

**MINUTES OF MEETING
PINE TREE WATER CONTROL DISTRICT**

A meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Pine Tree Water Control District was held on Thursday, August 6, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at the Parkland City Hall, 6600 North University Drive, Parkland, Florida.

Present and constituting a quorum were:

Paul Brewer	President
Mark Weissman	Vice President
Donna Benckenstein	Secretary
Donald Eckler	Assistant Secretary
Werner T. Vaughan	Assistant Secretary

Also present were:

Kenneth Cassel	District Manager
DJ Doody	District Attorney
Warren R. Craven	District Engineer
Several residents	

The following is a summary of the minutes and actions taken during the August 6, 2015 PTWCD Board of Supervisors Meeting.

FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS

Roll Call

Mr. Cassel called the meeting to order and called the roll.

SECOND ORDER OF BUSINESS

Approval of the Minutes of the June 4, 2015 Meeting

Mr. Cassel stated each Board member received a copy of the minutes of the June 4, 2015 meeting and requested any corrections, additions or deletions.

There being none,

On MOTION by Mr. Weissman seconded by Ms. Benckenstein with all in favor the minutes of the June 4, 2015 meeting were approved.

THIRD ORDER OF BUSINESS

Audience Comments

The following comments were made:

- Ms. Rodriguez requested an update on the status of the canal bank repairs behind her property.

- Mr. Craven stated he spoke with her husband, Mr. Rodriguez, and explained the bids came in too high. He is going to report on alternative options for repairs later in the meeting.

FOURTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

**Public Hearing to Adopt the Fiscal Year
2016 Budget**

Mr. Cassel opened the public hearing. The following comments were made:

- Mr. and Ms. Ameller addressed the Board about the budget for canal maintenance. Ms. Ameller complained about the condition of the canal banks.
- Ms. Gordon asked if this has to do with the swales. Mr. Cassel responded it does not. PTWCD is responsible for the main backbones of the canals and drainage going out of the District.
- Mr. Miles asked why there is an increase in this year's budget. Mr. Cassel explained there is a large area with canal bank failure, which needs to be repaired. This adversely impacts everyone in the District.
- Mr. Craven stated the estimated costs are \$150,000, but the bid submitted was for \$296,000.
- There was discussion regarding the use of reserves and options if the repairs do not work.
- Mr. Debovovich asked if there were plans to maintain the canal along Riverside Drive and University Drive. Mr. Craven responded there is a five year program to clean that canal and remove trees along the canal. The first phase began two years ago. The second phase was scheduled for the current fiscal year, but was put on hold due to the canal bank failure.
- Mr. Allen stated he asked staff what they were spraying on the hedges near Godfrey Road and they did not want to respond to him. The hedge was killed and he wants to know if it will be replaced. He also asked what is causing the canal bank failure.
- Mr. Craven explained there is a layer of lime rock with a significant layer of silty sand beneath it. Overtime the water causes the sand to come out causing cavities, which cannot support the rock above it.
- Mr. Study stated these problems have existed and now there is a 45% increase to address them. The canal banks have been deteriorating for years.

- Mr. Cassel explained what the District is responsible for maintaining. Assessments were kept low to do what was minimally required to keep the drainage flows going. It is a common management fallacy by several government agencies.
- There was discussion regarding FEMA reimbursements after Hurricane Wilma. Mr. Cassel confirmed the District did not receive funds from FEMA because they could not prove ownership.
- Several residents expressed disapproval over the proposed increase and requested the Board reconsider increasing the assessments.
- A resident stated his concern is not with the increase, but whether the money will be used properly to repair the canals successfully.
- District staff mentioned several residents planted landscaping, which encroaches in the District's right-of-way, making it difficult to access the canals for maintenance.

On MOTION by Mr. Weissman seconded by Mr. Eckler with all in favor the public hearing was closed.

A. Resolution 2015-2, Adopting the Budget

The following was discussed:

Mr. Weissman MOVED to increase assessments \$75 per acre instead of \$95 per acre and take the balance of what needs to be spent from the reserves. Ms. Benckenstein seconded the motion.

- Mr. Eckler does not think \$20 is going to make a difference and the District needs the increase to do the maintenance and repairs requested by most of the people in attendance. He proposes keeping the increase at \$95 per acre.
- Mr. Brewer believes the residents are more concerned about what is done with the money rather than the increase itself. The increase is to repair the canal banks. The reserve should remain untouched in case there is a hurricane. He encouraged residents to reach out to the Board with concerns and observations.

On VOICE vote with Mr. Weissman and Ms. Benckenstein voting aye, and Mr. Brewer, Mr. Eckler and Mr. Vaughan voting nay, the motion failed to pass.

- Mr. Doody read Resolution 2015-2 by title only.

On MOTION by Mr. Eckler seconded by Mr. Vaughan with Ms. Benckenstein, Mr. Brewer, Mr. Eckler and Mr. Vaughan voting aye and Mr. Weissman voting nay, Resolution 2015-2, adopting the budget for Fiscal Year 2016 as presented, was adopted.

B. Resolution 2015-3, Levying Non Ad Valorem Assessments

Mr. Doody read Resolution 2015-3 by title only.

On MOTION by Mr. Eckler seconded by Mr. Brewer with Mr. Brewer, Mr. Eckler and Mr. Vaughan voting aye and Ms. Benckenstein and Mr. Weissman voting nay, Resolution 2015-3, levying non ad valorem assessments, was adopted.

FIFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Manager's Report

A. Meeting Schedule for Fiscal Year 2016

Mr. Cassel reviewed the proposed meeting schedule. Mr. Weissman indicated he will not be able to attend the August 4th meeting.

On MOTION by Mr. Vaughan seconded by Mr. Weissman with all in favor the meeting schedule for Fiscal Year 2016 was approved as presented.

B. Engagement Letter with Grau & Associates for Fiscal Year 2015

Mr. Cassel indicated the Board will have to go through the auditor selection process next year.

On MOTION by Mr. Weissman seconded by Ms. Benckenstein with all in favor the engagement letter with Grau & Associates for the Fiscal Year 2015 audit was approved.

C. Bank Repair Update – Tabled Item

Mr. Craven reported after reviewing alternate options to repair the canal banks the determination was made that the original recommendation by Dunkelberger to do rubble riprap, as was done in Butler Farms, is the most economical approach. Access is what is causing proposals and any other options to be high. There was consensus to go out for bids.

SIXTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Attorney's Report

There being no report, the next item followed.

SEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Engineer's Report

Mr. Craven reported the following:

- He is working on updating the Permit Criteria Manual to be consistent with recent changes to SFWMD requirements.
- He spoke with the City of Parkland's Engineering Department. There is more permit activity at Pine Tree Estates. The consultant reviewing permits has contacted him asking if the District requires permits for those lots. SFWMD does not require permits for single family lots unless they are encroaching a wetland adjacent to a flood plain. The District never required permits on single family lots. He proposes the District have a review process on these lots to ensure swales are being properly constructed. He would like to work with the City of Parkland on this process.
- After further discussion there was consensus to have the City send the District the information for permit applications and the District issue a letter of no objection.

EIGHTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Supervisors' Requests

The following was discussed:

- Mr. Weissman indicated members of the Terramar community were in attendance and would like to address the Board.
- Mr. Palombi addressed the Board and requested they consider accepting a turnover of the private lakes to the District.
- Several residents expressed concern over the conditions of their privately owned lakes.
- Mr. Cassel stated will review the request and report back to the Board on the pros and cons of the request.

NINTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Approval of Financials Dated June 30, 2015 and Check Registers

There being no questions or comments,

On MOTION by Mr. Weissman seconded by Ms. Benckenstein with all in favor the financials and check registers were approved.

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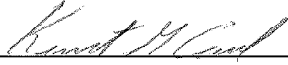
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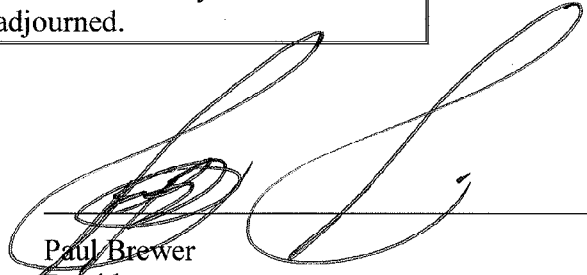
Adjournment

There being no further business,

On MOTION by Ms. Benckenstein seconded by Mr. Weissman
with all in favor the meeting was adjourned.



Kenneth Cassel
Assistant Secretary



Paul Brewer
President