

**SOUTH BROWARD DRAINAGE DISTRICT
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 7, 2009**

Present:

Scott Hodges, Chairperson
Thomas Good, Vice Chairperson
Robert E. Goggin, Secretary
James Ryan, Treasurer
Alanna Mersinger, Commissioner
Vicki Minnaugh, Commissioner

Douglas R. Bell, Legal Counsel
Leo M. Schwartzberg, District Director
Joann Long, Recording Secretary
General Public: None

Absent:

Mercedes Santana-Woodall, Commissioner

01. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Meeting called to order at 4:15 P.M. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. All Commissioners present except Commissioner Santana-Woodall.

02. PURPOSE OF MEETING

This meeting was for the purpose of reviewing/discussing information on possible stimulus funds for SBDD projects.

03. STIMULUS PACKAGE

Mr. Schwartzberg discussed a draft letter to Governor Crist for stimulus funds that he prepared with the assistance of the Florida Association of Special Districts. This letter is to be sent with the list of Stimulus Projects as included in Mr. Schwartzberg's March 2009 list along with other items from the Additional Possible Stimulus Projects April 7, 2009, list (both lists distributed to all Commissioners for today's meeting). Commissioner Mersinger reiterated her previous request that the column titled "Jobs Created" be removed from the information to be provided to the Governor, and it was agreed this will be done.

Commissioner Mersinger highlighted information gleaned from her and Commissioner Santana-Woodall's trip to Tallahassee to attend the Broward Days portion of the recent legislative session. They were able to meet with a number of legislators, the vast of whom welcomed their input. What seemed to get their full attention and interest were items such as converting the pump motors from oil to water, as their main objective appears to be with "green" projects and the environment. Even though the results of any meetings will not be known for some time, Commissioner Mersinger felt that the District needs to target

the appropriate departments for the various projects on our stimulus list. Unfortunately, at the time of the Broward Days session, there were no procedures in place nor any information available for that area, as the head of the stimulus program had just been appointed a few days prior to that time. Even so, Commissioners Mersinger and Santana-Woodall did meet with that individual for some time.

Commissioner Mersinger reiterated that the vast majority of those persons she and Commissioner Santana-Woodall met with seemed to be very supportive of the information provided and the requests that will be submitted on behalf of SBDD.

The question was asked whether or not Commissioners Mersinger and Santana-Woodall had met with Senator Ring, and the response was "no". It was noted that at a recent meeting, Senator Ring had provided totally erroneous negative information on SBDD in regards to his proposed bill on "transparency". It appears that when he should have been referring to SFWMD, he referred to this District. He will be receiving correspondence referencing his egregious error.

Commissioner Hodges noted that there are other projects not on either list provided today that perhaps could be added to the list to be sent to Governor Crist, i.e., hardening of the lake banks within the western area of the District. Mr. Schwartzberg interjected that NRCS has included \$70,000,000.00, on its list for federal funds for this SBDD project.

Mr. Schwartzberg identified two small firms for grant writers for projects, if needed, headed by Lisa Maxwell and Rosanna Cordova. Both are well qualified to provide this service for SBDD.

Mr. Schwartzberg asked that everyone be permitted to provide his/her suggestions at today's meeting with those ideas to be culled at a later date. All agreed it is not the intention to "shoot down" anyone or any suggestion made today.

Commissioner Goggin voiced his belief that Items #10 (13th Street Canal Dredging) and #11 (Code Enforcement Officer) on the additional list are excellent. He does feel that Item #11 should include working with the HOAs. Commissioner Goggin also felt that we have to be very careful not to include any municipalities responsibilities that they could construe as becoming responsibilities of SBDD if we did something on a one-time basis.

Commissioner Good opined that the District Director is aware of what needs to be done within the District and could further expand on this list if necessary. He is very pleased that SBDD now has a financial consultant and has identified potential grant writers and felt that perhaps we should consider obtaining the services of a local lobbyist to assist the District in following through with stimulus-funds requests. Commissioner Good recommended Mr. Vinnie Grande who is a local resident and who he felt strongly would do an excellent job. Others agreed that we need someone who would know what avenues and people to pursue and who could assist the District Director in doing so.

Commissioner Ryan felt that we should endeavor to get whatever funds we can and then make the determination as to what we will do with said funds. He also suggested Mr. Larry Smith be considered as a lobbyist for the District if a determination is made to go that route.

Commissioner Mersinger was of the belief that only non-recurring projects should be pursued. The majority seemed to share that opinion. Mr. Schwartzberg interjected that if Item #11 (code enforcement officer) were approved, there would be reoccurring labor expenses which would be addressed in the annual budgets.

It was agreed that Mr. Schwartzberg will contact the three lobbyists mentioned (Lisa Maxwell, Vinnie Grande and Larry Smith) for proposals that each could present to the Board at its April 30th Board meeting.

In reference to projects requiring additional labor costs, Commissioner Good noted that the District can always use the services of outside contractors to do this type of work little by little.

Commissioner Mersinger questioned if it would be better to have someone experienced with special districts represent the District for grant and lobbying purposes. Commissioner Good responded "yes... and even more". He felt that the first person is someone who would advise the District on the procedure for submitting information and where and to whom to submit it. Once the requests are submitted, we need someone who is qualified to address any submittal (i.e., the District Director and/or Board members) and someone who could assist that person/persons in doing so and to see they get before those persons who will make the decisions on the allocation of the stimulus monies.

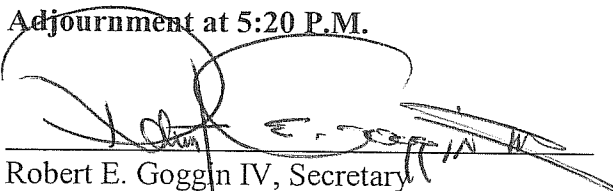
Anyone having any other individual(s) they would like contacted to submit a proposal/presentation at the April 30th Board meeting was asked to provide contact information to Mr. Schwartzberg as quickly as possible.

04. INVESTMENT POLICY

Meetings have been held with three investment groups (USB, South Trust Bank, Bank of America) seeking information on an investment program. Two have provided written proposals, with the third expected shortly. Mr. Schwartzberg has prepared a list of proposed investments and time frames. It was noted that a bank would serve only as a broker for limited items. A separate bank would act as a custodian. Upon receipt of all information, the Committee will consolidate suggestions for presentation to the Board for a final decision on investments.

Commissioner Goggin noted there have been much written and discussed about staying "local" if possible. Commissioner Mersinger agreed that we should do so if such a financial institution exists. The Committee and the Board would handle all investments. We definitely do not need a money manager.

Adjournment at 5:20 P.M.


Robert E. Goggin IV, Secretary
South Broward Drainage District

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SOUTH BROWARD DRAINAGE DISTRICT
STIMULUS PROJECTS - March 2009

	Project Name and Description	Project Cost	Shovel Ready Schedule	Jobs Created
1	<p>Pump Station Motor and Pump Control Systems</p> <p>The S-1 and S-7 stormwater pump stations are located adjacent to the Homestead Extension of the Florida Turnpike in Miramar. The S-1 is on University Drive. The S-7 is on Flamingo Road. Both stations were built in the mid 1980s and pump stormwater into the South Florida Water Management District C-9 Canal. The control systems in both stations are original equipment.</p>	\$120,000	270 Days	2
2	<p>S-2 Pump Station Motors</p> <p>The S-2 stormwater pump station is located on Palm Avenue on the north side of the Homestead Extension of the Florida Turnpike in Miramar. The station pumps stormwater into the South Florida Water Management District C-9 Canal. The station was built in 1985. The 3 motors are original equipment.</p>	\$65,000	240 Days	1
3	<p>S-1 and S-8 Pump Station Automatic Trash Racks</p> <p>The S-1 stormwater pump station is located on University Drive just north of the Homestead Extension of the Florida Turnpike. The station pumps stormwater into the South Florida Water Management District C-9 Canal. Due to its proximity to University Drive, a monumental amount of trash collects at this station making an automated trash rack necessary. The S-8 stormwater pump station is located on SW 172 Avenue at Griffin Road in Southwest Ranches. The station pumps stormwater into the South Florida Water Management District C-11 Canal. The recent rerouting of existing canals in that area has directed vegetation laden water to the S-8 making an automated trash rack necessary at this location.</p>	\$210,000	140 Days	3
4	<p>Canal 1 Maintenance Dredging</p> <p>The South Broward Drainage District Canal 1 parallels University Drive from the Miami-Dade County Line to Sheridan Street in Pembroke Pines. The sections that will be the subject of this project are from NW 3 Street to Taft Street in Pembroke Pines and from the pump station to Pembroke Road in Miramar. While some limited maintenance dredging was performed approximately 17 years ago. Most of this canal has not been redredged since it was dug originally over 50 years ago.</p>	\$480,000	270 Days	6
5	<p>Culvert Lining at Various Locations</p> <p>This project involves lining a series of older culverts that cross under existing roads. Because of their age, these culverts are, or will soon be in danger of collapse. The locations to be addressed are the:</p> <p>B-1 Secondary Pump Station free flow pipe under University Drive in Pembroke Pines.</p> <p>Tanglewood outfall pipe under Palm Avenue in Pembroke Pines.</p> <p>B-5 Secondary Pump station free flow pipe discharging into the Palm Avenue Canal.</p> <p>B-3 Secondary Pump Station Pump Tube under NW 79 Way in Pembroke Pines.</p> <p>B-4 Secondary Pump station Pump Tube discharging into the University Drive Canal.</p>	\$123,000	90 Days to 240 Days	2

6	Tree Removal Various Locations This is part of the District's ongoing efforts to insure hurricanes do not result in fallen trees blocking District's canals. Trees will be removed on a priority basis.	\$200,000	60 Days to 270 Days	3
7	S-8/S-9 Stirling Road Interconnect This is a 950 foot long combination of culverts and canal sections in Southwest Ranches which will connect the SBDD Basin S-8 to Basin S-9. This connection will enable the District to bleed down the S-9 Basin into the S-8 Basin as opposed to discharging S-9 water into the C-11 Canal. The benefits are reduced flow into the C-11 and higher water levels in the S-8 Basin in the dry season.	\$1,056,600	120 Days	14
8	Canal 12 Culvert Replacement Project This project will replace two undersized culverts that restrict flow in the District's Canal 12 in the Town of Southwest Ranches . The benefit is improved flood protection in the areas of Pembroke Pines and Southwest Ranches south of the culverts.	\$283,000	120 Days	4
9	Rolling Oaks Lateral 3 This project involves redirecting flow from the District's SW 184 Avenue Canal in Southwest Ranches to the District's S-8 Pump Station. The scope includes excavating the bottom of the existing mile long lateral canal to increase the flow capacity.	\$152,000	90 Days	2
10	Rolling Oaks Lateral 4 West This project involves redirecting flow from the District's SW 184 Avenue Canal in Southwest Ranches to the District's S-8 Pump Station. The scope includes replacing a series of three undersized driveway culverts with larger pipes.	\$139,000	60 Days	2
11	Replacement of Old Fuel Tanks at the S-1, S-2 and S-7 Pump Stations The diesel fuel tanks at these three stations are all original equipment dating back to the 1980s. They all consist of external basins designed to collect leaking fuel. Systems of this type are no longer constructed. The containment areas are subject to breaches due to operator error and structural failure. Each tank is to be replaced with an above ground steel tank with an integral secondary containment liner all enclosed in a monolithic concrete vault. Work will include associated environmental permitting and new piping utilizing proven secondary containment systems.	\$200,000	180 Days to 270 Days	3
12	University-Douglas Secondary Canal Maintenance Dredging This 5,300 long section of canal which serves both residential and commercial areas north of Pines Blvd in Pembroke Pines is long overdue for rehabilitation. The current condition of the waterway is both an eyesore and a maintenance problem.	\$225,000	270 Days	3
13	Pump Rehabilitations Five of the District's pumps at primary pump stations in Miramar are in need of rehabilitation. The project will consist of converting each pump from an oil lubricated system to a water lubricated system. The benefits will be reduced maintenance and decreased threat of oil leaking into the surface water.	\$120,000	60 Days	2

14	Taft Street Canal Maintenance Dredging This 4,400 foot long canal parallels Taft Street between University Drive and Douglas Road in Pembroke Pines. This project will include maintenance dredging of the flow channel and restoration of the eroded portions of the south canal bank.	\$240,000	270 Days	3
15	Country Club Ranches Culvert Replacement Development in this rural ranch area of Miramar began in the mid 70s. This project would upgrade the drainage pipes that serve this area bringing relieve from high water during major storms.	\$205,000	180 days	3
16	GPS Based District Facilities Atlas Creation of this computerized atlas will improve the District's ability to respond to engineers and contractors with accurate information and enhance the District's own system maintenance and hurricane response programs.	\$85,000	60 Days	1
		\$3,903,600		54

Additional Possible Stimulus Projects

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1. Create an environmental habitat between the driveway and the berm. 70,200 sf, 1.61 ac.
2. Add a 2 person trash crew and a boat for full time canal trash maintenance.
3. Inspect all interconnect pipes that have not been inspected in the last 5 years.
4. Install parking lot lighting in the front parking lot.
5. Replace the Rose Price Park culvert. Probably a 60" RCP
6. Replace the Landmark Ranch Estates 166 Avenue culvert. Probably a 60" culvert
7. Expand the rear parking lot.
8. Line ten old interconnect pipes in the east end of the District. \$350,000±
9. Reinforce street drain outfalls in Riviera Isle, Silver Lakes, Harbour Lake Estates, Sunset Lakes and Keystone Lakes.
10. Dredge the 13th Street Canal from NW 74 Terrace to 79 Way and restore the canal maintenance easements
11. Employ a code enforcement officer to address beaches, landscaping in drainage easements, illegal dumping and other similar issues.