

**St. Lucie West Services District**  
**Regular Board Meeting Minutes**  
**May 5, 2015, at 9:00 a.m.**  
**450 SW Utility Drive**  
**Port St. Lucie, Florida 34986**

(Please note: This is not verbatim. A CD recording of the Regular Board Meeting is available on file.)

**Board Members Present**

Harvey Cutler, Chairman  
Vincent D'Amico, Vice Chairman  
Gregg Ney, Secretary  
Charles B. Altwein, Supervisor  
Everett Child, Supervisor

**Staff Present**

Dennis Pickle, District Manager, St. Lucie West Services District ("SLWSD")  
Bill Hayden, Public Works Director/Assistant District Manager, SLWSD  
Maddie Maldonado, Office Manager, SLWSD  
Dan Harrell, District Counsel, Gonano & Harrell  
Bob Lawson, District Engineer, ARCADIS-US, Inc.  
Jason Pierman, District Treasurer, Special District Services, Inc. ("SDS")  
Laura Archer, Recording Secretary, Special District Services, Inc. ("SDS")

**Guests Present (Sign-In Sheet Attached)**

**A. Call to Order**

Chairman Cutler called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**B. Pledge of Allegiance**

**C. Roll Call**

Ms. Archer noted that all five (5) Supervisors were present.

**D. Approval of Minutes**

- 1. April 6, 2015, Workshop**
- 2. April 7, 2015, Regular Board Meeting**

A **motion** was made by Supervisor Child, seconded by Vice Chairman D'Amico approving the minutes of the April 6, 2015, Workshop, as amended, and the April 7, 2015, Regular Board Meeting, as presented. Upon being put to a vote, the **motion** carried 5 to 0.

**E. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**F. District Attorney  
DA 1 – Status Report/Updates**

Mr. Harrell indicated he had no status reports or updates at this time.

**G. District Engineer  
DE 1 – Status Report/Updates**

Mr. Lawson had several updates:

- 1.) Lake Ernie Pump Station Upgrade – Mr. Lawson indicated that the electrical service is being upgraded in order to support it coming online later this month.
- 2.) The 2C/3B Gate Project – Mr. Lawson indicated that the gate is in place; the site has been restored; there is one issue with the electrical service, which should be operational in about one week.
- 3.) The 4E/5 Canal (between the Lowes site and the school) – Mr. Lawson noted that it has gone to the Site Plan Review Committee at the City and was approved. They are awaiting us to make our mitigation proposal. Mr. Lawson indicated that he was working with the Wetlands consultant to come up with a mitigation proposal for the impacts to Wetland #115.
- 4.) Stormwater Storage Project – a preliminary look at a design concept has been in discussions.
- 5.) FDEP Grant – Mr. Lawson indicated that it was approved and signed and we're ready to go. The pre-work meeting has been scheduled with the contractor, who held their prices from last November, so no re-bids were necessary. It is anticipated that this will be moving forward very shortly.

That concluded Mr. Lawson's updates.

**H. Consent Agenda**  
**CA 1 - Monthly Report on Public Works Operations**  
**CA 2 - Monthly Report on Utilities Operations**  
**CA 3 - Monthly Report on Capital Improvement Projects**  
**CA 4 - Monthly Report on Billing and Customer Service**  
**CA 5 - Financial Statements for March, 2015**



## **CA 6 - Consider Approval to Transfer Funds for the R&R Account, WCF Account and the UCF Account Requisitions**

Consent Agenda items CA 1 through CA 6 were then presented for consideration.

A **motion** was made by Vice Chairman D'Amico, seconded by Supervisor Altwein approving Consent Agenda items CA 1 through CA 6, as presented. Upon being put to a vote, the **motion** carried 5 to 0.

### **I. District Manager**

#### **DM 1 - Consider Approval for the Purchase of a 2016 Roll/Off Truck for the Utilities and General Fund**

Mr. Pickle distributed an updated abstract for the item, indicating that Lou Bachrodt Freightliner had contacted him to advise of a \$1,500 discount from the original price of \$163,088. The new price was now \$161,587. He recommended approval of the Lou Bachrodt Freightliner proposal.

A **motion** was made by Supervisor Altwein, seconded by Secretary Ney approving the purchase of a 2016 Roll/Off Truck and five (5) containers from Lou Bachrodt Freightliner of Pompano Beach in the amount of \$161,587.

Discussion ensued regarding safety regulations for a manual crank tarp versus a spring operated tarp and the necessity for using a tarp.

Supervisor Altwein's **motion** was reiterated, seconded by Secretary Ney approving the purchase of a 2016 Roll/Off Truck and five (5) containers from Lou Bachrodt Freightliner of Pompano Beach in the amount of \$161,587. The Available Project Budget is \$161,587; This Project from the Utility Fund is \$105,031.55 (65%); This Project from the General Fund is \$56,555.45 (35%). Upon being put to a vote, the **motion** carried 5 to 0.

#### **DM 2 – Other Items/Updates**

Mr. Pickle indicated that he would be presenting in the proposed budget a floating position and would be adding a \$1,000 per employee Equalization Funding Program.

Mr. Pickle noted that the utility billing system e-mail notification would be available in June or July.

Mr. Pickle suggested changing the name of Lake Harvey to Lake Cutler. He noted that there are several Lake Harveys in Florida and he would like to change it to Lake Cutler. Secretary Ney noted that the body of water was not a lake and believed that calling it Cutler Pond would be more appropriate. Mr. Pickle indicated that all ponds in the District are referred to as lakes. A discussion ensued.

A **motion** was made by Secretary Ney to name the stormwater storage pond on the property formerly known as the Martin Memorial site as Lake Cutler. The **motion** failed for lack of a second.

Mr. Pickle advised that he expects that a good draft of the irrigation report will be presented at the June meeting.

That concluded Mr. Pickle's updates.

#### **J. Supervisor Requests**

Supervisor Child had no requests, but noted that the next item to be determined would be the placement of a plaque for Lake Harvey. Chairman Cutler noted that not a lot of money should be spent on a temporary sign, stating something to the effect of: "Future site of SLWSD improvement project" – this would advise the public as to what is going on. Mr. Pickle indicated that he wanted a design included on the sign depicting the architect's rendering.

Supervisor Altwein had no requests.

Secretary Ney had no requests.

Vice Chairman D'Amico had no requests.

Chairman Cutler had no requests.

Chairman Cutler then noted that it was his opinion that some allowances should be made for residents of the District to use the ponds for recreational purposes such as fishing, kayaking, canoeing, etc. He asked that the Board Members and Staff come back to the next meeting with any ideas they might have in order to accomplish this. Mr. Pickle reminded the Board that approximately one year ago, Counsel and Staff had recommended, if Board approved, that the HOAs take over ownership of the ponds, but the District continue maintenance. A brief discussion ensued regarding the potential liability for the District if the ponds were to be used for recreational use.

#### **K. Adjournment**

There being no further items to be addressed, the Regular Board Meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m. There were no objections.

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Chairman/Vice Chairman

  
Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Date Approved 06/02/15