



**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF  
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF  
LAKE WORTH DRAINAGE DISTRICT  
HELD AT THE DELRAY BEACH OFFICE ON  
February 12, 2025 AT 8:30 A.M.**

**Board Members Present:**

John I. Whitworth, III  
Carrie P. Hill

Stephen Bedner  
Jeffrey Phipps, Sr.

**BOARD Members Via Phone:**

James M. Alderman

**1. Call to Order**

President Bedner called the meeting to order at 8:30 A.M.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

Ms. Whitworth led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. Agenda Revisions – Tommy Strowd, Executive Director**

There were no revisions.

**4. Abstentions by Board Members from Items on the Agenda**

There were no abstentions.

**5. General Public Comment (limited to 5 minutes)**

There were no public comments.

**6. Approval of minutes, check register and financial statement for the previous month**

*A motion was made by Supervisor Whitworth to approve the minutes, check register and financial statement for the previous month, seconded by Vice President Hill and approved unanimously.*

## **DISCUSSION**

### **7. Approval of Resolution No. 25-01 Authorization of banking signatures- Reagan Walker, Assistant Executive Director**

Ms. Walker stated that the banks require this resolution to authorize signatures for their accounts. She explained that the District's policies require two signatures, with Mr. Strowd and herself currently authorized to sign, while Ms. Skora serves as a backup. The District is now making a change by replacing Ms. Hoyt with Mr. Johnson as an authorized signatory.

*A motion was made by Vice President Hill to approve Resolution 25-01 authorizing the banking signature of Christopher Johnson, seconded by Supervisor Whitworth and approved unanimously.*

### **8. Approval to surplus designated items – Chris Johnson, Director of Finance**

Mr. Johnson stated that pursuant to Chapter 274, Florida Statutes, the District has the discretion to surplus property that is obsolete, or which the continued use of is uneconomical, unsafe, inefficient, or which serves no useful function. He explained that approximately 14 pieces of equipment, along with old desks and similar items, have been identified for disposal. A list of the surplus items was provided by Mr. Johnson for review and is attached hereto as part of the meeting record.

Staff recommended approval to surplus and dispose of the listed items.

*A motion was made by Vice President Hill to approve staff recommendation, seconded by Supervisor Phipps and approved unanimously.*

## **STAFF REPORTS**

### **9. Executive Director's Report**

Mr. Strowd provided a weather update, noting that the area is currently experiencing a dry season with approximately 35% of normal rainfall, which is about 4 inches below average. The forecast for the upcoming week predicts minimal rainfall, and the National Drought Monitor has placed most of Palm Beach County under moderate drought conditions. The outlook indicates that below-average rainfall may persist through the dry season, potentially affecting water supply levels, particularly in Lake Okeechobee. The Corps of Engineers is discharging water from the Lake to address ecological concerns, which impacts estuary health, but some of the discharged water is benefiting the District. However, there are ongoing concerns about the Lake Okeechobee's water levels, which could trigger a water shortage emergency, and the District is closely monitoring these levels. A copy of the report has been attached to the minutes.

Mr. LasCasas reported that a force main failed three weeks ago near the Palm Beach County wastewater treatment plant on the L-10 Canal, just east of the E-2-E Canal. Temporary plugs were installed, and efforts are underway to improve communication with Palm Beach County and other utilities regarding their notices and responses to these events. The goal is to meet with the utilities, either individually or collectively, to discuss improving communication, inspection practices, and mitigating potential failures.

Mr. Johnson thanked Ms. Hoyt for her guidance and support over the past month, noting her valuable assistance during his transition. He wanted to publicly recognize her contributions.

Ms. Walker stated that while the ethics training is not due yet, she wanted to give a heads-up that it will be scheduled in the next couple of months. The online option, which was used last year, will still be available. Additionally, an in-person training session can be arranged, either at one of the advertised workshops or at the end of a meeting. Ms. Walker encouraged everyone to consider their preferred format, whether online or in person. She also mentioned that she will follow up in a couple of months to finalize the details.

Ms. Walker shared a new 5-minute video that was created to introduce and inform the public about the District's role.

**10. District Counsel's Report**

No additional items to report.

**11. Board Reports & Comment**

No additional reports or comments.

**12. Adjourn**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:08 A.M.



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President – Stephen Bedner



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Recording Secretary – Sandra Acosta