South Florida Water Management District

GOVERNING BOARD MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

February 9, 2017
9:00 AM
Seminole Tribe of Florida
Hollywood, FL 33024

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1. Call to Order - Dan O'Keefe, Chairman, Governing Board
   Chairman O'Keefe called the meeting to order at 9:01AM.

2. Color Guard - Seminole Tribe of Florida

3. Pledge of Allegiance - Dan O'Keefe, Chairman, Governing Board
   Chairman O'Keefe led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Welcome Remarks - Seminole Tribe of Florida
   Amos Tiger, Chairman of the Seminole Tribe Florida Water Commission, welcomed
   the District and spoke of the ongoing working relationship between the Seminole
   Tribe and the District.

5. Traditional Song - Seminole Tribe of Florida
   Women of the Seminole Tribe sang Traditional songs.
Mr. Powers thanked the Seminole Tribe of Florida for inviting the District to use their facilities. Mr. Powers acknowledged Tribal Council members and stated later this year will mark the 30th anniversary of the signing of the 1987 Water Rights Compact between the Seminole Tribe, the State and the District.

6. **Agenda Revisions - Tia Barnett, Director, Board & Executive Services**

Ms. Barnett provided the Agenda revisions; item 21A was deleted and Discussion Agenda items 35 and 36 were added.

7. **Agenda Item Abstentions by Board Members**

Mr. O'Keefe abstained from Consent Agenda item 17, Regulatory Consent Agenda, partial release of a recorded conservation easement for a project known as Touchstone Parcel Addition to Tiburon (Application No. 151008-29, Permit No. 11-0158-P-02). Mr. O'Keefe’s firm, Shutts and Bowen, LLP., represents WCI Communities, LLC on unrelated matters.

Mr. O'Keefe abstained from Consent Agenda item 18A, Right of Way Consent Agenda, denial of a request by Florida Homes Construction of Central Florida, Inc. (Application Number 14-0424-1) for a Right of Way Occupancy Permit and related waiver of District Criteria. Mr. O'Keefe’s firm, Shutts and Bowen, LLP., represents Florida Homes Construction of Central Florida, Inc. on unrelated matters.


Mr. Moran provided a WRAC report for the meeting held on February 2nd in West Palm Beach. Items discussed included the new grading system for projects in minimum flows and levels (MFL) and impaired waters, District meteorologists provided an overview on weather predications including estimating precipitation, a presentation on aquifer storage and recovery (ASR) and deep well injection options for reducing damaging discharges to the northern estuaries, a staff report on the Committee on Independent Scientific Review of Everglades Restoration Progress, and a briefing on the District’s Fiscal Year 2017-2018 budget process.

The next WRAC meeting is scheduled for March 2nd in Naples.

**Board Comment**
The board discussed ASR wells, deep well injections and respective pilot projects.

9. **Big Cypress Basin Board Report - Rick Barber, Chairman**

Mr. Barber provided a Big Cypress Basin Board report for the January 27th meeting. Items discussed included the flood protection level of service study, the Basin’s canal maintenance standard operating procedure, an update on the Naples Lake Manor restoration project, an overview of Collier County’s Immokalee stormwater masterplan and watershed study, a proposed amendment for discharge rates, Lake Trafford watershed delineation update, Southern CREW and Picayune Strand restoration projects update, maintenance of Stewart and Everglades roads within the Picayune Strand Restoration Project update, Big Cypress Basin capital plan and projects update, and a Big Cypress Basin Fiscal Year 2017 - 2018 preliminary budget update.

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10. Project & Lands Committee Report - Melanie Peterson, Chairman

Ms. Peterson provided a Project and Lands Committee report for the meeting held on February 8th in Broward County. Items discussed included presentations on the District's draft five year capital improvements plan, the Lainhart and Masten Dam repairs project in Palm Beach County, the B-66 tower and shelter replacement project in Palm Beach County, an update on recreation features in the Broward County Water Preserve Area, C-11 impoundment project, the monthly Real Estate update which included surplus activities in Hendry and Palm Beach Counties, preliminary discussions on developing a release of reservations compensation plan to benefit the District followed by a presentation on the distinctions between proprietary and regulatory conservation easements, and an update on the cattle leasing policy.

The next Project & Lands Committee meeting is scheduled for March 8th in West Palm Beach.

11. Audit & Finance Committee Report - Mitch Hutchcraft, Chairman

Mr. Hutchcraft provided an Audit and Finance Committee report for the meeting held on January 12th in West Palm Beach. Items discussed included the hiring of Public Financial Management as the District's lead financial consultant, a review of the certificates of participation, and an assessment of the recommendations made in the Gartner report. The Committee approved the Inspector General's (IG) request to modify the FY2017 Audit plan and concurred with the IG's request to proceed with the two-year renewal agreement with RSM US LLP for annual independent financial audits.

12. Consider Approval of the Minutes for the January 12th Governing Board meeting

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Mitch Hutchcraft
SECONDER: Kevin Powers, Vice Chair
AYES: O'Keefe, Powers, Accursio, Barber, Fernandez, Hutchcraft, Moran, Peterson

Consent Agenda

13. Public Comment on Consent Agenda Items

Lieutenant Colonel Reynolds presented Mr. Lindahl with a token of the US Army Corps of Engineers appreciation for his tenure and exemplary contributions to the South Florida Ecosystem Restoration program.

14. Move Consent Agenda Items to Discussion Agenda

No items were moved from the Consent Agenda to the Discussion Agenda.

15. Board Comment on the Consent Agenda

There was no Board comment on the Consent Agenda.

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16. Waivers for Water Resource Advisory Commission (WRAC) members pursuant to Section 112.313, Florida Statutes

17. Regulatory Consent Agenda (Regulation, staff contact, Jill Creech, ext. 6814) 2017-21
   Mr. O'Keefe abstained from Consent Agenda item 17 for WCI Communities, LLC.

18. Right of Way Consent Agenda 2017-22
   Mr. O'Keefe abstained from Consent Agenda item 18A for Florida Homes Construction of Central Florida, Inc.

19. Release of Reservations (Real Estate, staff contact, Stephen M. Collins, ext. 2959)
   Release canal and road reservations, and issue non-use commitments. Resolution No. 2017 - 0201

20. Amend Lease Agreement with Signature Flight Support Corporation
    Amend the contract term by 2-years with two 1-year renewal options with Signature Flight Support Corporation, for lease space in an amount of $352,215. Resolution No. 2017 - 0202

21. 3468 : Mowing Contracts - Miami-Dade & Palm Beach Counties (Field Operations & Land Management, (staff contact, Joel Arrieta ext. 2867)
   A. Hendry and Palm Beach County Area Mowing Services – Item Deleted
   B. Miami-Dade County Levee and Canal Bank Mowing Contract -
      Amend the contract term by 17 months with Toler Enterprises, Inc. for levee and canal bank mowing, in an amount not to exceed $102,095.47 for a total revised contract amount not to exceed $515,950.27. (Contract No. 4600002812) Resolution No. 2017 - 0204
   C. Palm Beach County Levee and Canal Bank Mowing Contract
      Extend the contract with Toler Enterprises, Inc. for levee and canal bank mowing by 18 months, in an amount not to exceed $126,751.32 for a total revised contract amount not to exceed $459,451.32. (Contract No. 4600002810) Resolution No. 2017 - 0205

22. Amend Rules 40E-10.041, 40E-10.051 and 40E-10.061, F.A.C., Water Reservations, to delete language found invalid by an administrative law judge in DOAH Case No. 14-1329RP. (Water Resources, staff contact, Terrie Bates, ext. 5952)

23. 2017 Annual Update of the Florida Forever Work Plan (Real Estate, staff contact, Stephen M. Collins, ext. 2959)
24. Adopt Five-Year Capital Improvements Plan; Included in the Project & Lands report (John P. Mitnik, Chief Engineer)

Adopt the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Five-Year Capital Improvements Plan. Resolution No. 2017 - 0207

25. Amend Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Adopted Budget in the Amount of $350,000; enter into Agreements with Florida Department of Environmental Protection; and with the City of Clewiston for S-169/C-21 Bridge Replacement. (Administrative Services Division, staff contact, Dorothy Bradshaw, ext. 2823 and John P. Mitnik, Chief Engineer)

Implement Section 5 Specific Appropriation 1590C of the 2016 Florida Legislature General Appropriations Act for Grants and Aids to Local Governments and Nonstate Entities in the amount of $350,000 in nonrecurring funds from the General Revenue Fund; and authorize the Executive Director or Designee to execute agreements at no cost to the District with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (Contract Number 4600003613) and the City of Clewiston (Contract Number 4600003609); and authorize an amendment to the Adopted Fiscal Year 2016-2017 budget. Resolution No. 2017 - 0208

26. Commercial Wireless Telecommunication Lease Agreement for Tower Antenna Space with ATC Management (Information Technology, staff contact, Duane Piper, ext. 2638)

Amend Resolution 2016-1109 which authorized an agreement with ATC Management Sites, LLC for commercial wireless telecommunications for 10-years, with two 1-year renewal options to a 20-year agreement with one 10-year renewal option. ATC Management Sites, LLC will pay the District a percentage of gross revenues for use of the leased space. (Contract No. 4600003580) Resolution No. 2017 - 0209

27. Board Vote on Consent Agenda Items 16, 17, 18A, 18B, 19, 20, 21B, 21C, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26

Mr. O’Keefe abstained from Consent Agenda items 17 and 18A for WCI Communities, LLC and Florida Homes Construction of Central Florida, Inc., respectively on unrelated matters.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Mitch Hutchcraft
SECONDER: Rick Barber
AYES: O’Keefe, Powers, Accursio, Barber, Fernandez, Hutchcraft, Moran, Peterson

28. Board Comment

Board members recognized Lieutenant Colonel Reynolds’ service to the District on behalf of the USACE, as she deploys to Iraq for a six-month tour to work on the Mosul dam project.

Ms. Peterson thanked District staff and several local agencies for their collaborative efforts to restore the Lake Worth Lagoon.
Discussion Agenda

29. Technical Reports

A) Water Conditions Report - John P. Mitnik, Chief Engineer

Mr. Mitnik presented the water conditions report for the last thirty days. Rainfall has been below average with the largest deficit being in eastern Palm Beach County and a majority of the rain falling in the water conservation areas, Big Cypress Basin and Everglades National Park (ENP).

Mr. Mitnik provided the U.S. Seasonal Drought Index outlook for the period of January 19-April 30, 2017 and indicated that a portion of the District evolved from a no drought to a drought development likely status.

Lake Tohopekaligia (Toho) water elevation is declining due to the gates being closed and water being moved out of Lake Toho into Lake Kissimmee in preparation for the upcoming wet season. Lake Kissimmee water levels declined and have plateaued, as a result of water deliveries to the Kissimmee River.

The District has implemented a daily automatic email notification to all of the consumptive water permittees within the C-25 basin. The emails provide a notification of allowable water withdrawals out of the C-25 canal on each day. Once the canal elevation drops below fourteen feet, all withdrawals will be terminated. The Canals C-23/24 are above the fourteen-foot threshold.

Lake Okeechobee water levels continue to decline with the drier weather. Mr. Mitnik provided a dynamic position analysis to show upcoming lake projections. Water Conservation Area 1 (WCA) has been steady and is below its regulation schedule, WCA 3 is below schedule, and WCA 2 is above schedule. Water is being moved out of WCA 2 down to WCA 3 and being passed through the S-333 structure into ENP.

B) Ecological Conditions Report - Terrie Bates, Division Director, Water Resources

Ms. Bates provided the ecological conditions for the last thirty days and gave an update on Kissimmee River Restoration phases, construction projects and completion dates. Construction is currently in Pool D, as water levels need to be at the same stage in both Pool C and D to move forward with the elimination of the S-65C structure. The MacArthur Ditch backfill phase has been completed and the next phase of the project is the Reach 2 backfill.

Ms. Bates presented the water levels and water quality in Lake Okeechobee and explained that wading bird foraging has increased, due to lower water depths.

In the St. Lucie Estuary, salinity conditions have improved, with no discharges from S-8 into the system since November. The seagrass species has shifted slightly and regrowth will start as conditions improve into the spring season. Ms. Bates explained currently it is an inactive period in oyster spat recruitment and there will be more information in the spring.
In the Caloosahatchee Estuary, pulse releases are being made at S-79 by the USACE to maintain salinity in the upper estuary. Water levels have exceeded the minimum flow and level (MFL) at 20 psu in Fort Myers; however, it does not constitute a violation. There is a possibility of deterioration of the tape grass community in an area of the estuary; however, levels are still favorable for oysters.

The Stormwater Treatment Areas (STAs) continue to provide good performance and the District is in the process of undertaking some rehabilitation activities in the STAs. Activities are also taking place in the A-1 flow equalization basin (FEB). The FEB has currently been drawn down to complete minor construction activities.

In Biscayne Bay, salinity levels are below the preferred maximum range.

Ms. Bates provided the water depths in ENP and reported there are continued slow recession levels across the WCA. District staff is working to maximize opportunities to move water into ENP to help meet the needs for wading bird nesting.

In Florida Bay, flows are close to historic averages for this time of year and salinity levels are within five salinity units of average this time of year.

**Board Comment**
Mr. Powers commented on Lake Okeechobee low elevation opportunities as it relates to prescribed burns and District readiness if conditions.

Mr. Arrieta discussed the District’s process for controlled burn implementation.

**C) Broward County Project Spotlight - Lucine Dadrian, Section Administrator, Operations, Engineering & Construction**

Ms. Dadrian gave a presentation on Broward County projects. Ms. Dadrian discussed the Broward County Water Preserve Area including the projects history and cost, the Hillsboro Canal, and the S-9 access bridge replacement project.

**Board Comment**
In response to a question from Mr. Accursio, Ms. Dadrian explained the area within the C-11 impoundment property had a proposed planned development in which some infrastructure improvements were completed; however, the development did not come to fruition.

In response to a question from Mr. Moran, Mr. Marks explained the cost share agreement responsibilities for the USACE and District in regards to the Broward County Water Preserve Area and the C-43 project.

**30. C-51 Reservoir Operating Agreement (Executive Office, staff contact, Len Lindahl, ext. 6283) Resolution No. 2017 - 0210**

Mr. Lindahl gave a presentation on the C-51 Reservoir operations and maintenance agreement. Mr. Lindahl discussed local sponsors, project phase one and two, the 2013 project memorandum of understanding agreement, and the proposed operations and maintenance agreement.

**Board Comment**
In response to a question from Mr. Moran, Mr. Lindahl elaborated on the operation and maintenance budget for the structures, construction phase specifics, how the water moves throughout the system to the utilities involved, and the cost to the utilities associated with the movement of water through District pumps.

In response to a question from Mr. Hutchcraft, Mr. Lindahl confirmed that a charge for the annual operations and a proportional ongoing maintenance allocation made on the utilities percentage for use of our equipment. Mr. Lindahl explained the District would have to provide consent in order for the utility to get financing. Mr. Lindahl further explained there is potential for a lender to take over operations of the utilities facility but not District facilities.

Enter into an Operation & Maintenance Agreement with Palm Beach Aggregates, LLC. for Phase 1 of the C-51 Reservoir Project. (Contract No. 4600003623) Resolution No. 2017 - 0210

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Melanie Peterson
SECONDER: Rick Barber
AYES: O'Keefe, Powers, Accursio, Barber, Fernandez, Hutchcraft, Moran, Peterson

31. District Land Exchange & Surplus - Hendry County & Palm Beach County
(Real Estate, staff contact, Stephen M. Collins, ext. 2959)

Agenda item 31A, 32B, and 32C were presented together. Mr. Collins gave a presentation on the surplus land in Hendry and Palm Beach Counties. Mr. Collins discussed the property acreage, location, zoning, date acquired and appraised value.

Board Comment
In response to a question from Mr. Accursio, Mr. Collins commented that state law requires the property to be sold at no less than appraised value.

In response to a question from Mr. Hutchcraft regarding the surplus of the parcel in Palm Beach County, Mr. Collins explained that the District prefers to have a Department of Interior conceptual agreement before the property is put out for bid.

Public Comment
Martha Musgrove, Florida Wildlife Federation, expressed concern over the surplusing of the property in Palm Beach County.

Board Comment
Ms. Peterson addressed Ms. Musgrove's concerns pertaining to the Palm Beach County parcel.

Ms. Peterson made a motion to approve Agenda items 31A, 32B, and 32C, which was seconded by Mr. Moran and approved unanimously.

A. Hendry County Land Exchange of 10 acres Resolution No. 2017 - 0211
Exchange District lands containing 10 acres, more or less, to Hendry County for in-kind services, without reservation of interests under Section 270.11, Florida Statutes. Resolution No. 2017 - 0211

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Melanie Peterson
SECONDER: James J. Moran
AYES: O'Keefe, Powers, Accursio, Barber, Fernandez, Hutchcraft, Moran, Peterson

B. Hendry County Surplus of 67.5 acres Resolution No. 2017 - 0212

Declare surplus lands in Hendry County of 67.5 acres, more or less. The property will be sold without reservations of interest under Section 270.11, Florida Statutes. The property will be offered to the public for bid to be sold for the highest price obtainable but not less than the appraised value.

Resolution No. 2017 - 0212

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Melanie Peterson
SECONDER: James J. Moran
AYES: O'Keefe, Powers, Accursio, Barber, Fernandez, Hutchcraft, Moran, Peterson

C. Palm Beach County Surplus of 97.01 acres Resolution No. 2017 - 0213

Declare surplus lands in Palm Beach County containing 97.01 acres, more or less; the property will be sold without reservation of interests under Section 270.11, Florida Statutes; the property will be offered to the public for bid to be sold for the highest price obtainable but not less than the appraised value.

Resolution No. 2017 - 0213

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Melanie Peterson
SECONDER: James J. Moran
AYES: O'Keefe, Powers, Accursio, Barber, Fernandez, Hutchcraft, Moran, Peterson

32. District Cattle Lease Policy Update (Real Estate, staff contact, Stephen M. Collins, ext. 2959) Resolution No. 2017 - 0214

Mr. Collins provided a cattle leasing policy update and discussed the proposed changes with regards to lease extensions.

Board Comment
Ms. Peterson further explained the proposed changes to the District lease policy as it was discussed at the February 8th Project and Lands Committee meeting.

Mr. Powers complimented Mr. Collins and staff for their efforts in producing the cattle leasing policy changes.

Chairman O'Keefe explained there were concerns pertaining to notifying existing lease holders of the policy changes and deferred judgment to the Project and Lands committee and staff with anticipation of good results.
Ms. Peterson addressed Chairman O'Keefe's concerns and commented that the changes do not apply to the terms of existing lessees.

**Modify the Leasing Policy contained in Section 140-85 (f) (1) c., based on Board discussion. Resolution No. 2017 - 0214**

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33. **B-66 Tower and Shelter Replacement Project (Operations Engineering & Construction, staff contact, Lucine Dadrian, ext. 2685) Resolution No. 2017 - 0215**

Ms. Dadrian gave a presentation on the B-66 tower and shelter replacement project. Ms. Dadrian discussed the site location and the microwave communications network.

Enter into a 366-day contract with Expert Construction Managers, Inc., the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, for the construction of the B-66 Tower and Shelter Replacement Project, in the amount of $2,067,000. (Contract No. 4600003620) Resolution No. 2017 - 0215

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34. **Lainhart and Masten Dam Repairs Project (Operations Engineering & Construction, staff contact, Lucine Dadrian, ext. 2685) Resolution No. 2017 - 0216**

Ms. Dadrian gave a presentation on the Lainhart and Masten Dam repairs. Ms. Dadrian provided the site location and discussed the specifics of the dam repairs.

**Board Comment**

In response to a question from Chairman O'Keefe, Ms. Dadrian explained that the $2.1 million bid was not responsible, as the project references of the low bidder did not meet the minimum requirements.

In response to a follow-up question from Chairman O'Keefe, Ms. Dadrian explained the difference in cost from the District's initial estimate to the current cost to complete the project.

Enter into a 500-day contract with Interlaken, Inc., the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, for the construction of the Lainhart and Masten Dam Repairs Project, in the amount of $2,549,750. (Contract No. 4600003621) Resolution No. 2017 - 0216
35. **West Palm Beach Field Station Project Culvert Replacements (Operations Engineering & Construction, staff contact, Lucine Dadrian, ext. 2685)** - *ITEM ADDED*

Ms. Dadrian gave a presentation on the West Palm Beach Field Station culvert replacement project. Ms. Dadrian discussed the project location, specifics and the history of the original awarded contract.

Rescind award to Enco LLC in Resolution 2017-0107 and Enter into a 440-day contract with Douglas N. Higgins, Inc., the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. (Contract No. 4600003608) Resolution No. 2017 - 0217

RESULT: ADOPTED [7 TO 0]

MOVER: Rick Barber

SECONDER: Kevin Powers, Vice Chair

AYES: O'Keefe, Powers, Accursio, Barber, Fernandez, Hutchcraft, Moran, Peterson

36. **Approve a request by Buena Lago, LLC (Application Number 17-0111-5) for a Right of Way Occupancy Permit Request and related Waiver of District Criteria. (Field Operations & Land Management, staff contact, John Hixenbaugh, ext. 2797)** - *ITEM ADDED*

Mr. Hixenbaugh gave a presentation on the proposed Buena Lago Marina, travel lift and related improvements along the C-33 canal in Osceola County. Mr. Hixenbaugh discussed the project description, the three permit actions for the project, field operations and land management action items, and Regulation division action items.

Mr. Accardo elaborated on the legal aspects and right of way rules for the project in Osceola County.

**Public Comment**
Luna Phillips, Gunster Law Firm, encouraged the Board to approve the project.

**Board Comment**
Chairman O'Keefe commented on a discussion with the project consultant with regards to the background of the process used to obtain approvals from Osceola County.

In response to a question from Mr. Powers, Mr. Hixenbaugh commented that no other projects of this kind are in development in Osceola County.

Chairman O'Keefe elaborated on Osceola County's view on these type of projects.
37. Public Comment

Celeste DePalma, Audubon Florida, presented the Board with a letter in regards to the Lake Okeechobee Watershed project outlining the concerns with the proposed alternatives.

Three members of the public expressed concern pertaining to deep well injections.

Lieutenant Colonel Reynolds, US Army Corps of Engineers, assured the Board that reports suggesting the USACE supports a plan that would significantly alter operations at Lake Okeechobee are inaccurate.

Diana Umpierre, Sierra Club, expressed concern over a news release sent out regarding a historic plan that includes throwing away billions of gallons of freshwater.

Martha Musgrove, commented on the Cattle Leasing policy discussion item from the Project & Lands Committee meeting held February 8th.

Staff Reports

38. Monthly Financial Report - Dorothy Bradshaw

Ms. Bradshaw provided the financial report through December 2016. Ms. Bradshaw explained that the District is required to publish a fiscal and performance accountability report in its annual consolidated report and commented that the fiscal year 2015-2016 report is published in the 2017 environmental report.

39. General Counsel's Report - Brian Accardo

Mr. Accardo provided an update on staff discussions with the 298 local water control districts.

40. Executive Director’s Report - Peter Antonacci

Mr. Antonacci reported the District received the necessary permits for the Florida Bay project and went on to announce; twenty-nine engineering companies have been pre-qualified by the Procurement Department to work on projects for the District. Mr. Antonacci provided a brief update on Union negotiation sessions that have taken place several times a month over the past six months. Mr. Antonacci addressed the concerns of the Project and Lands Committee on the issue of communication and updating the District's radio systems and tower systems of communication. Mr. Antonacci discussed District pump station diesel engines and researching their replacement with mixed diesel and natural gas engines. Mr. Antonacci addressed the District's fiduciary duty to care for land with regards to lygodium and invasive species. Mr. Antonacci talked about notifications sent to landowners in the Everglades Agricultural Area pertaining to the A-2 reservoir. Mr.
Antonacci recognized Karen Estock and Joel Arrieta for their new roles within the District and acknowledged Len Lindahl for his tenure at the District.

41. **Board Comment**

In response to a question from Mr. Accursio, Mr. Mitnik elaborated on the upper east coast canal system in Fort Pierce and commented that it is part of the system that is not connected to the regional system, explaining the area is unable to get water from other bodies of water and solely relies on rain. Ms. Bates added the area has a permitted back-up water supply through the Floridian Aquifer that would be blended with the limited amount of surface water available from the canal to prevent dropping to the cut-off level.

In response to a follow-up question from Mr. Accursio, Mr. Moran explained ASRs; and deep well injections. Mr. Accursio requested that staff brief him on this item.

Mr. Powers and Ms. Peterson thanked Lieutenant Colonel Reynolds for communicating the USACE’s position on the Herbert Hoover Dike project.

Chairman O'Keefe recognized Len Lindahl for his tenure and announced that Secretary Steverson, Secretary of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection resigned. Chairman O'Keefe discussed the new administration in the federal government including Florida subject matter experts that touch the world we live in and the District’s core mission that are being put in to leadership positions in Washington and the benefit to the District and state of Florida.

Mr. Hutchcraft complimented staff on their creativity to complete District projects and addressed comments made concerning deep well injections.

Mr. Barber commented on Karen Estock and Joel Arrieta’s established relationships with Big Cypress Basin and field stations.

Ms. Peterson announced the Warrior Canine Connection Dog Walk being held on February 11th at the District’s West Palm Beach location.

Mr. Fernandez commented that he will be consulting staff to obtain information with regards to ASR and deep well injection.


At the conclusion of the attorney client session, Mr. Accardo announced the attendees of the session and presented staff’s recommendation. Delegate to the General Counsel the authority to settle the matter of Larry Robinson v. South Florida Water Management District, EEOC, Charge No. 510-2012-03984.
43. Adjourn
Chairman O'Keefe adjourned the meeting at 1:15PM.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Kevin Powers, Vice Chair
SECONDER: James J. Moran
AYES: O'Keefe, Powers, Accursio, Barber, Fernandez, Hutchcraft, Moran, Peterson

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Dan O'Keefe, Chairman
Governing Board
South Florida Water Management District

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Haley Koptak
Deputy District Clerk
South Florida Water Management District