

**NORTH PALM BEACH HEIGHTS
WATER CONTROL DISTRICT**

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August 27, 2014 at 6:32 p.m.

**Jupiter Library
705 Military Trail
Jupiter, FL 33458**

Special Meeting of the North Palm Beach Heights Water Control District ("District"), having been duly advertised and posted, were held on August 27, 2014 at the Jupiter Library, 705 Military Trail, Jupiter, FL 33458. The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m., the Pledge of Allegiance was read and roll call was taken:

Present

Lee Hintemeyer
Brett Carpenter - Absent
Jeff Irvani
Wally Baldwin
Lynn McCullough

Members of the public were in attendance

AGENDA:

Mr. Baldwin,

The purpose of this meeting is to adopt the budget for the North Palm Beach Heights Water Control District for the fiscal year 2014-2015 commencing on October 1, 2015.

The budget is set up for revenues:

Taxes	\$184,300
Interest	\$ 8,000
Reserve Transfer	\$200,000
Miscellaneous	<u>\$ 25,000</u>
Total:	\$417,300

Expenses:

Maintenance Interior:

Canal Cleaning	\$ 75,000
Engineering Supervision	<u>\$ 25,000</u>
Total:	\$100,000

Administration:

Office Rent and Expenses	\$ 18,000
Insurance	\$ 5,500
Telephone/Electric	\$ 4,600
Supervisor Fees	\$ 13,400
Engineering	\$ 10,000
Secretary	\$ 0
Payroll Taxes	\$ 1,800
Attorney Legal Advertising	\$ 40,000
Fiscal Audit	<u>\$ 14,000</u>
Total	\$107,300

Tax Roll Preparation:

Collection	\$ 10,000
Contingency	<u>\$ 0</u>
Total	\$ 10,000

Capital Assets Improvements

\$200,000

Total Budget

\$417,300

This means that there is an annual assessment per lot of \$123.20 which is a reduction from last year (about \$40 less than last year).

Motion to approve the budget. Motion seconded.

Questions from the public: PLEASE HAVE THE PUBLIC SPEAK INTO MICROPHONE. IT IS HARD TO HEAR THEM SPEAK

(Inaudible) name and address of person asking the question. (Canal Cuts)

Mr. McCullough:

Regarding company called AquaGenix that does it. We previously had been doing 4 time a year. A couple of years ago during the rainy season, we got an option to do it 5 times year. Later in this meeting we will propose to do it every other month because we've had so much rain this year, that we have the option to pull these guys in but it takes about 6

weeks to go from one end of the Heights to the other because it's all done by hand with weed eaters. What this allows us to do, the money is there to do that many times, but if we don't need it and if we get into a dry period then we won't do it, obviously.

Question from the Public: Is that something that is done on a competitive bidding process. How is that done?

Mr. McCullough:

Mr. Iravani would get three bids. We had a company before Aquagenix.

Mr. Iravani:

Rooney and Dillard and another company.

Mr. McCullough:

AVC that were about \$10,000 a cut.

Mr. Iravani:

The prices have gone down since then. Brian Rooney was about \$12,000-\$13,000 a cut and these guys are about \$5,000 a cut.

Mr. McCullough:

This is company out of Pennsylvania that Jeff found and because it's all manual labor a lot of people don't understand that they can only go there and do it when the canal level is low. Because your still dealing with moccasins and everything else in there so sometimes, no sooner than they get done, they have to go right back and start all over because they had to stop somewhere during the process.

Public Question: (inaudible)

Mr. McCullough:

What my problem is and the board's problem is, is that we get so many residents that live on the canal that continue to dump tree branches and palm fronds back there. No sooner that we get it cut I'm on the phone to Jeff saying you need to take a look at the Garrett Street Canal. Somebody has gone out there and chopped and dumped branches.

Mr. McCullough:

When you see the dumping of the branches, etc. call Jeff. His phone number is (561) 575-6030 and he will have them come out and pick it up, or he will have his other engineer, the inspector do a patrol and we send them right back out. Mr. Baldwin has sent several letters to their homeowners association to stop the dumping activity or the board would take legal action. It's the board's money but it the residence's lawn services especially with the palm fronds and I object to that because that affects the flow of that canal.

Resident comments that he saw Christmas trees tossed into the canal. If you actually witness somebody doing that, Jupiter police can enforce that because they are code enforcement.

Public speaker: (inaudible)

Mr. McCullough:

We spent a lot of money re-doing that Leslie Street Canal in the last 12 months and the water flow was good. And not two weeks after it was done, I got a call and went down there and these kids had taken the rocks and formed a walkway bridge across it and the water was damming up.

Public (inaudible)

Mr. McCullough:

If we know somebody has done it, Mr. Irvani or Mr. Baldwin will send them a letter and let them know, call them out at the very least telling them to stop and put it on their curb. It's difficult to make adults do it.

Question from public: Are they going to do it this year, is it going to be done every other month with the approximate \$40 reduction.

Starting October 1st we will begin doing it every other month.

Question from the public: Can you tell me what the capital improvements were:

Mr. McCullough:

Capital Improvements was the work we did on the Leslie Street canal. We already had the money in reserve, that's not part of that assessment. What happened was when the auditors went through the books this past year, they asked me to segregate that capital expense out. What I was doing as Secretary/Treasurer, we were moving the money out of a money market account, putting it into the operating account and when the CPA got it, she was putting everything into canal maintenance. What it did was distort it and inflated the total and made us run over budget in that category. So what we're doing now is we have a plan for work for capital improvement next year of about \$200,000 based on Mr. Irvani's estimate. We took it out of a reserve account and set it out on its own. So what truly should be going to canal maintenance would be the maintenance for the mowing, wash-out repair, or culvert cleaning. The checks that are written for these improvements such as what we're doing on the main North/South Canal is coming out of that account. It was an accounting maneuver for clarification.

Public (inaudible)

Mr. McCullough:

Let us know if you see trash in that main canal. Call Mr. Irvani or one of us at home. That's the one that I worry about the most because if we get a heavy rain I'm out there at night with him with flashlights watching to see what happens. The last couple good rains had it flowing very quickly and it washes everything out.

Public (inaudible)

Mr. McCullough:

Any other questions: None

Motion to accept the budget as presented. Motion Seconded. Motion carried.

Attorney's Report:

The Engineer's Report for the Water Control Plan which I reviewed but I need to spend a little more time with it. We expect to advertise shortly and hopefully we can adopt a Water Control Plan at the Annual Meeting in November.

Mr. McCullough:

We have an approval and reading of the minutes. We do have a new transcriptionist and she sent me a week or two ago, the minutes we need to approve at the meeting in September or the Annual Meeting in November, because she's working on the June minutes right now.

Engineer's Report: Mr. Irvani:

1. The 3rd (inaudible) cleaning is underway. They are cleaning and cutting as we speak. They should be moving to NC-6 and (inaudible) canal.
2. We are doing our capital improvement and restoring and widening the NC-4 which is a main canal (inaudible) from Drake to Leslie Street. Color picture (left at the office) it looks pretty good to Michael. The canal is really wide and it does two things. It gives you more storage and when the drain makes the sections bigger the flow goes down. And both of them together should lower the flood stages. This along with NC-5, Leslie Street, that we did last December and also widening the NC-6 from Indian Creek to Jupiter Village. We have used our additional expenditure. The original capital improvement was for the east side but we have also widened the west side so both sides of the canal have been widened. We had five sections so I would like ask the board to allocate us another \$30,000. This way we can do the west side of the canal from Garrett to Leslie Street so we will have the both sides of the canal restored and widened from Drake to Leslie Street.

3. (inaudible) Plaza construction was completed and certified. We are looking at a couple of issues (inaudible) new residents are required to restore the canal.
4. We have a couple of residences that we reviewed their lots for additional impervious area. Basically the canal starts that we can see close to I-95 and Donald Ross. It goes all the way North and then we have Linton Street Canal and Garrett Street Canal. Garrett Street Canal goes all the way West and we have another canal next to I-95 and that's hooks up to the 4 acre lake. So it's all (inaudible) together and then eventually goes to Leslie and then up North all way to Indiantown Road extension.

Mr. McCullough:

Up by Walgreen's, Pep-Boy's and Taco Bell. Are they going to get out and clean that mess up in the canal like when I called back in July?

Mr. Iravani:

Yes.

Mr. McCullough:

Thought maybe doing some rework on the curve on the Leslie Street Canal. Do you have a price for budget purposes?

Mr. Iravani:

We got a budget from Murray Logan, the people who did the Leslie Street. We got a couple of prices. One from (inaudible) which I prepared. The other one (inaudible). (Inaudible) are very close to our right away. We also have this 10' easement in the budget that is still very tight. (Inaudible)

Mr. McCullough:

We had talked about doing concrete matting in the bottom of the canal there. Is that still up for discussion or that cost fortuitous?

Mr. Iravani:

Just around the bend they are doing it. The rest of it they looking at. Around the bend it goes to the bottom too on both canals.

Mr. McCullough:

Are they 100' North and 100' West?

Mr. Iravani:

We did length of the curbs.

Mr. Iravani:

The canal sections, the way it was done by (inaudible) for NC-5 is holding up fairly decent with the exception of (inaudible).

Mr. McCullough:

Can you have Zack go down there and flag the areas where that sod is washed out, especially on the Eagle Landing side of the canal, the North side. There's a lot of water that comes off and is washed up. I'd like to get that back up and in place.

Mr. Iravani:

We have several sections that the sod is gone. I think it was too thin. Maybe Logan can agree to come and fix it for us to approve the proposal for the bend, its part of the warranty and there is no charge. I was waiting for the rainy season to end, we can start November 1st. I didn't want to have any washout going into NC-5. We had a lot of rain which slowed down everything. I was hoping to start November 1st on the curves.

Mr. McCullough:

When do you think Southeast is going have it finished up to Leslie Street?

Mr. Iravani:

I think it will should be done in a couple months depending on the weather.

Mr. McCullough:

When will we start at the South end and do that section?

Mr. Iravani:

I will have the proposal and culvert prices hopefully in the next meeting. The next culvert under Harriet is 42, so this culvert in an intense storm as it builds up, you want to make sure that the water is getting quickly to the lake.

Mr. McCullough:

Makes a motion to change the canal mowing schedule from four cuts a year to six cuts a year in order to give Mr. Iravani the latitude to keep these canals cut.

Motion seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. McCullough:

Makes a motion to approve \$30,000 more budget money for Capital Improvements the canal widening from Garrett to Leslie Street on the West side.

Motion seconded. Motion carried.

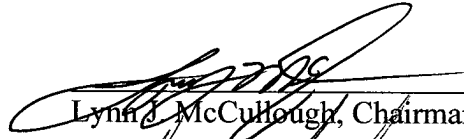
Any other item from other Board Members. - Nothing at this time.

Chairman has no other items.

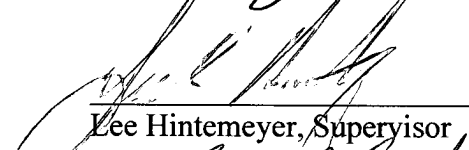
Any other questions. - None at this time

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 6:58 p.m. and it carried unanimously.

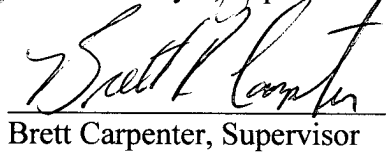
Approved:



Lynn J. McCullough, Chairman



Lee Hintemeyer, Supervisor



Brett Carpenter, Supervisor