

**HAINES CITY WATER CONTROL DISTRICT
SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
June 15, 2021**

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Establish Quorum
- III. Election of Omar Arroyo to fill vacancy on Board of Supervisors.
- IV. Approve Minutes of Meeting of March 9, 2021
- V. Approve June 15, 2021, Finance Report
- VI. General Public Comment (*limited to 5 minutes per person*)
- VII. Old Business
 - a) Update re: Maintenance of the Ditch
 - b) Update from Engineer Steve Shealey
- VIII. New Business
- IX. Supervisors' Comments
- X. Attorney's Comments
- XI. Secretary's Comments
- XII. Set Date for Next Meeting
- XIII. Adjourn

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HAINES CITY WATER CONTROL DISTRICT

MINUTES OF MEETING

March 9, 2021

PRESENT: Chairman Lonnie Large, Vice Chairman Russell Yates, Supervisor Janie Large, Supervisor Nicholas Gollattscheck, Attorney Fred Reilly (via conference call), Secretary/Treasurer Linda Robinson, Steve Shealey (Pennoni Engineers)

Call to Order

Chairman Large called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. and pronounced a quorum was present.

Approve Minutes of Annual Landowners Meeting of January 26, 2021

Supervisor Janie Large made a motion to approve the minutes of the Annual Landowners Meeting of January 26, 2021. Vice Chairman Yates seconded. Motion passed with all yeas.

Approve Finance Report of March 9, 2021

Secretary/Treasurer Robinson presented a Finance Report which showed that as of February 28, 2021, the balance in the District's checking account is \$215,588.16. Vice Chairman Yates moved to approve the Finance Report, and was seconded by Supervisor Gollattscheck. Motion carried with all yeas.

General Public Comment

There was no one from the General Public nor any property owners in attendance.

Old Business

- a) Maintenance of Drainage Ditch – Chairman Large deferred his report on maintenance of the drainage ditch, which would be included with his and Engineer Steve Shealey's joint report regarding evaluation of the weir behind Mehaffey property (Item VI(b)).
- b) Evaluation of Weir Behind Mehaffey Property – Engineer Shealey distributed an aerial photo of the area behind Mehaffey property. Mr. Shealey addressed the Board. He and Chairman Large walked the area all the way down to Lake Mehaffey. They observed that there is an issue with erosion. The Board needs to consider working on the weir to stabilize it. However, there it will be difficulty in getting equipment in to get the work done. The Board should consider putting in a new weir, but the original location may not necessarily be the best spot. As a note: (pre-1984-1985), Lake Mehaffey was never permitted as a stormwater pond.

There is a high spot in the ditch behind Aldi that is blocking water going to the east side of US 27.

In selecting an area to install the weir, the Board needs to keep in mind that it will be necessary to get an easement from the property owner. It is best to have to work with only one property owner.

Vice Chairman Yates asked about the culverts. Mr. Shealey advised that the culverts on US 27 right-of-way are controlled by the FDOT. We should not worry with that right now.

- c) Continued Discussion re: Cooperative Funding Project – Mr. Shealey advised that we need to make contact with SWFWMD to start the process. Before SWFWMD will agree to proceeding into the grant process, they most likely will want a survey; so that the Board can confirm that the work that will be done will not flood another property owner.

The time frame for doing the work is a year or two.

The canal east of US 27 between Pilot and CVS will have to be cleaned out if the Board intends to install a new weir.

A new weir needs to be built to raise the levels of Lake Joe and Lake Tracy. This is good justification to apply for a grant from SWFWMD.

The fact that we cannot access the existing weir to maintain it is a good reason to move its location. The estimated cost of the project is \$300,000-to-\$400,000.

Chairman Large added, because this project will benefit the City, that we could possibly entice the City to participate.

Mr. Shealey stated that there are two issues to this project:

1. Permitting – The project is beneficial; therefore, we should not have a problem with permitting. The project will ultimately provide stable water levels to Lake Joe, Lake Tracy and Lake Eva. However, we will have to prove that other properties will not be flooded.
2. Funding – SWFWMD will fund a project that works towards improving the aquifer. Mr. Shealey added that this will not be a beautification project. SWFWMD only funds capital projects.

The weir needs to be constructed with reinforced concrete. Installation of a baffle box on the upstream side will prevent debris from flowing downstream. The weir should be a permanent structure and not adjustable. An adjustable weir is high maintenance. Chairman Large added that the District needs to address the “debris” issue. The ditch is filling up with debris.

Vice Chairman Yates commented that this project will be beneficial to Lakes Tracy, Elsie and Eva.

Vice Chairman Yates made a motion to authorize Steve Shealey and Pennoni Engineers to initiate the process of obtaining a cooperative funding grant with SWFWMD. Nick Gollattscheck seconded. Motion carried with all yeas.

New Business – None.

Supervisors’ Comments

There were no additional comments by the Supervisors.

Attorney’s Comments

Attorney Reilly provided the following updates:

Merkle Project – Attorney Reilly has had numerous conversations with property owner. As of this date, though, there is no new information to provide.

Lake Eva – The City is continually working with adjacent landowners. The City is getting an appraisal of parcels that are necessary to the Lake Eva Restoration and to obtaining a permanent easement from adjacent property owners.

Morrison Property – The Board will eventually need to obtain a permanent easement from Tennold. Attorney Reilly believes that ultimately they will agree to an easement. The District is in a good position because we have funds to participate. The project is moving forward and, hopefully, appraisals will be done in the near future.

Secretary’s Comments – None

Set Date for Next Meeting

The Board agreed to meet again on June 15. Due to travel plans of the Supervisors, future meetings will be scheduled on dates when a quorum is available.

Adjourn

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Attest:

APPROVED:

Linda Robinson, Secretary

Lonnie Large, Chairman

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Finance Report

June 15, 2021

Bank Balance as of February 28, 2021 \$215,588.16

Deposits and Other Credits:

03/15/2021 - Joe G. Tedder 2,796.47
04/15/2021 - Joe G. Tedder 9,033.15
05/14/2021 - Joe G. Tedder 2,449.82

Withdrawals / Debits:

03/01/2021 - Ck. 1997 The Ledger (adv. Landowners Mtg.)..... 263.68
03/01/2021 - Ck. 1998 Pennoni (Invoice 1058886)..... 747.47
03/10/2021 - Ck. 1999 Linda Robinson (March) 250.00
04/16/2021 - Ck. 2000 Pennoni (Inv. 1063521)..... 956.26
04/30/2021 - Ck. 2001 Linda Robinson (April) 250.00
04/30/2021 - Ck. 2002 Amphibious Aquatics (Invoice 04/30/2021)..... 3,510.00
05/10/2021 - Ck. 2003 Reilly International Law Firm (Inv. 0000033)..... 444.60

Ending Bank Balance as of May 17, 2021..... \$223,445.59
