the board for their comments and support and also commended long time staff for jobs well done.

Short discussion ensued.

Mr. Meals moved, **“to increase his pay by \$5,000 with the same benefit package,”** seconded by Mr. Fogo.

Unanimous

14-03-06 B

6. DISCUSSION ITEM

b. EWD 750 Acre Property – Non-Binding Outline of General Terms of Agreement – Mr. Linden began by stating that this is the area around Wellfield 3 known as The Villages of Manasota Beach. Discussions with the new owners have been ongoing. The general terms of agreement describes their desired rearrangement of ownership of the property and the relocation of EWD owned equipment in and around the Wellfield. This outline is intended for informational purposes, the agreement will be drafted and reviewed by attorneys for both parties then brought back to the Board for approval. The project is still awaiting rezoning approval from Sarasota County.

7. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – Michael J. Ray

a. WATER OPERATIONS MANAGER – Roger K. Quick

1. Distribution Foreman – Wayne Kershanick

a. Distribution is doing upgrades to old services. Running new lines, replacing old valves and adding valves in places there were none.

b. Meter change outs and routine service maintenance are on-going.

Mr. Quick continued with his report,

1. Production is averaging 2.9MGD, normal for this time of year. We hit 3M last week for the first time this year.

2. There are 3 new additions to the water production plant. One was promoted from the distribution department and two from the collections department. Openings in the plant became available when employees retired.

3. We received the acceptance letter for the Annual Hydrobiological Monitoring report from SWFWMD without comments.

4. The draft Annual Injection Well report is expected from Atkins soon for staff review.

5. The 5 year inspection and cleaning of the elevated tank was completed this week, the inspection report is expected in a few weeks and will be submitted to DEP before the June due date.

6. A bid request has been published for cleaning of the #1 filter. When the old media is removed necessary repairs will be addressed before the new media is installed.

7. AWWA Florida Region X best tasting water contest will be attended tomorrow.

b. TECHNICAL/OPERATIONS SUPPORT MANAGER - Jarl 'Jay' D. Linden, P.E.

1. Dearborn Street Drainage Project – the preliminary walk-thru on February 5 produced a lengthy punch list; the final walk-thru scheduled for February 28 was cancelled.

2. Winchester South Project – attended the progress meeting Feb 19, we have had no problems so far.

3. V9-B Vacuum Sewer – proceeding as scheduled, a second crew has been brought in.

4. Keyway Place Development – the opposition letter wasn't sent to EWD so no response was sent.

5. Bocilla Utilities, Inc. – we began supplying water to them February 26.

6. Watersedge Development – 201 East Bay Heights Avenue – the letter of availability previously sent expired and a new one has been issued.

7. WRF Odor Control Consent Order – was officially closed.

8. Villages of Manasota Beach – a meeting with Sarasota County will be attended March 11 to discuss supplying the development with reclaimed water.

9. Supervisor Election Districts Public Hearing – will be held at the next Board meeting.

c. FINANCE DIRECTOR – In Ms. Zoeller absents, Customer Service Manager Susan Franklin reported that the draft audit is expected next week and will be presented at the April meeting.

Mr. Ray concluded the Administrator's report.

8. ATTORNEY'S REPORT – Robert Berntsson - None

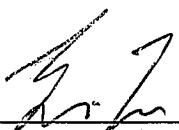
9. OLD BUSINESS - None

10. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

11. NEW BUSINESS – Mr. Fogo reminded the Board that a strategy is needed for the replacement of several employees retiring over the next few years.

12. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS – Several board members congratulated Mr. Ray on another good year.

13. ADJOURN @ 9:42 a.m.



Eric Fogo, Vice-Chair