

MINUTES

BARRON WATER CONTROL DISTRICT BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MEETING

November 18, 2014

The meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Barron Water Control District was called to order at 10:00 A.M. on Tuesday, November 18, 2014, by Mark Colbert, Chairman, who verified that a quorum was present and that the meeting had been legally advertised.

Those present at the meeting were:

Mark Colbert - Board Member & Chairman
Ricke Kress - Board Member & Treasurer
Lester Baird, Sr. - General Manager
Judi Kennington-Korf – General Manager
George Leicht – Field Supervisor
Tommy Perry – District Engineer
Sommer Foster – Johnson-Prewitt & Associates, Inc.
D. A. House – Landowner
C. Asplundh - Landowner
D. Hobby – Landowner
H. Mouthan - Landowner
M. Boyle – City of LaBelle
R. Zimmerly – City of LaBelle
Debora Simicich – District Secretary

Absent from the meeting was Andy Higginbotham – District Accountant.

Mr. Colbert opened the meeting with prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Kress, seconded by Mr. Colbert and unanimously carried, it was

RESOLVED AND APPROVED the minutes of the previous Board of Supervisors' meeting of September 24, 2014 and the minutes of the joint meeting with Port LaBelle Community Development District of September 24, 2014 as written and individually read.

Ms. Kennington-Korf requested that the Board ratify action taken during the emergency Board meeting of November 12, 2014.

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Kress, seconded by Mr. Colbert and unanimously carried, it was

RESOLVED AND APPROVED, that action taken during the Emergency Board Meeting held on November 12, 2014 granting a non-exclusive perpetual access easement for Canal 2 over, across, and through properties in Basins 12 and 15, along with an adopting Resolution be ratified.

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Kress, seconded by Mr. Colbert and unanimously carried, it was

RESOLVED AND APPROVED the minutes of the Emergency Board of Supervisors' meeting of November 12, 2014 as written and individually read.

Mr. Colbert asked if there was any public comment at this time. There was not.

Ms. Kennington-Korf presented a letter, dated October 28, 2014, from Danny Sutton tendering his resignation from the Board of Supervisors.

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Colbert, seconded by Mr. Kress and unanimously carried, it was

RESOLVED AND APPROVED, that the letter of resignation from Danny Sutton, be accepted.

Ms. Kennington-Korf presented a memo requesting the Board to approve the appointment of Mr. Duane Hobby to fill board seat 2 which was left vacant by Mr. Sutton's resignation.

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Colbert, seconded by Mr. Kress and unanimously carried, it was

RESOLVED AND APPROVED that Mr. Duane Hobby be appointed to serve as District Supervisor for Seat 2 until the next annual Landowners' Meeting.

The Oath of Office was then administered to Mr. Hobby by Ms. Simicich.

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Kress, seconded by Mr. Hobby and unanimously carried, it was

RESOLVED AND APPROVED that Mark Colbert, Ricke Kress, Duane Hobby, Debora Simicich, and Judi Kennington-Korf serve as District Representatives with signatory authority for the Center State Bank and the Florida Community Bank.

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Kress, seconded by Mr. Hobby and unanimously carried, it was

RESOLVED AND APPROVED that Judi Kennington-Korf will serve as the District Representative (with signatory authority, where applicable) for the Public Risk Management of Florida, Property and Casualty, Public Risk Management of Florida, Group Health Trust, Joint Trust Agreement, District Appointee, and other services as directed by the Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Baird presented the current Fund Balance Report to the Board.

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Kress, seconded by Mr. Hobby and unanimously carried, it was

RESOLVED AND APPROVED, that the Fund Balance Report of November 18, 2014, be adopted.

Mr. Kress pointed out that the District is holding the maximum recommended amount for unassigned reserves. He noted that when anticipated payments from FDOT are received, the Board will look at the situation again. For now the funds are laid out exactly as planned by the Board for use by the District.

Ms. Kennington-Korf presented a proposed lease document, which had been reviewed by District legal counsel, for a 126 acre parcel to be utilized for recreational use as a golf course. She then introduced Mr. Ron Zimmerly with the City of LaBelle to present the City's request.

Mr. Ron Zimmerly stated that the City requests the Board to approve an Interlocal Agreement for the lease of a 126 acre parcel of land from the District. The City has plans to sub-lease the property to a golf course developer. He stated that the City is in a 180 day period of Due Diligence and getting the initial lease agreement from the District is necessary for the plan to move forward.

A discussion followed among Board Members and audience members regarding the proposed lease and its effect on the District. Board Members decided to table any decision regarding the lease agreement until further information was gathered regarding the designated use of the property and the feasibility of leasing the property to the City of LaBelle.

Ms. Kennington-Korf presented a proposal for legal services from Johnson, Pope, Bokor, Ruppel & Burns, LLP for fiscal year 2014/2015. She stated the fees were the same as last year.

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Kress, seconded by Mr. Hobby and unanimously carried, it was

RESOLVED AND APPROVED, that the contract for legal services with Johnson, Pope, Bokor, Ruppel & Burns, LLP, for the fiscal year 2014/2015, be accepted.

Ms. Kennington-Korf presented a proposal for engineering services from Johnson-Prewitt & Associates, Inc. for fiscal year 2014/2015. She stated that the District is billed on an as needed basis and that the fees are the same as last year.

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Kress, seconded by Mr. Hobby and unanimously carried, it was

RESOLVED AND APPROVED, that the contract for engineering services with Johnson-Prewitt & Associates, Inc for the fiscal year 2014/2015, be accepted.

Mr. Colbert asked for any public comments. Mr. House commented that he would like to discuss some of the irrigation and/or drainage issues related to the District.

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There followed a general discussion of current rainfall amounts, water releases from Lake Okeechobee, and the Numeric Nutrient Criteria that is forthcoming from the EPA.

Mr. Baird announced that this was his last meeting as General Manager. Mr. Colbert presented him with a plaque recognizing his years of service to the District. Mr. Baird stated that he has enjoyed his time with the District and working with the Board. Everyone wished him a well upon his retirement.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 A.M.



Mark Colbert, Chairman

ATTEST:



Debora Simicich, Corporate Secretary