

HAINES CITY WATER CONTROL DISTRICT

Meeting of the Board of Supervisors

April 27, 2022

MINUTES OF MEETING

PRESENT: Chairman Russell S. Yates, Vice Chairman Nicholas Gollattscheck, Supervisor Omar Arroyo, Supervisor Sean McCoy, Attorney Fred Reilly (via mobile device), Engineer Steve Shealey, Secretary/Treasurer Linda Robinson

Call to Order – Chairman Yates called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and pronounced that a quorum was present.

Approve Minutes of Meeting of March 8, 2022

Vice Chairman Gollattscheck moved to approve the Minutes of the meeting of March 8, 2022. Supervisor Arroyo seconded the motion. Motion carried with all yeas.

Approve Corrected Finance Report of March 8, 2022

Secretary/Treasurer Robinson reported that there was a typographical error in the Finance Report approved on March 8, 2022. She stated that the error did not change the reported bank balance. Supervisor Sean McCoy moved to approve the Corrected Finance Report dated March 8, 2022. Vice Chairman Gollattscheck seconded the motion. Motion carried with all yeas.

Approve Finance Report of April 27, 2022

Secretary/Treasurer Robinson reported that as of April 26, 2022, the balance in the District's bank account is \$307,263.67. Supervisor Sean McCoy moved to approve the Finance Report dated April 27, 2022. Supervisor Arroyo seconded the motion. Motion carried with all yeas.

General Public Comment (limited to 5 minutes per person)

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

Old Business

- a) Maintenance of the Ditch -- Chairman Yates reported that on April 4, 2022, the District paid Amphibious Aquatics the sum of \$3,780 for aquatic weed management (see attached copy of invoice).
- b) Continued Discussion Regarding Process to Update Boundaries of the Haines City Water Control District and to Update the Water Control Plan

Re: Southwest Florida Water Management District – Engineer Steve Shealey reported that SWFWMD has completed the model. Mr. Shealey stated that a map of the District is being prepared that would include surrounding areas that drain into the ditch. It should be completed in a month or two. It would appear that there is a big enough area draining into the ditch that would make it beneficial for the District to expand its boundaries. Mr. Shealey added that the new model will contain topographical features that will show locations of water runoff; however, some “modeling issues” have come up with the computer program and it is taking additional time to work out.

Re: Old Weir – Engineer Shealey reporting that there are still remnants of the old weir that need to be removed.

Re: House Bill 53 – Engineer Shealey led a discussion regarding Florida House Bill 53, which was passed by the Florida Legislature in 2021 and was approved by the Governor. The bill became effective July 1, 2021. Among other things, the bill requires:

By June 30, 2022, and every five years thereafter, the bill requires each county, municipality, or special district providing wastewater or stormwater services to develop a needs analysis for its jurisdiction over the subsequent 20 years. The analysis must be compiled and submitted to EDR, which must evaluate the compiled documents for the purpose of developing a statewide analysis for inclusion in the annual assessment due January 1, 2023. This bill provides that the analysis requirement applies to a rural area of opportunity as defined in s. 288.0656, F.S., unless such requirement would create an undue economic hardship for the county, municipality, or special district in the rural area of opportunity.

Vice Chairman Gollattscheck moved, seconded by Supervisor McCoy, to authorize Engineer Steve Shealey to prepare such a report in compliance with House Bill 53; and further authorized Chairman Yates to sign said report, if necessary, so that it can be timely filed with the proper State agencies. Motion carried with all yeas.

Re: Haines City / Lake Henry Project – Attorney Reilly reported he has been working closely with Haines City Public Infrastructure Director James Keene on this project. The project is moving forward. He anticipates providing an additional update within the next couple months.

New Business

Vacancies on the Board of Supervisors – Discussion on this matter was deferred to the next meeting.

Attorney Comments

Attorney Reilly apologized for not attending the meeting in person. He stated that a meeting which had been scheduled earlier in the afternoon had taken much longer than anticipated.

Secretary Comments

Secretary Robinson stated that there were a couple matters that she wanted to discuss with the Board:

- Florida Association of Special Districts Conference will be held in June in Orlando. The deadline to register for the conference is May 6, 2022. If anyone would like to attend the conference, please let her know by Monday or Tuesday, May 2 or 3.
- Secretary Robinson stated that she has enjoyed working for the District and the Board of Supervisors since 2004; however, she is tendering her resignation to be effective at the end of this fiscal year (September 30, 2022). She added that, if the Board approved, she knew of two individuals who would be good candidates. It was the consensus of the Board that she contacts these two people to see if they would be interested. Chairman Yates asked Secretary Robinson to see if one of the individuals could attend the May meeting, and the other come to the June meeting to meet with the Board. Attorney Reilly suggested that the Board move quickly on this so that the person they choose can shadow Ms. Robinson.

Supervisors' Comments

Supervisor Arroyo stated that he was successful in his campaign for City Commission of Haines City. He will be sworn into office on Thursday, May 5, 2022. Because he is prohibited from serving on two separate boards whose jurisdictions overlap, he must resign as a Supervisor of the Haines City Water Control District. Supervisors Yates, Gollattscheck and McCoy congratulated him on his victory and wished him well. Attorney Reilly congratulated Mr. Arroyo and thanked him for his service on the Board of Supervisors.

Set Date for Next Meeting -- Wednesday, May 25, 2022, at 5:00 p.m.

Adjourn -- There being no further discussion, Vice Chairman Gollattscheck motioned to adjourn the meeting. Supervisor McCoy seconded. Motion carried with all yeas. Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Attest:

Approved:

Linda Robinson, Secretary

Chairman Russell Yates