

# **HAINES CITY WATER CONTROL DISTRICT**

## **Meeting of the Board of Supervisors**

### **March 8, 2022**

#### **MINUTES OF MEETING**

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**PRESENT:** Chairman Lonnie Large, Vice Chairman Nicholas Gollattscheck, Supervisor Russell Yates, Supervisor Sean McCoy, Attorney Fred Reilly (via mobile device); Engineer Steve Shealey; Secretary/Treasurer Linda Robinson

**ABSENT:** Supervisor Omar Arroyo

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The meeting convened at 5:05 p.m. Chairman Large stated he is tendering his resignation as a Member of the Board of Supervisors. The sale of his property had closed; and, because he no longer owns land within the Haines City Water Control District, he is not eligible to sit on the Board. He thanked the members of the Board for their commitment to the District, and also thanked Attorney Reilly for his legal services to the District. Each of the Supervisors extended their thanks to both Lonnie and Janie Large for their commitment to the District and wished them safe journeys.

Vice Chairman Nick Gollattscheck called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m. and pronounced that a quorum was present.

Vice Chairman Gollattscheck called for nominations for Chairman. Supervisor Sean McCoy made a motion to appoint Supervisor Russell Yates as Chairman of the Board of Supervisors. Vice Chairman Gollattscheck seconded the motion. Motion carried with all yeas.

Chairman Yates presented a gavel plaque to Lonnie Large for his outstanding service on the Board of Supervisors from 2011 to 2022 and serving as Chairman from 2015 to 2022. Chairman Yates then presented a plaque for Janie Large for her dedicated service as a member of the Board of Supervisors from July 2020 through January 2022. Janie Large was not present; Lonnie Large accepted the plaque on her behalf.

#### Approve Minutes of Meeting of February 8, 2022

Vice Chairman Nick Gollattscheck moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of February 8, 2022. Sean McCoy seconded. Motion carried with all yeas.

Approve Finance Report of March 8, 2022

Secretary/Treasurer Robinson reported that as of February 28, 2022, the balance in the District's checking account is \$299,095.13. Vice Chairman Gollattscheck motioned to approve the Finance Report. Supervisor McCoy seconded. Motion carried with all yeas.

General Public Comment (limited to 5 minutes per person)

There was no one from the General Public nor any owners of property within the District in attendance, and no one made any comments to the Board of Supervisors.

Old Business

- a) Update re: Maintenance of the Ditch – There was nothing to report regarding maintenance of the drainage ditch.
  
- b) Continued Discussion Regarding Process to Update Boundaries of the Haines City Water Control District and Update the Water Control Plan

Re: Expanding the Boundaries of the District – Engineer Shealey reported that he has been in touch with Cindy Rodriguez at Southwest Florida Water Management District. SWFWMD is continuing its work on the model, which covers most of the Haines City Water Control District. Mr. Shealey will put together a report for the Board. Attorney Reilly stated that there is no statutory timeframe. Upon completion of a report outlining the proposed expansion, it will be presented to our local legislative delegation so that they can take it before the legislature for approval.

Re: Water Control Plan – Mr. Shealey stated that he would prefer to wait until SWFWMD has completed its model so that it can be included in the updated water control plan. He went on to say that the plan needs to be updated every 5 years.

Re: Haines City Lake Eva Restoration Project – Attorney Reilly reported that the City is continuing to work on this project.

Re: Weir – During Mr. Shealey's meeting with Ms. Rodriguez, the subject of a possible blockage in the drainage ditch behind the mobile home park was discussed. He was told that it is SWFWMD's opinion that if a blockage occurs, HCWCD will be responsible to clear the blockage.

The Supervisors discussed installation of a weir on the north side of US 27 and Commerce Avenue. There might be a place in the swamp area for holding the water. Mr. Shealey will take a look at the engineering evaluation and make recommendations. It was the consensus of the Board for Mr. Shealey to look into the size that a weir needs to be (maybe, 4 feet high(?)) so as to allow the water to flow.

New Business

- a) Audit Engagement Agreement with Bunting Tripp & Ingley – Supervisor McCoy motioned, and seconded by Vice Chairman Gollattscheck, to approve the Audit Engagement Agreement with Bunting Tripp & Ingley for preparation of the audit for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2021, for a fee not to exceed \$14,000. Motion carried with all yeas.

Supervisors' Comments – No additional comments from the Supervisors.

Attorney's Comments

Attorney Reilly talked to the Board about personal issues that he is experiencing. Not long after his father passed away, Attorney Reilly was diagnosed with advance prostate cancer. He is undergoing aggressive treatment for the cancer. He thanked the Board for allowing him to attend the meetings via conference call, and assured them that he will continue to provide legal services for the District. The Supervisors each expressed their concern for Attorney Reilly and wished him well for a successful recovery.

Secretary's Comments

- a) Information relative to opening an additional bank account – Secretary Robinson advised that she talked with a bank officer at Mid-Florida Credit Union.
- b) New procedure for filing Financial Disclosure Forms – Secretary Robinson reminded the Supervisors that 2021 Financial Disclosure Forms are due June 1<sup>st</sup>. This year the procedure for filing will be the same; namely, they will receive a paper copy of the form by mail and then return the completed form by mail to the office of the Polk County Supervisor of Elections. However, beginning with next year, everything will be done electronically.

Set Date for Next Meeting – April 26, 2022<sup>1</sup>

Adjourn – There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Attest:

Approved:

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Linda Robinson, Secretary

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Chairman Russell Yates

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<sup>1</sup> Subsequent to this meeting Chairman Yates realized that he had a conflict with April 26, 2022, which would prevent him from attending. Therefore, the meeting date was changed to Wednesday, April 27, 2022.