

**PINELLAS PARK WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT (PPWMD)  
6460 35<sup>TH</sup> STREET N.  
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**July 16, 2020  
Regular Authority Meeting #5**

**MINUTES**

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Jennifer Cowan, District Attorney  
Karen Lowe, District Engineer  
Brad Williamson, Kiewit Construction  
Mike Silcott, Resident  
Michael Johnson, Blue Iron  
Cody Jensen, Kiewit Construction  
Rome Robinson, Resident  
Jane Snow, Resident  
David Cook, PPWMD  
Nick Charnas P.E., Applied Sciences (via telephone)

**I.** Chairman Charles Tingler called to order the Regular Authority Meeting #5 for July 16, 2020 at 5:30 P.M.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Mr. Taylor - Here  
Mr. Farrell - Here  
Mr. Tingler – Here

**III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Randal A. Roberts, Executive Director, stated there are no changes to the agenda

**IV. MINUTES**

Mr. Farrell made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Authority Meeting #4 held on May 21, 2020. Second was made by Mr. Taylor.

No discussion. Roll Call:

Voting Aye: Mr. Taylor, Mr. Farrell and Mr. Tingler

**MOTION APPROVED**

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. CIP PROJECTS**

**I. CHANNEL 1 WEST OF 66<sup>th</sup> STREET**

Randal A. Roberts, Executive Director referencing the slide presentation stated bold numbers on top are the engineering estimates as well as Construction Services during construction. Mr. Roberts showed a slide of current condition of the Channel and a rendering of the southside of the Channel once the project is completed.

**II. CHANNEL 1A2 EAST OF 49<sup>th</sup> STREET**

Randal A. Roberts, Executive Director stated that currently the Channel is an open ditch and the proposed project is to culvert part of the ditch, with a swale on top of the culverted areas with elevated catch basins to get stormwater treatment. Further downstream to the west the construction will be typical concrete panels used in other District's Channels. Mr. Roberts showed a slide of current condition of the Channel and a rendering of the Channel once the project is completed.

**III. CHANNEL 2E NORTH OF MAINLANDS**

Randal A. Roberts, Executive Director stated that this Channel separates The Lakes and Mainlands. The proposed project would address the erosion on the east/west portion of the Channel 2E. Mr. Roberts showed a slide of current condition of the Channel and a rendering of the Channel once the project is completed.

**IV. CHANNEL 4 WEST OF 66<sup>TH</sup> STREET AND SOUTH WATER TOWER**

Randal A. Roberts, Executive Director stated the current conditions has a lot of cracking and shifting of panels. The project will be replacing failed concrete panels.

**V. 5 YEAR CIP PLAN**

Randal A. Roberts, Executive Director went over the proposed 5 Year CIP Plan; both the current and future projects. Mr. Roberts stated that these numbers are based on the Engineer's current estimate for the projects and the actual cost will change once the projects go out to bid. Should the cost for the projects come in higher than the Engineer's current estimates the project will need to be extend out to accommodate available funds. The 5 Year CIP Plan does include inspection services during construction; the area highlighted in yellow would be the amount of reserve funds carried over for the fiscal year.

Mr. Roberts stated the only equipment replacement proposed in the 2020/2021 Fiscal Year is a 2000 F150; the cost is approximately \$35,000. The projected ad valorem revenue for the 2020/2021 Fiscal Year is approximately \$5.5 million.

## **B. HEALTH INSURANCE RENEWAL**

Randal A. Roberts, Executive Director stated in your agenda packet is the proposal provided to the Districts by Public Risk Insurance Agency (PRIA); they are the District insurance broker. The coverage period is from August to August; United Health Care has similar plan that the District had last year; the renewal will have an increase of 4% getting. The major change is the out of pocket expense went up from \$3500 to \$5,000. All other health coverages remained the same.

Mr. Farrell made a motion to motion to renew United Healthcare Choice Plan AU-YQ/RX851 and all other health coverages as presented by the Executive Director for 2020/2021. Second was made by Mr. Taylor.

No discussion. Roll Call:

Voting Aye: Mr. Taylor, Mr. Farrell and Mr. Tingler

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## **VI. ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

### **A. PROJECTS**

#### **CHANNEL 1C (09-18-14) – RENEWAL FROM 98<sup>TH</sup> AVE. TO CONFLUENCE OF CH 1 (10-08)**

Karen Lowe, District Engineer stated that Charter Communications has lines remaining on the power poles which are now in the process of getting removed. Once those lines are removed, Duke Energy will remove power poles. Randal A. Roberts, Executive Director stated once the lines and poles are removed the project will out for bid.

#### **CHANNEL 4 (01-15-2015) - PANEL REPLACEMENT (10-19)**

Randal A. Roberts, Executive Director showed pictures of the area that the panels will be replaced; Nick Charnas P.E., Applied Sciences stated design for this project is 60% completed.

#### **DISTRICT'S MODERNIZATION PROGRAM – (01-21-2016)**

Karen Lowe, District Engineer provided an update on the modernization program; Ms. Lowe stated CDM Smith continues to work toward streamlining the maintenance data entry. All the models for the District's channels have now been converted to ICPR4 and the models will continue to get reviewed and updated.

#### **CHANNEL 1 (11-16-2017) – PANEL REPLACEMENT AT 66<sup>TH</sup> STREET (18-01)**

Randal A. Roberts, Executive Director, stated the District received 5 bids. The lowest bid received was from All American Concrete; their bid was \$4,954,647.00. All American Concrete's bid was deemed nonresponsive; the bid packet was not completed correctly. The lowest qualified bid was from Kiewit Infrastructure South; the bid was \$5,504,328.00. The District's budget for this project

is \$5,100,000.00; the lowest qualified bidder Kiewit Infrastructure South's bid is over \$400,000.00 over the District's budget. Randal A. Roberts, Executive Director, stated the District has two options. The District could re bid this project or accept Kiewit's bid of \$5,504,328.00. Mr. Roberts stated there are representative from Kiewit Infrastructure South that would like to speak on this project. Cody Jensen, Tampa Area Manager stated he is here to support the selection Kiewit Infrastructure South for the job. Kiewit looked at and bid this project both times, and Kiewit that is very capable of constructing this project and has the technical competency for this project. Mr. Jensen caution against timeline that steel prices may continue to increase and big reason for the additional cost is the method needed to install the sheet pile within noise restriction limits. There were discussions on the options available to the District, Mr. Farrell ask if silent sheet pile driving necessary? Mr. Roberts asked Mr. Charnas to respond to this question from an engineering perspective. Mr. Charnas stated I believe the easiest way to explain that is it boils down to the contractor's means and methods. I've known contractors to be very creative and come up with other techniques/devices to meet specifications. That's why the specifications are written like this, they are as a performance specification to meet noise and vibration criteria. Language in specification is that if the contractor doesn't meet the specification of the contract, they must stop work at their own cost until the issue is resolved. Going back to modifying the specification and plans; is there anything other than shrinking the quantity of work to lower the cost? Mr. Charnas stated; in my opinion the only way to lower the cost is to lower the quantity of work. Michael Johnson, Blue Iron, stated the specification on the steel was for marine grade steel instead of typical grade of steel. So that has a pretty significant impact on the cost. Could the engineers go back and look to see if marine grade steel is required; this could be a savings of \$200,000. Mr. Charnas stated that was our structural engineer that recommended the marine grade steel because of the tidal influenced channel. Mr. Charnas stated that's certainly something we can look at. Brad Williamson, Kiewit Infrastructure South stated there may be additional cost for re bidding the project. There was more discussion on the timeline to re bid the project and why the previous bidders were deemed nonresponsive. Mr. Charnas stated should we decide to re bid this project, prior to the re bidding we would develop an organizational checklist with requirements to be submitted and have a pre-construction meeting go over all requirements with a power point presentation.

Mr. Farrell made a motion to reject all bids and re bid Project #18-01 Channel 1 Panel Replacement at 66<sup>th</sup> Street. Second was made by Mr. Taylor.

No discussion. Roll Call:

Voting Aye: Mr. Taylor, Mr. Farrell and Mr. Tingler

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### **CHANNEL 1A2 (11-16-2017) – REPAIR AT 49<sup>TH</sup> STREET (14-04)**

Randal A. Roberts, Executive Director, asked Nick Charnas to update this project. Mr. Charnas stated they are working towards 60% design. Tomorrow Mr. Roberts has meeting with property owner at 52<sup>nd</sup> Street to obtain permanent easement and we are working with Grand Villas Retirement Home to obtain a temporary easement on the northside of the channel. We will be meeting with the City of Pinellas Park to incorporate the District's project with the City's stormwater system.

**CHANNEL 2E REPAIR (3/19/2020) – REPAIR AT MAINLANDS/THE LAKES (20-01)**

Randal A. Roberts, Executive Director, stated that the survey is complete. Mr. Roberts stated this project will be done in two phases; the first phase will be the east – west portion of the channel.

**CHANNEL 5 RIP RAP REPAIR**

Randal A. Roberts, Executive Director, provided pictures prior to construction and pictures of after the repair. Mr. Roberts explained the reason for the repair was to stop erosion on the west bank and realign the east bank. Mr. Roberts provided documents showing the original easement agreement as well outlining the 20' easement. Jane Snow, one of the property owners abutting the Channel 5 Rip-Rap Repair had several issues about the project. Ms. Snow stated she had concerns about the following items; rip-rap within the easement, the rip-rap not being in a straight line, the neighbor to south of her property paid the contractor for additional backfill, the slope on her property is not even and the project has adversely affected her property. Ms. Robinson another property owner abutting the Channel 5 Rip-Rap Repair had the following concerns; the fence was placed closer to her home and prior to the project her back yard was like a natural preserve and now it is not, the properties to the north have a seawall and those properties gained property the 4 properties adjacent to this project lost property and her neighbor yard is elevated higher than the properties on either side of him. There was discussion on options to resolve the concerns of Ms. Sand and Ms. Robinson and the 20-foot drainage easement along Channel #5 adjacent to this project. Mr. Taylor asked both Ms. Snow and Ms. Robinson what would make you folks happy; how can this be resolved? Ms. Snow stated I want my yard level again, would like property line back and has concerns about height transition to the property adjacent to hers. Ms. Robinson stated her concerns was the location of fence and losing part of her yard. There was more discussion and the Board came to an agreement to place the rip-rap along the property line and outside the 20-foot drainage easement.

**VII. FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

Mr. Farrell made a motion to approve the Financial Statement for June 2020 as on file in the District's Office. Second was made by Mr. Taylor.

No discussion. Roll Call:

Voting Aye: Mr. Taylor, Mr. Farrell and Mr. Tingler

**VIII. INVESTMENT SUMMARY**

Mr. Farrell made a motion to approve the investment summary of July 2020. Second was made by Mr. Taylor.

No discussion. Roll Call:

Voting Aye: Mr. Taylor, Mr. Farrell and Mr. Tingler

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR COMMENTS**

1. Mr. Roberts updated the Board on the Covid-19 procedures the District has implemented.
2. Mr. Roberts proposed possible TRIM dates. The First TRIM Hearing September 9, 2020 (Wednesday) and the Final TRIM Hearing will be September 17, 2020 (Thursday) proceeding the Regular Board Meeting #6; all meeting to start at 5:30 pm; these dates were agreed upon.

**LEGAL COUNSEL COMMENTS**

Jennifer Cowan, District Attorney stated she has been working with Jim Denhardt, city attorney for City of Pinellas Park on filing a motion to intervene with attachments, affidavits, exhibits, maintenance on the Tripp property adjacent to Channel #5 at 63<sup>rd</sup> Street. Ms. Cowan and Mr. Denhardt provided photos and information on what property looks like now and what it looked like then. On the eve of hearing of the foreclosure, the attorney representing the Tripp property looked at everything and the parties entered into an agreement. Judge approved the agreement. There will be no foreclosure on the easement.

**VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mike Silcott spoke regarding Dinsmore Pond, sent photographs to Mr. Roberts by email, from 63<sup>rd</sup> looking back at 62<sup>nd</sup> and 65<sup>th</sup>, looking both ways, channel is in sad shape. Mr. Silcott asked if any maintenance or spraying been done on the channel? Dave stated the spraying was just completed; it takes 7-10 days for the chemical they are using to start working. Mr. Silcott asked how often is the spraying done? Mr. Cook stated the spraying is on a monthly schedule. Mr. Roberts stated we will follow up with contractor to see if we need to spray more than once a month.

**VIII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

There were no additional comments from the Board.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

There was no further business to come before the Board and Mr. Farrell moved to adjourn the Pinellas Park Water Management District Board Meeting #5. Second was made by Mr. Taylor.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

THIS DOCUMENT IS CERTIFIED AS APPROVED ON \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Chairman

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Vice Chairman

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Treasurer