



Key Largo Wastewater Treatment District
103355 Overseas Hwy, Key Largo, FL
Tuesday, December 6, 2022

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER (A)

Chairman Nicolas Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (B)

Mr. Ryan Dempsey led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL (C)

Present were: Chairman Nicolas Rodriguez; Commissioners, Andy Tobin, Tim Maloney, Susan Heim, and Kay Cullen.

Also present; Commissioner, Robby Majeska; General Manager, Peter Rosasco; General Counsel, Nicholas Mulick; Finance Manager, Connie Fazio; Plant/Facilities Manager, Ryan Dempsey; Field Manager, Mike Dempsey; District Engineers, Ed Castle, and Steve Suggs; IT Support, Manny Santana.

Appeared virtually: Project Administration & HR Coordinator, Laura Weinstock; Lead Plant Operator, Jerry Baker.

SWEARING IN OF COMMISSIONERS (D)

Judge Luis Garcia administered the Oath of Office during the swearing-in ceremony for Commissioners; Timothy Maloney, Susan Heim, and Robert Majeska.

ANNUAL ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS (E)

Chairman

Commissioner Heim nominated Chairman Rodriguez for the office of Chairman. Commissioner Majeska nominated Timothy Maloney for the office of Chairman.

Chairman Rodriguez was elected Chairman for Key Largo Wastewater Treatment District.

Vice-Chairman

Commissioner Heim nominated Commissioner Kay Cullen for the office of Vice-Chairman.

Commissioner Majeska nominated Commissioner Timothy Maloney for the office of Vice-Chairman.

Commissioner Maloney declined the nomination.

Commissioner Kay Cullen was elected Vice-Chairman for Key Largo Wastewater Treatment District.

Secretary/Treasurer

Commissioner Heim nominated herself for the office of Secretary/Treasurer. No other nominations were made. Commissioner Sue Heim was elected Secretary/Treasurer for Key Largo Wastewater Treatment District.

AGENDA ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS, OR DELETIONS (F)

Approval of Agenda (F-1)

Mr. Rosasco requested the addition of items: *I-1 Special Award, I-2 Florida Legislative Update, and I-3 Florida Keys Days*

Motion: Commissioner Cullen made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Commissioner Heim seconded the motion. Motion passed without objection.

PUBLIC COMMENT (G)

No speakers.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS (H)

Minutes of November 15, 2022 (H-1)

Motion: Commissioner Maloney made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 15, 2022 meeting. Commissioner Cullen seconded the motion. Motion passed without objection.

GENERAL MANAGER (I)

Special Award (I-1)

Mr. Rosasco honored Andrew Tobin for his service on the KLWTD Board of Commissioners for 20 years.

Florida Legislative Update (I-2) Laydown Attached

Mr. Rosasco informed the Board of the 2023 State Legislative priorities for Monroe County.

Florida Keys Days (I-3)

Mr. Rosasco informed the Board that Florida Keys Days will be on February 21-23, 2023.

CUSTOMER SERVICE (J)

No Report.

IT (K)

No Report.

BUDGET AND FINANCE (L)

No Report.

FIELD (M)

Airvac Purchase - Air Terminals (M-1)

Mr. M. Dempsey requested approval for the purchase of Air Terminals from Airvac.

Motion: Commissioner Majeska made a motion to approve the request. Commissioner Maloney seconded the motion.

Vote on Motion:

Commissioner Majeska– Aye
Commissioner Maloney –Aye
Commissioner Cullen – Aye
Commissioner Heim – Aye
Chairman Rodriguez – Aye

PLANT/FACILITIES (N)

Plant/Facilities Report - October 2022 (N-1)

Mr. R. Dempsey presented the Plant/Facilities Report for October 2022.

Aerzen Blower Repair (N-2)

Mr. R. Dempsey requested authorization to repair the Aerzen Blowers.

Motion: Commissioner Maloney made a motion to approve the request.
Commissioner Heim seconded the motion.

Vote on Motion:

Commissioner Majeska – Aye
Commissioner Maloney –Aye
Commissioner Cullen – Aye
Commissioner Heim – Aye
Chairman Rodriguez – Aye

CAPITAL PROJECTS (O)

Vac Station I Driveways and Parking Improvements (O-1)

Mr. Castle requested the approval to put Vac Station I Driveways and Parking improvements out to bid.

Motion: Commissioner Cullen made a motion to authorize the publication of an ITB
to solicit bids for Vac Station I Driveways and parking improvements.
Commissioner Heim seconded the motion.

Vote on Motion:

Commissioner Majeska – Aye
Commissioner Maloney –Aye
Commissioner Cullen – Aye
Commissioner Heim – Aye
Chairman Rodriguez – Aye

Piping Upgrades for Vac Stations (O-2)

Mr. Castle requested the approval to put Piping Upgrades for Vac Stations out for bid.

Motion: Commissioner Heim made a motion to authorize the publication of an ITB
to solicit bids for Piping Upgrades for Vac Stations.
Commissioner Maloney seconded the motion.

Vote on Motion:

Commissioner Majeska - Aye
Commissioner Maloney –Aye
Commissioner Cullen – Aye
Commissioner Heim – Aye
Chairman Rodriguez – Aye

Change Order No. 1 for Collection System Monitoring System Project (O-3)

Mr. Suggs presented Change Order No. 1 for the collection system monitoring project.

Motion: Commissioner Heim made a motion to approve Change Order No. 1 for the Collection System Monitoring Project.
Commissioner Cullen seconded the motion.

Vote on Motion:

Commissioner Majeska - Aye
Commissioner Maloney –Aye
Commissioner Cullen – Aye
Commissioner Heim – Aye
Chairman Rodriguez – Aye

ENGINEERING (P)

No Report.

LEGAL REPORT (Q)

No Report.

COMMISSIONER ITEMS (R)


No Report.

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION (S)


No Report.

ADJOURNMENT (T)

The meeting was adjourned at 6:09 pm.



Nicolas Rodriguez, Chairman



Shannon McCully, Clerk



MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
THE FLORIDA KEYS AREA OF CRITICAL STATE CONCERN



2023 STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

FLORIDA KEYS STEWARDSHIP ACT FUNDING

- ✓ Support **\$20M appropriation** for the Florida Keys Stewardship Act to construct water quality projects to improve/protect the quality of the Florida Keys' nearshore waters and the marine environment of the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary, and **\$5M appropriation** within Florida Forever for land acquisition the Florida Keys.
- ✓ Support funding for Florida Keys Stewardship Act from the **State's Land Acquisition Trust Fund**.

MARINE PROTECTION FUNDING

- ✓ Support **\$1.6M appropriation** for new moorings to reduce and prevent derelict vessels to comply with SB 1432 (2022) that requires Monroe to install 100 new moorings, and continued **state support for DV removal costs**.

EMERGENCY OPERATION CENTER FUNDING

- ✓ Support **\$6M appropriation** for Monroe's **Emergency Operation Center** to assist with funding shortfall resulting from unanticipated cost escalations driven by current market conditions. Project began October 2022 with expected completion February 2024.

PENNY SALES TAX FOR ROAD ELEVATION AND TRANSPORTATION

- ✓ Support **authorization for Monroe, a non-charter county, to levy a Charter County and Regional Transportation System penny surtax** (subject to local voter approval) to help fund the County's transportation-related infrastructure.

LOCAL OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING PREEMPTION

- ✓ Support **amendment of HB 735 (2021)** to reinstate local government licensing programs for local contractors.

BALANCING ROGO PROTECTION AND WORKFORCE HOUSING

- ✓ Monitor legislation that would allow the local governments of the Florida Keys to accept **1,300 early evacuation allocations** previously awarded by the State.
- ✓ Support legislation that ensures that affordable housing statutes do not override Monroe's Rate of Growth Ordinance.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING / SHIP FUNDS

- ✓ Support legislation that gives flexibility to the SHIP program income set asides to ensure we can use our full allocation.

RESILIENCE/ FLOODING MITIGATION FUNDING

- ✓ Support funding for Monroe's **infrastructure resilience projects** submitted to DEP's Resilient Florida grant program for road elevation and funding for residential resilience projects submitted to DEM's HMGP/FMA grant program for elevation/buyout/demo-rebuild.

PROTECT AFFORDABLE CITIZENS WIND INSURANCE

- ✓ Support legislative efforts to protect affordable wind insurance; exempt Monroe County from the new 11%-15% glide path for annual rate cap increases, to **keep Monroe's rate cap increase to 10%**, recognizing that Monroe County pays the highest Citizens rates in the State despite having the strongest building codes.

VACATION RENTAL REGULATION PREEMPTION

- ✓ Support legislation to **exempt ACSC from preemptive vacation rental regulations** or legislation that would allow local governments to amend and update grandfathered regulations without losing grandfathered status.

AGRITOURISM PREEMPTION

- ✓ Support legislation to **exempt ACSC or clarify that use/structures on agricultural land is not exempt from federal/state environmental regulations**, which the County is required to enforce.