

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
ENGLEWOOD WATER DISTRICT BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
201 SELMA AVENUE, ENGLEWOOD, FL 34223
AUGUST 6, 2015 @ 8:30 A.M.**

Board of Supervisors:

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

Staff:

Roger K. Quick, Acting Administrator
Robert Berntsson, District Counsel
Pat Zoeller, P.E., Technical Support Manager
Sonia R. Zoeller, Finance Director
Philip E. Wagoner, Wastewater Operations Manager
Teresa L. Herzog, Board Secretary

1. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance and a roll call to establish a quorum.
2. ANNOUNCEMENTS – addition of item 6a Headworks Rehabilitation and Coating Project.
3. SERVICE AWARD – with thanks, Chair Samuels presented WRF Lead Operator Dave Larson with a 20 year service award.
4. PUBLIC INPUT – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY
 1. A letter from Randall W. McLendon, 575 Kilbourne Avenue (inside the District) was distributed to the board.
 2. Frank Patti, 4608 Crystal Road (outside the District) Mr. Patti urged the Board to pursue funding for the V-9C sewer area by either using a lobbyist with a fee or the Board of Supervisors together could have the District Attorney draft a letter requesting the Governor, if approved by legislation, approve this. Additionally, he suggested that county funds may also be available.
 3. Rita Reinoso, 6195 Pecan Road (inside the District) Ms. Reinoso reminded the Board that they were elected to represent all customers, not just those in each of their individual districts then stated there should not be any ire from the other sections of the sewer portions of EWD because if it had been offered, they would have wanted financial assistance too. This is a different time and homes in the V-9C area are assessed lower than other areas, adding that hardship funding is difficult to qualify for and a partial funding grant would help defray the cost across the board for V-9C.
 4. Richard Farra, 5026 Larry Street (inside the District) – Passed.
 5. Kathy Bolam, 131 Flamingo Road (outside the District) Ms. Bolam stated her opinion that the Board does not have the constitutional authority to force the people in V-9C to agree to accept the proposed sewer project and to pay for it. She then read from the Florida Constitution Statutes Title 1 Chapter 2 Section 201 and added there was no reason, other than a mandate to do the project. She voiced her concerns of what removing wastewater from the properties will do to the water table, the fact that the project borders environmentally sensitive Lemon Bay Preserve and again read from

the Florida Constitution Article 1 Section 5. In conclusion she instructed the Board to abandon the project or seek funding.

5. CONSENT SECTION – Chair Samuels called for removal of any and/or all items on the consent section, hearing no objection, he called for a motion.

Mr. Meals moved **“to approve the consent agenda,”** seconded by Ms. Wright.

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| a. Minutes of the Special Meeting dated June 10, 2015 | 15-08-06 CS A |
| Minutes of the Regular Meeting dated July 16, 2015 | |
| b. Attorney’s Invoice dated July 24, 2015 | 15-08-06 CS B |
| c. Capitol Access Invoice dated July 31, 2015 | 15-08-06 CS C |

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6. ACTION ITEM

a. Headworks Rehabilitation and Coating Project – Mr. Wagoner stated this is the remainder of the project that was previously approved by the Board and Ms. Zoeller added that the cost exceeded the Administrator’s authority.

Mr. Fogo moved, **“to accept item 6a as presented,”** seconded by Mr. Meals.

Full motion read: To accept the proposal from GML Coatings LLC dated July 27, 2015 for the Headworks Rehabilitation and Coating Project in the amount of \$142,205.00. Costs to be taken from Capital Outlay.

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7. DISCUSSION

a. Upcoming Opening of Election District Seat #5 – Board discussion included appointing someone who has expressed an interest in filling Mr. Fogo’s seat #5 or advertise. Consensus was to advertise. Attorney Berntsson suggested setting a deadline to receive resumes and explained that the temporary appointment will be until the next general election, which in this case will be November 2016.

Additional discussion ensued with a decision made to advertise for the position accepting letters of interest and resumes until August 27, 2015.

b. V-9C Grant – Chair Samuels began the discussion by stating that he had been contacted by Jerry Paul on August 4th. Mr. Paul indicated Representative Gonzales requested a meeting with Chair Samuels to discuss the possibility of Representative Gonzales sponsoring legislation for appropriation of a grant for V-9C funds. Chair Samuel then asked if he should pursue a meeting with Representative Gonzales.

Short discussion ensued with a decision made to schedule a meeting to obtain information about receiving a grant and report at the next board meeting.

c. FY2016 Budget Workshop – Ms. Zoeller requested additional questions on the FY2016 budget. Hearing none, Chair Samuels called for a motion.

Mr. Fogo moved, “to accept the budget as presented, item 7c as presented for 1, 2, 3 and 4,” seconded by Ms. Wright.

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Full motion read:

- 1) To approve the FY 2016 Capital Improvement Program totaling \$4,135,000.00, CIP project authorization and funds are multi-year funds.
- 2) To approve the FY 2016 Operations Budget totaling \$10,134,421.11, Operating Budget funds are annual and will expire on September 30, 2016.
- 3) To approve the FY 2016 Debt Service totaling \$3,622,390.00.
- 4) To approve 72 full time employees effective October 1, 2015.

8. Acting Administrator’s report – Roger K. Quick

Change in order, Collections Foreman Ron Franklin began.

- a. The collections department has been working at the WRF in preparation of the upcoming headworks project.
- b. Residents on Bayshore have requested and received low pressure sewer extensions.
- c. Residents on Lake Drive have been tying in and hooking up to the sewer.

Mr. Wagoner continued with his report,

a. WASTEWATER OPERATIONS MANAGER – Philip E. Wagoner

1. The plant #3 tank cleaning job has gone well, it’s ready for rehab and to be brought back into operation.

2. Sandlehaven will be taking their plant off line October 1st, 100% of their flow will come to us.

3. The odor control project was selected for publication in the Water Environmental Federation trade journal and will appear in the October edition.

b. TECHNICAL SUPPORT MANAGER – Pat Zoeller, P.E.

1. Boca Royale Unit 12 – the project is ready to begin and a meeting will be rescheduled to discuss delivery of reuse.

2. Park Forest Phases 6B, 6C and 6D - all required paperwork has been received for Phase 6B, meters are being set and sewer connections are being made.

3. Japanese Gardens – because of a change in management, they may want to hook up to sewers once the forcemain is in place.

4. EWD Warehouse – a task order has been issued to GWE to conduct a pine tree study before moving forward with the project.

5. V-9C Vacuum Sewer – as in the past, the plans were sent to Fort Myers (The South District of DEP) for permit review. With the changes this year, when DEP received the plans for this project, they sent them to Sarasota County but they were unable to open the electronic files. They have since been resubmitting for review.

6. Winchester Florida Ranch (Thomas Ranch CPA-2015-B) a meeting was attended with the manager and engineer to discuss the availability of reuse provided by EWD. Sarasota County may be a better option for delivery of reuse since they are closer.

c. FINANCE DIRECTOR – Sonia R. Zoeller

1. The Customer Rules and Regulations are being reviewed and a revision will be brought to the next board meeting for some needed housekeeping.

2. New parameters for the audit this year are expected, but it is unknown at this time what they are. The year to date information has been requested and they will be taking a closer look at the budget, comparing the budget to the actuals.

9. ATTORNEY'S REPORT – Robert Berntsson

a. The BP settlement was formally approved and payment is expected in the next 30 days.

b. For clarification, the letter included with materials provided today from a realtor with some suggestion of what the attorney indicated was not factual.

c. Attorney Berntsson provided an article presented by Michigan State University titled "Septic Tanks aren't Keeping Poo out of Rivers and Lakes."

10. OLD BUSINESS

a. Because Ms. Crampton was unable to attend the Special Meeting to discuss the Consideration of the BP Settlement, she asked where that money would be going. Ms. Zoeller replied it is included in the budget and Chair Samuels added the money should go back into the general fund since EWD lost revenue when people didn't come to Florida because of the spill.

b. Ms. Crampton referenced the information provided by FLP and stated that she will continue doing research into the hardship funds.

c. Mr. Meals suggested that if anyone has any questions or concerns they'd like Chair Samuels to address with Representative Gonzales, they should be given to Ms. Herzog as soon as possible.

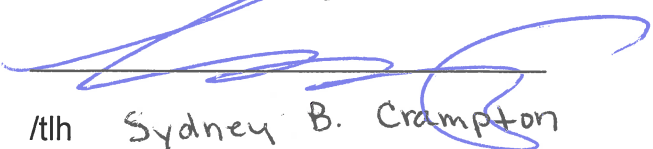
11. NEW BUSINESS

a. Pioneer Day Parade – Mr. Quick asked if EWD should participate in the Parade again this year and the consensus was yes.

12. PUBLIC COMMENT – Lilian Kraus, 5941 Oxalis Road (inside the District) Ms. Kraus gave a brief description of her professional and personal background and expressed the hardship the V-9C project will cause her.

13. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS – the entire board spoke favorably of Mr. Fogo and thanked him for the time he served on the EWD Board.

14. ADJOURNED @ 9:39 a.m.



Attn Sydney B. Crampton
Vice-Chair