

PINELLAS PARK WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
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MINUTES

January 15, 2009

(Regular Authority Meeting #4)

IN ATTENDANCE

Tom Tripp, Attorney for PPWMD
Janet Rogers, Executive Director, PPWMD
Rick Frazee, FJS Research, Pinellas Park, FL
Cynthia Gillott, Executive Secretary, PPWMD
Randal A. Roberts, Streets and Drainage, City of Pinellas Park
Mike Smith, P.E. CDM, Tampa, FL
Nick Charnas, P.E. CDM, Tampa, FL.
Jeff Lowe, P.E., McKim & Creed, Clearwater, FL
Jim Bernard, P.E., TBE Group, Clearwater, FL
Peter Nikolov, P.E., TBE Group, Clearwater, FL
Muriel Whitman, Mayor of Kenneth City, FL.
Albert L. Carrier, Vice Mayor of Kenneth City, FL.
Nancy Schiano, Vice President, Springwood II Condo Assoc. Board, Pinellas Park, FL.
Louis Bommattei, President, Springwood II Condo Assoc. Board, Pinellas Park, FL.
George Walton, Resident, Springwood II Condo Assoc. Board, Pinellas Park, FL.
Nicole Smith, Student Guest

ROLL CALL

Mr. Farrell - Present
Mr. Taylor - Late Arrival
Mr. Tingler - Present

Chairman Charles Tingler called to order Regular Authority Meeting #4 for January 15, 2009 at 5:33 P.M.

Roll Call: Mr. Farrell, Mr. Taylor and Mr. Tingler

MINUTES

Mr. Farrell made a motion to approve the minutes of Regular Authority Meeting #3 held on December 18, 2008. Second was made by Mr. Tingler.

No discussion. Roll Call:

Voting Aye: Mr. Farrell and Mr. Tingler

MOTION APPROVED

Janet Rogers, Executive Director introduced Mayor Muriel Whitman and Vice Mayor Albert Carrier, both of the Town of Kenneth City. Also introductions for Louis Bommattei, President of Springwood II, Condo Association Board and Nancy Schiano, Vice President Springwood II Condo Association Board and resident George Walton, Springwood II.

03-15-07

CHANNEL 2 CULVERT UPGRADES - GANDY BLVD.

Janet Rogers, Executive Director, stated that TBE Group informed the District late Wednesday, January 14, 2009, that Florida Gas Transmission Company has not been able to obtain their gas FDOT permit for this project. The District has received a request from Florida Gas Transmission Company for the relocation and design in the amount of \$1.5 Million Dollars. Peter Nikolov, TBE Group informed the Board that the process for all utility companies to present a utility relocation schedule to FDOT who in turn look at the design. It was determined by FDOT that Florida Gas Transmission moving the utility line closer to Gandy Blvd. is not allowed per the statute and permit manuals. It was then at that time that someone in management of Florida Gas Transmission Company came to the conclusion that Florida Gas Transmission Company was in the project area before PPWMD was established and because of that fact requested the \$1.5 Million for relocation fee. TBE Group is working towards having FDOT write a letter to Florida Gas Transmission stating that it is FDOT position that the Gandy Blvd. project would also be of benefit to FDOT to have this project take place in hopes Florida Gas Transmission will drop the position of requesting the additional \$1.5 Million Dollars. Tom Tripp, Attorney for the District requested direction from the Board on preparing a letter to Florida Gas Transmission with a carbon copy to FDOT pertaining to the fact that Florida Gas Transmission Company; has been on notice that Florida Gas Transmission company knew the time frame, the issue on weather pertaining to completion of this project, engineering and legal cost involved. Ed Taylor questioned Peter Nikolov, TBE Group should Florida Gas Transmission Company moved quicker on this relocation. Peter Nikolov, TBE stated that Florida Gas Transmission Company was ready to go and that no monetary issues were mentioned until last week. Ed Taylor gave direction to Tom Tripp to prepare a letter to Florida Gas Transmission Company. Janet Rogers, Executive Director requested to have a special Board meeting should the issues be resolved in order to possibly have the awarding of the contract and the Notice to Proceed because of the time frame required in order to have this project completed by the rainy season. Ed Taylor made a motion to have a special board meeting held on January 29, 2009 at 5:30 P.M. at the District Office. Second was made by Mr. Farrell.

No discussion. Roll Call:

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

00-01-01

CHANNEL 1A – RECONSTRUCTION

Janet Rogers, Executive Director, informed the Board this project is in the final stages, received the final paper work of which CDM and Tom Tripp are reviewing, walk thru has been made, final punch items have been completed. The washout at 83rd Terrace bridge over Channel 1A North/South has been completed and the District maintenance department will continue to observe.

01-17-08

CHANNEL 1 - LARCHMONT FABRIFORM REPLACEMENT

Janet Rogers, Executive Director, informed the Board that bid documents and cost estimates have been received are completed and is requesting that the District proceed to go out to bid. Easement agreements have been received. Introduction of the Springwood II Condo Association representatives was made. Louis Bommattei, President of Springwood II Condo Association stated that residents are very pleased to hear that the Larchmont Channel will be repaired and gave the District maintenance personnel praise on the maintenance of the channel under the present conditions. Janet Rogers, Executive Director was given direction by the Board to meet with the Springwood Condo representatives on looking at a vinyl fence that may be accomplished in partnership on this project.

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Tom Tripp, Attorney for the District stated that the present vinyl fence that is to be installed with this project is on the commercial side of the property. Janet Rogers, Executive Director informed the Board that the Caladesi project connected with this channel has been completed and the release of Lien has been received.

04-19-07

CHANNEL 2 - PARK BLVD. PHASE 3 - CITY PROJECT

Janet Rogers, Executive Director, stated there is no action needed at this time.

94-10-03

CHANNEL 3 - HAINES ROAD

Janet Rogers, Executive Director, stated HW Lochner, County Engineer, has received SWFWMD permit. Pinellas County anticipates going to bid in late summer/early fall of 2009.

07-08-16

CHANNEL 3 - FABRIFORM REPLACEMENT

Janet Rogers, Executive Director, informed the Board that a request has been made to slow down on this project, to be able to look at this project on a month to month status, that McKim and Creed has started contract technical specification and engineers estimate. Geotechnical report is being finalized by Driggers. On December 9, 2008, received 30% design drawings and that CDM is reviewing. Mike Smith commented the he and Rick Frazee will visit the project site to make sure the project is going in the correct direction.

08-16-07

CHANNEL 4 AND 4E ENHANCEMENT

Janet Rogers, Executive Director reminded the board that at last months Regular Authority meeting, CDM has instructed to do the modeling work that is being required by SWFWMD of Joes Creek. Mike Smith, CDM has made contact on the request to help in the funding of the modeling. A response has not yet been received from SWFWMD.

11-11-03

CHANNEL 4A - PHASE 3 - 53RD TO 62ND AVE.

Janet Rogers, Executive Director, stated that Progress Energy has not yet acquired the easement from Kohler for their relocation of poles and that they have requested a date of construction. This date has not yet been given but the District may possibly be looking at March. A notice from SWFWMD was received on January 7, 2009, approval of the permit and on January 12, 2009 received from the Department of the Army the approval for the modification of the permit. This modification was the elimination of the North/South section of the project. Mike Smith, CDM stated ready to go out to advertise and that they are still waiting on Secor to sign the temporary construction easement agreement. Tom Tripp, Attorney for the District stated there is an easement for East/West and that the District was trying to be a good neighbor by working on the temporary construction easement for Secor roof drains.

07-21-08

CHANNEL 4 PANEL REPLACEMENT

Janet Rogers, Executive Director, stated the Geotechnical work was completed December 22, 2008 and a draft report is being finalized. Preliminary design was received from McKim & Creed on December 12, 2008. The District is presently reviewing construction cost and access easement. Jeff Lowe with McKim & Creed stated that the Geotechnical report has been reviewed and is indicating all soils behind the panels are very soft and could be a cause of the problems on that project.

03-12-01

CHANNEL 5 - CITY PROJECT

Janet Rogers, Executive Director, informed the Board that maintenance options are being discussed with Mike Smith, CDM and the District's Spyder operator.

02-04-01

FEMA MAP CHANGES UPDATE

Janet Rogers, Executive Director, stated there is nothing new at this time. Letter of final determination has now been scheduled for February 18, 2009 and effective date of map is now going to be August 18, 2009.

FINANCE

a) Financial Statement – December 2008

Mr. Farrell read the financial statement for the month of December 2008. Mr. Taylor made a motion to approve the financial statement for the month of December 2008. Second was made by Mr. Tingler.

No discussion. Roll Call:

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

MOTION APPROVED

b) Investment Summary - January 2009

Janet Rogers, Executive Director made a recommendation that funds not be transferred at this time.

Mr. Farrell made the motion to approve the Investment Summary for January 2009. Second was made by Mr. Taylor.

No discussion. Roll Call:

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

MOTION APPROVED

c) First Quarter Budget Revision

Janet Rogers, Executive Director stated due to the events that are taking place on Channel #2 – Gandy Blvd Culvert Upgrade, would like to propose to table the budget revision until the Special meeting that is going to be held on January 29, 2009. Information was given to the Board that only fifty percent of the Ad Valorem tax receipts have been received and that the information received by the District is that approximately seven hundred homes have been foreclosed on in this area. A motion was made by Mr. Taylor to table the budget revision until the Special Board meeting to be held on January 29, 2009.

Second was made by Mr. Farrell.
No discussion. Roll Call:

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

MOTION APPROVED

NEW BUSINESS

Channel 1A2

Janet Rogers, Executive Director, informed the Board that MTM Contractors are scheduled to do the warranty work and that this issue should be completed by next Board meeting.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Janet Rogers, Executive Director stated that two bills that Representative Janet Long is presenting to the Legislative Delegation is the bill for the proposal to remove Hardy Huntley properties from the District. A report from CDM on the review of the Avid Engineering Report is included in the Board's folders. Mike Smith, CDM gave presentation of the review that was performed stating that the modeling assumptions in the Avid report does not come to the same conclusions as the Avid Report statements. Excluded from the report is the fact that some drainage goes to Channel #5 and therefore does receive direct benefits that are not mention. The Avid Report is silent to the fact that some drainages goes to Channel #1 and then onto Cross Bayou and again receives benefits. Tom Tripp, Attorney for the District reestablished that some of the Huntley property does in fact drain into Channel #1, Park Blvd, drainage goes into Channel #5 and that it only addressed improvements that the District had made over time and that no governmental benefits were addressed. Janet Rogers, Executive Director stated that many meetings have been held and continue to be scheduled with Representatives and Senators in order to give full information on the District, what has been accomplished, what the District continues to do for the residents of the District and to try to find out how the District maintenance will continue as the Janet Long bill does not address in a clear manner how the infrastructure will be maintained. Tom Tripp, Attorney for the District informed the Board that a lobbyist for the City of St. Petersburg is going around Tallahassee as the City of St. Petersburg would like the portion that is within the District removed as there is an issue with double taxation on those properties. Discussion was held on the fact that representatives have been asking if the District would be able to do maintenance after all projects are completed in 2011-2012 at a millage rate of 1.5 mills. Delegation meeting is scheduled for January 22, 2009. Charles Tingler wanted to know if the projects were going to be completed as scheduled and discussion was held that it depends on the economy and how the tax revenue is collected but with all remaining the same that the projects should be completed as scheduled.

MISCELLANEOUS

A. Monthly Rainfall/Maintenance Report

The monthly report is included in the Boards packet.

A reminder that a Special Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, January 29, 2009.

Next scheduled Regular Authority Meeting is Thursday, February 19, 2009.

There was no further business to come before the Board and Mr. Farrell moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 P.M. Second was made by Mr. Taylor.