



MINUTES

The Key Largo Wastewater Treatment District Board of Commissioners met for their regular scheduled meeting at 4:00 PM. Present were Chairman David Asdourian, Commissioners Norman Higgins, Robert Majeska, Stephen Gibbs and Andrew Tobin. Also present were General Manager Paul Christian, Chief Information Officer Rob Bulkiewicz, General Counsel Ray Giglio, Finance Manager Connie Fazio, Operations Manager Dan Saus, Ed Castle with Weiler Engineering, District Clerk Mariela Montedeoca and other appropriate District Staff.

Dennis Ward led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- Commissioner Majeska added an item to discuss the status of gate repairs located in Lake Surprise Estates.
- Operation Manager, Daniel Saus, added an item to discuss an update on the new digester tank foundation core testing.
- General Manager, Paul Christian suggested that item # 5, Resolution Waiving the Salinity Charges, be moved above General Manager's report to accommodate the Islamorada residents who were present at the meeting.

Motion: Commissioner Higgins made a motion to approve the agenda as amended and Commissioner Gibbs seconded the motion. The motion passed without objection.

RECOGNIZE DISTRICT STAFF

Human Resources coordinator, Kim Carpenter, was awarded Employee of the Month for December 2014.

BULK ITEMS

Minutes of December 16, 2014.

Tier I Waiver of Assessment: AK#1590096 Vastardis.

MCLA Conservation Waiver Assessment: AK#1544167, 1543284.

Motion: Commissioner Majeska made a motion to approve Bulk Items. Commissioner Higgins seconded the motion. The motion passed without objection.

PUBLIC COMMENT

<i>Name & Address</i>	<i>Subject</i>
Deb Gillis Vice Mayor Islamorada, Village of Islands	Islamorada salinity
GeneHoffman Construction Manager Wade Trim Engineering	Islamorada salinity
Kenneth Larrivee Patriot Property Services	Gate at Paradise Point

COMMISSIONER'S ITEMS/ ROUNDTABLE

Resolution Waiving the Salinity Charges

At the request of Commissioner Tobin, Deb Gillis, Vice Mayor of Islamorada and Gene Hoffman, Construction Manager for Wade Trim, Inc., the engineers for the Village, gave brief updates on the status of Islamorada's wastewater collection system. They outlined the Village's efforts to correct its high wastewater salinity levels and answered questions from the Board. Commissioner Tobin made a motion to waive Islamorada's accumulated salinity charges and future charges for the next six months, provided that the salinity levels are not excessive. Commissioner Gibbs voiced a concern about providing Islamorada that much time without incurring any charges before the Board knows what impact the high salinity might have on the District. Chairman Asdourian expressed his objection to the motion, stating that Islamorada had knowledge of the salinity issues and did not take proper steps to mitigate the salinity problem. Commissioner Majeska expressed his concerns about making a final decision on the issue the first time it came before the board. He indicated that he would like to have more time before voting on this item. Commissioner Tobin withdrew his motion and requested that this item be reviewed again at the February 3rd, 2015 BOC Meeting.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Administrative Office Building

Chief Information Officer, Rob Bulkiewicz presented a detailed pre-purchase analysis for the building located at 103355 Overseas Highway in Key Largo and answered questions from the Board. Commissioner Tobin asked General Counsel, Ray Giglio to address any legal setbacks or zoning issues associated with the property. Mr. Giglio did so and answered questions from the Board. General Manager Paul Christian suggested that if it was the will of the Board to continue with the purchase of the property based upon this information, they move to remove the contract's contingencies and direct the General Manager to proceed to closing.

Motion: Commissioner Gibbs made a motion to remove all contract contingencies and move forward with the purchase of the building located at 103355 Overseas Highway. Commissioner Higgins seconded the motion.

Vote on Motion

Member	Aye	Nay	Abstained
Commissioner Gibbs	X		
Commissioner Higgins	X		
Commissioner Tobin	X		
Commissioner Majeska	X		
Chairman Asdourian	X		

Motion passed 5 to 0

Mr. Christian formally recognized Mr. Rob Bulkiewicz and staff for the amount of work put into the pre-purchase analysis.

Digester Slab Core Testing Update

Operations Manager Daniel Saus and Ed Castle, with Weiler Engineering, gave an update on the results of the re-testing of the foundation for the new digester tank currently under construction at the plant. Mr. Castle reported the new core samples taken from the slab showed satisfactory results and that regular construction has resumed on site.

Gate at Lakes Surprise

At the request of Commissioner Majeska, Operations Manager Dan Saus gave a report on the status of a complaint the District had received from Mr. Ken Larrivee of Patriot Property Services on behalf of the Lake Surprise II, Paradise Point condominium association. The complaint was in regard to repairs that had been made to the association's gate in 2011 by Redland Construction. Mr. Saus gave a brief historical account from memory, as the records and data were not immediately available to him during the meeting. He stated that at the time of the repair, Redland Construction had been under contract with the District for the installation of the sewer system. He also noted that the initial repair to the gate had been unsatisfactory and had been redone by Redland at the customer's request. Mr. Ken Larrivee spoke briefly about the history of the matter and answered questions from the Board. Commissioner Tobin suggested General Council Ray Giglio send a letter to Redland Construction, alerting them of the customer's newly raised concerns and asking that they respond.

Motion: Commissioner Tobin made a motion directing Ray Giglio to send a letter to Redland Company. Commissioner Higgins seconded the motion.

Vote on Motion

Member	Aye	Nay	Abstained
Commissioner Tobin	X		
Commissioner Higgins	X		
Commissioner Gibbs	X		
Commissioner Majeska	X		
Chairman Asdourian	X		

Motion passed 5 to 0

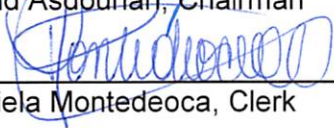
ADJOURNMENT

The KLWTD Board adjourned the Board Meeting at 6:04PM.

The KLWTD meeting minutes of January 6, 2015 were approved on January 13, 2015.



David Asdourian, Chairman



Mariela Montedeoca, Clerk