# PINELLAS PARK WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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# MINUTES

**September 13, 2007** 

(Regular Authority Meeting #12)

# IN ATTENDANCE

Tom Tripp, Attorney for PPWMD
Janet Rogers, Executive Assistant, PPWMD
Rick Fraze, FJS Research, Pinellas Park, Fl.
Chip Herom, P.E., CDM, Tampa, Fl.
Randy Roberts, Streets and Drainage, City of Pinellas Park, Fl.
Dorian Modjeski, P.E., TBE Group, Clearwater, Fl.
Mike Smith, P.E., CDM, Tampa, Fl.

### **ROLL CALL**

Mr. Farrell – Present
Mr. Tingler \_ Present
Ed Taylor \_ Present

Chairman Charles Tingler opened Regular Authority Meeting #12 for the fiscal year 2006/2007 at 5:50 P.M.

#### **MINUTES**

Mr. Farrell made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Authority Meeting #10 for July 12, 2007, Second was made by Mr. Tingler.

No discussion. Roll Call:

Voting Aye: Mr. Farrell, Mr. Taylor and Mr. Tingler

#### MOTION APPROVED.

Mr. Farrell made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Authority Meeting #11 for August 16, 2007. Second was made by Mr. Taylor.

No discussion. Roll Call:

Voting Aye: Mr. Farrell, Mr. Taylor and Mr. Tingler

MOTION APPROVED.

# 00-01-01

# CHANNEL 1A – RE-CONSTRUCTION

Richard Fraze, Executive Director stated the advertisement for construction bids has been run and the bids are due on October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2007. A pre-bid meeting was held on September 11, 2007 with four (4) potential bidders attending. Additional bidders have bought plans, but were not in attendance. Easements are still an issue. Chip Herom, CDM stated that there are six (6) plan holders and two (2) additional plan holders have requested information which means that there could be a total of eight (8) bidders. Mr. Taylor wanted to know if this is the usual amount and the response from Chip Herom, CDM was that the last bid there is four (4) or five (5). Mr. Taylor wanted to know with this amount of bidders, did this represent the project or the state of the economy? Richard Fraze, Executive Director felt the economy had something

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to do with this and Chip Herom stated that talk on the street was that a lot of the private work was drying up. Richard Fraze, Executive Director stated that work is being performed to get a contract in place for the Geotech that will be needed once a contractor is selected. Richard Fraze, Executive Director also stated that there are several easements that are still being worked on.

#### 04-09-02

### CHANNEL 1-A-2 (MCKIM & CREED)

Richard Fraze, Executive Director stated construction has begun and all power poles have been relocated with clearing taking place. A full time inspector from McKim and Creed is on site.

#### 03-15-07

# <u>CHANNEL 2 – CULVERT UPGRADES – GANDY BLVD.</u>

Richard Fraze, Executive Director stated that a contact for engineering services with TBE Group has been signed, started to pursue underground utility work, survey has begun and a meeting will be held within the next two (2) weeks.

#### 04-19-07

## CHANNEL 2 – PARK BLVD. PHASE 3 – CITY PROJECT

Richard Fraze, Executive Director stated no changes.

### 94-10-03

# CHANNEL 3 – HAINES ROAD

Richard Fraze, Executive Director stated that URS is ready to apply for ERP permit. Appears the County has now moved their date from September to October 2007. Of course this still remains in the time frame of the County's review and may even be moved to November 2007. This will slow down URS work.

#### 03-08-02

# CHANNEL 4 – 58<sup>th</sup> ST TO RAILROAD – (TBE GROUP)

Richard Fraze, Executive Director showed pictures for the Board to review and MTM, Contractor moved their completion date from February 28, 2008 to March 5, 2008. There are now issues between MTM and TBE Group on elevations and Richard Fraze, Executive Director has authorized Harry Marlow, surveyor to shoot some elevations with that report due by next week. Dorian Modjeski, TBE Group stated that the contractor is being very cooperative since being informed of the discrepancies in the elevations.

#### 08-16-07

#### **CHANNEL 4 AND 4E ENHANCEMENT**

Richard Fraze, Executive Director stated the RFP is presently being reviewed by the District's Attorney and will be finalized shortly to be advertised.

#### 11-11-03

# CHANNEL 4A – PHASE 3 – 53<sup>RD</sup> STREET TO 62<sup>ND</sup> AVE.

Richard Fraze, Executive Director stated that an ERP permit has been applied for to SWFWMD and comments have come back both from SWFWMD and Corp of Army Engineers. Chip Herom, CDM this is fairly easy to answer with only one difficult question but should be answered by next week. On easements there is one property owner who has raised concerns on future possible lost business issues of which these concerns can be addressed and make most of them go away.

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#### 03-12-01

# <u>CHANNEL 5 – CITY PROJECT</u>

Richard Fraze, Executive Director stated that a request is being made to pay \$1.5 Million this month to fulfill the Inter Local Agreement that was made with the City of Pinellas Park. Construction is underway and appears to be going fine.

#### 02-04-01

# FEMA MAP CHANGES UPDATE

Richard Fraze, Executive Director stated that on August 31, 2007 the very last day of the month when everything was to come out, CDM has received a request for additional information and CDM is presently looking over their request on digital information.

# **FINANCE**

# a) Financial Statement for the month of August 2007.

Mr. Farrell read the financial statement for the month of August 2007. Mr. Taylor made a motion to approve the financial statement for the month of August 2007. Second was made by Mr. Tingler. No discussion. Roll Call:

Voting Aye: Mr. Farrell, Mr. Taylor and Mr. Tingler

MOTION APPROVED.

### b) Investment Summary

Richard Fraze, Executive Director, made the recommendation to move \$1.5 Million from the Investment Pool to the Operating account in order to make the final payment to the City of Pinellas Park per our agreement. Mr. Taylor made the motion to approve the Investment Summary for September 2007. Second was made by Mr. Farrell.

No discussion. Roll Call:

Voting Aye: Mr. Tingler, Mr. Farrell and Mr. Taylor

MOTION APPROVED.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### a) Executive Directors Comments

Richard Fraze, Executive Director stated:

- John Thompson's unemployment appeal was successful for John Thompson.
- Doug Mitchell property is still being worked on. Sister is in Texas and needs to sign off on the deed plus still looking into the tax due on the property.
- A meeting with Representative Long was held between Richard Fraze and Rick Butler. Representative Long was not aware of the District and I tried my best to explain the District and why it was formed.

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- Calvin Holley has written a letter to the Board. He has been an employee of the District for a year and understands that there are only a Laborer or Operator positions. A few months ago the Board authorized annual pay increases. This has been accomplished and Calvin Holley received one of the highest of all the maintenance personnel. Calvin Holley believes that he should be promoted to Operator. Richard Fraze instructed the Board that new job descriptions have been written but not yet presented to the District's employees. Once these new job descriptions are presented and a meeting is held with Calvin Holley showing that he has been moved from one position to another although not into Operator position, this should ease his concerns. The Board will be informed at the next Board Meeting of the outcome.
- Jason Beck, District employee has notified the District that he will be moving back to New York so an advertisement is being placed for a new employee.
- Tom Tripp, District Attorney re-discussed the appeal rights the District has within twenty (20) days. Sufficient facts were not presented so the appeal went against the District and John Thompson will receive unemployment wages and that John Thompson may look forward to procuring other areas. At the present time recommendation of Tom Tripp, District Attorney and Richard Fraze, Executive Director is to not appeal this ruling. Mr. Farrell made a motion that in estimation of the Executive Director of the District and the District's Attorney that it becomes necessary to retain counsel before the next Board meeting that the Executive Director and the District's Attorney, be allowed to move forward in hiring counsel. Second was made by Mr. Taylor

No discussion. Roll Call:

Voting Aye: Mr. Tingler, Mr. Farrell and Mr. Taylor

MOTION APPROVED.

- Calendar for next Fiscal Year 2007-2008 was presented to the Board.
- Richard Fraze, Executive Director has become aware that the District has approximately thirty-four (34) pieces of property and about one-third (1/3) has been verified and located. A full inventory will be distributed to the Board upon completion.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS**

# A. Monthly Rainfall/Maintenance Report

The monthly report is included in the Boards packet.

The Board was informed that a seminar is coming up within the next month on Florida Ethics and Sunshine Summit and that the Executive Director, Richard Fraze and Jan Rogers would be attending.

There was no further business to come before the Board and Mr. Farrell moved to adjourn the meeting. Second was made by Mr. Taylor. Vice Chairman, Mr. Taylor closed the meeting at 6:32 P.M.