

# **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, 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, Ed Castle with Weiler Engineering, District Clerk Mariela Montedeoca and other appropriate District Staff. Commissioner Robert Majeska joined the meeting telephonically.

Commissioner Stephen Gibbs led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- Commissioner Gibbs added an item to discuss Doug Manson's pending response on the Interlocal Agreement with Islamorada.
- Commissioner Higgins added an item to discuss a variance request from a resident on C-905
- General Manager Paul Christian requested that Nicole Rapanos, the Florida Keys Director for Congressman Carlos Curbello, provide a brief synopsis of the Congressman's efforts to obtain support for FY 2015 funding for FKWQIP.

Motion:

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

#### PUBLIC SPEAKER

Name & Address

Subject

Nicole Rapanos, Florida Keys Director Congressman Carlos Curbello's office Introduction and summary of status of WWRDA/ FKWQIP

#### **BULK ITEM**

Minutes of January 13, 2015.

Motion:

Commissioner Gibbs made a motion to approve the minutes of January 13, 2015. Commissioner Majeska seconded the motion. The motion passed without objection.

#### **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

Washington D.C. Trip

General Manager Paul Christian, General Counsel Ray Giglio and Commissioner Robert Majeska gave updates on the Washington D.C. trip and answered questions from the Board.

Florida Keys Day

Mr. Paul Christian announced that Florida Keys Day will take place on Tuesday March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015 in Tallahassee, FL. The Board recommended that Chairman Asdourian attend this year's event, as he has not had the opportunity to attend prior Florida Keys Days. Mr. Christian advised the Board that he would make travel arrangements and prepare handouts.

Florida Keys Environmental Stewardship Act

Mr. Paul Christian reported his analysis of State Representative Holly Raschein's efforts on the Florida Keys Environmental Stewardship Act and answered questions from the Board. Commissioner Tobin requested that Mr. Christian provide an outline of how the money from the Florida Keys Environmental Stewardship Act will be spent, to include the District's debt position and future funding gap.

#### **LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT**

Low Flow Commercial Resolution

Mr. Ray Giglio, presented a draft resolution on low flow commercial parcels for the Board to review. Commissioner Tobin provided his input on how to qualify the low flow commercial parcels that will be part of this program. Mr. Christian stated that a second draft of the resolution will be brought back before the Board for review.

### **COMMISSIONERS'S ITEM/ ROUNDTABLE**

Attorney Doug Manson

Commissioner Gibbs expressed his concern regarding Mr. Manson's response time on the question of the interpretation of the salinity surcharge calculations in the Islamorada Interlocal Agreement. Mr. Ray Giglio reported that he has not heard from Mr. Manson regarding this matter.

The commissioners briefly discussed the issue of Islamorada's salinity charges.

### Variances to Connect for C-905 Resident

Commissioner Higgins reported that a C-905 resident was requesting a variance from the requirement to connect to the Key Largo Wastewater Treatment District's Collection System. Mr. Christian reported that he believed that only the Department of Health can grant variances. Mr. Christian recommended that the Board task the District's legal counsel to do more research on this matter and report back.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The KLWTD Board adjourned the Board Meeting at 5:55PM.

The KLWTD meeting minutes of January 20, 2015 were approved on February 2, 2015.

David Asdourian, Chairman

Mariela Montedeoca, Clerk