

**St. Lucie West Services District**  
**Public Hearings & Regular Board Meeting Minutes**  
December 1, 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 Public Hearings & Regular Board Meeting is available on file.)

**Board Members Present**

Vincent D'Amico, Vice Chairman  
Gregg Ney, Secretary  
Charles 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  
Lisa Beans, Administrative Assistant, 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, SDS

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

**A. Call to Order**

Chairman D'Amico called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**B. Pledge of Allegiance**

**C. Roll Call**

It was noted that the 4 Supervisors indicated above were present.

**D. Approval of Minutes**

- 1. November 2, 2015, Workshop**
- 2. November 3, 2015, Regular Board Meeting**

A motion was made by Secretary Ney, seconded by Supervisor Child approving the November 2, 2015, Workshop Minutes, as amended, and the December 1, 2015, Regular Board Meeting Minutes, as presented. Upon being put to a vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Chairman D'Amico then recessed the Regular Board Meeting at 9:02 a.m. and simultaneously opened Public Hearing 1.

**E. Public Hearing 1**

**1. Roll Call**

**2. Receive Public Comment on Public Hearing 1 – Consider Resolution No. 2015-07 - Amending Chapter 1 of the Rules of the St. Lucie West Services District – Operating Policies and Procedures for Surface Water and Stormwater Management System and Improvements; Providing an Effective Date**

There was no public comment.

**3. Consider Resolution No. 2015-07 - Amending Chapter 1 of the Rules of the St. Lucie West Services District – Operating Policies and Procedures for Surface Water and Stormwater Management System and Improvements; Providing an Effective Date**

Resolution No. 2015-07 was presented, entitled:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2015-07**

**A RESOLUTION AMENDING CHAPTER I OF THE RULES OF THE ST. LUCIE WEST SERVICES DISTRICT—OPERATING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR SURFACE WATER AND STORMWATER MANAGEMENT SYSTEM AND IMPROVEMENTS; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF CONFLICTING PROVISIONS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

A motion was made by Secretary Ney, seconded by Supervisor Child and passed unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 2015-07, as presented.

Chairman D'Amico then closed Public Hearing 1 and called to order Public Hearing 2.

**F. Public Hearing 2**

**1. Roll Call**

**2. Receive Public Comment on Public Hearing 2 - Consider Resolution No. 2015-08 – Repealing as Superfluous Chapter II of the Rules of the St. Lucie West Services District – Establishing Irrigation Water Rates and Charges for Utility Service; Providing an Effective Date**

There was no public comment.

**3. Consider Resolution No. 2015-08 – Repealing as Superfluous Chapter II of the Rules of the St. Lucie West Services District – Establishing Irrigation Water Rates and Charges for Utility Service; Providing an Effective Date**

Resolution No. 2015-08 was presented, entitled:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2015-08**

**A RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE OPERATING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR THE ST. LUCIE WEST SERVICES DISTRICT WATER, WASTEWATER, AND IRRIGATION UTILITY SYSTEM; REPEALING AS SUPERFLUOUS CHAPTER II OF THE RULES OF THE DISTRICT ESTABLISHING IRRIGATION WATER RATES AND CHARGES FOR UTILITY SERVICE; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF CONFLICTING PROVISIONS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Supervisor Altwein made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Child and passed unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 2015-08, as presented.

Chairman D'Amico then closed Public Hearing 2 and reconvened the Regular Board Meeting at 9:04 a.m.

**G. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

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

Mr. Harrell had no Status Reports or Updates at this time.

**I. District Engineer  
DE 1 – Consider Approval of Contract Award for Basin 4E-5 Canal Project**

Mr. Lawson presented the contract and recommended Johnson Davis. He indicated that the difference in price ranges was due to fill estimates.

A motion was made by Secretary Ney, seconded by Supervisor Altwein and passed unanimously to award the contract for the Basin 4E-5 Canal Project in the amount of \$495,749, as presented.

Mr. Lawson indicated that he brought with him today the Mylar plat for signature regarding the Basin 4E/5 Canal Project and would need signatures after the meeting.

**DE 2 – Approval of Work Authorization No. 7BN5-11-1511-R between SLWSD and Cargill Custom Dressing, LLC**

Mr. Lawson presented the item indicating that staff had reviewed the application and was recommending approval of Work Authorization No. 7BN5-11-1511-R between SLWSD and Cargill Custom Dressing, LLC with the general condition that should the

District need to access this portion of its easement, the applicant will be required to remove and reinstall the fence at the owner's expense.

A motion was made by Secretary Ney, seconded by Supervisor Altwein and passed unanimously approving Work Authorization No. 7BN5-11-1511-R between SLWSD and Cargill Custom Dressing, LLC with the stand General Condition that should the District need to access this portion of its easement, the applicant will be required to remove and reinstall the fence at the owner's expense.

Mr. Lawson then advised that he had sent his comments regarding the Fountains Project about relocating a main and that they are working on replacing the easement.

Mr. Lawson then indicated that he had received a phone call from the developer of the Shoppes of St. Lucie West, noting that there was an old remainder easement for which they would be requesting the District's release in the near future. Mr. Lawson indicated that the easement is no longer necessary and that it is causing title concerns. He requested that the Board authorize Mr. Pickle to execute the easement release, subject to legal and engineer review.

A motion was made by Supervisor Child, seconded by Secretary Ney and passed unanimously giving Mr. Pickle the authorization to release said easement, subject to legal and engineer review.

**J. Consent Agenda**

**CA 1 - Monthly Report on Public Works Department**

**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 October, 2015**

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

A motion was made by Secretary Ney, seconded by Supervisor Child approving Consent Agenda Items CA 1 through CA 6, as presented. Upon being put to a vote, the motion carried 4 to 0.

**K. District Manager  
Action Items**

**DM 1 - Consider Approval for 60-Inch Pipe Replacement 4B Basin at the Rear of Kentucky Fried Chicken**

Mr. Hayden presented the item noting that staff was recommending that the District award the contract to Blue Goose Construction in the amount of \$72,900.

A motion was made by Secretary Ney, seconded by Supervisor Child and passed unanimously approving the sixty-inch pipe replacement in the 4B Basin at the rear of Kentucky Fried Chicken and awarding the contract to Blue Goose Construction of Fort Pierce in the not to exceed amount of \$72,900, as presented.

## **DM 2 – Other Items/Updates**

Mr. Pickle then brought up the telecommunications tower proposal from PJ Development, LLC, clarifying specifics of the dimensions. He asked if the Board wished to move forward with further research on the matter.

Secretary Ney indicated that he had seen one in Torino and noted that it was not unattractive, but big. Taking into consideration his HOA ties, Secretary Ney opined that it would be worth getting feedback from those who will be affected, i.e., visual path, to obtain some input. Otherwise, in his opinion, he believes moving forward would be okay.

Discussion ensued about specific carriers who would or could be involved and who would be able to see it. Chairman D'Amico indicated had seen the one in Jensen Beach and was impressed with how it well hidden it was in its location. He noted that it took him some time to determine which "tree" was actually the tower. Mr. Pickle indicated that the "tree" was more appealing than the tower.

Discussion then took place about sustained wind loads and Mr. Pickle indicated he would be that information and bring it back to the Board. Chairman D'Amico also asked Mr. Pickle to get some feedback from the City with their experience with them.

Mr. Pickle asked for Board direction.

A motion was made by Secretary Ney, seconded by Supervisor Child and passed unanimously to move forward with obtaining further information on a telecommunications tower.

Mr. Pickle reminded those present of the All Hands Meeting scheduled for December 16, 2015, at 11:30 a.m.

Mr. Pickle then distributed a copy of Mr. Cutler's obituary and reminded everyone that a memorial service would be held in the Board Room at 2:00 p.m. today. He expects standing room only.

Mr. Pickle had nothing further.

## **L. Supervisor Requests**

Supervisor Child had no requests.

Supervisor Altwein had no requests.

Secretary Ney indicated he would get in touch with the appropriate HOAs regarding the potential telecommunications tower. Mr. Pickle indicated he would make a presentation to this HOAs so that their questions and concerns could be addressed.

There were no further Supervisor Requests.

#### **M. Adjournment**

There being no further items to be addressed, the Regular Board Meeting was adjourned at 9:44 a.m. There were no objections.

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Chairman/Vice Chairman

  
Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Date Approved 01-05-16