

**SEACOAST UTILITY AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING**

January 27, 2010
Seacoast Utility Authority Board Room

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: 3:00 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

OATH OF OFFICE - JIMMY KNIGHT - NORTH PALM BEACH REPRESENTATIVE

Authority Clerk Jessica Moore administered the oath of office, swearing in Board Member Jimmy Knight.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Maria V. Davis, Vice Chair
Robert Weisman, President Pro-Tem
Ron Ferris, Member
Joseph Lo Bello, Member
Jimmy Knight, Member

ALSO PRESENT: Nat Nason, General Counsel
Rim Bishop, Executive Director
Jessica Moore, Authority Clerk

*****THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE PLACED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA*****

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR MEETING OF DECEMBER 15, 2009

Move to approve the minutes for meeting of December 15, 2009.

EQUIPMENT/SUPPLIES

Wastewater Chemicals - Sodium Hydroxide

Move to award the purchase of bulk sodium hydroxide to Allied Universal, the lowest responsive bidder and whose bid will best serve the public interest, in the amount of \$1.51/gallon, as recommended by staff.

Wastewater Chemical - Bulk Hydrated Lime

Move to award the purchase of bulk hydrated lime to Chemical Lime Co., the lowest responsive bidder and whose bid will best serve the public interest, in the amount of \$269.30/ton, as recommended by staff.

Water Treatment Chemicals - Liquid Chlorine

Move to award the purchase of liquid chlorine to Allied Universal Corporation, the lowest responsive bidder whose bid will best serve the public interest, in the amount of \$419.80/ton, as recommended by staff.

MOTION

Board Members Weisman/Lo Bello moved to adopt the Consent Agenda.

The motion carried unanimously.

*******END OF CONSENT AGENDA*******

ANNUAL GRAVITY SEWER REHABILITATION PROGRAM CONTRACT EXTENSION

Board Members Weisman/Lo Bello moved to extend contract awarded in February 2009 for “cured in place” slip lining repairs to SAK Construction, LLC, for one year, as recommended by staff.

The motion carried unanimously.

HOOD ROAD, LILAC STREET, AND RICHARD ROAD REPUMP FACILITIES MODIFICATIONS PROJECT

This item was pulled from the agenda by Executive Director, Rim Bishop. The bid opening date has been deferred to Wednesday, February 10.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Vice Chair Maria Davis stated that all office positions are open to any board member. Ms. Davis is currently the Vice Chair. Bob Weisman is the President Pro-Tem. Chair Don Noel resigned in December 2009.

Board Members Ferris/Weisman moved to nominate Maria Davis as Chair.

Board Members Ferris/Knight moved to nominate Bob Weisman as Vice Chair.

Board Members Ferris/Knight moved to nominate Joe Lo Bello as President Pro-Tem.

The motions were carried unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS
COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

President Pro-Tem Bob Weisman welcomed Jimmy Knight to the board and congratulated Ms. Davis as the new Chair of the board. Joe Lo Bello also welcomed Mr. Knight.

Member Ron Ferris questioned if the permit fees charged to one another by Seacoast Utility Authority and its member governments could possibly be waived or otherwise mitigated. Mr. Ferris expressed the opinion that doing so would benefit both Seacoast and its participating local governments.

Attorney Nat Nason said he believes that the interlocal agreement prohibits Seacoast Utility Authority from waiving charges. However, Mr. Nason will look into it and report his findings to the board.

Mr. Weisman stated he does not think it would be easy for Palm Beach County to do this but that he could discuss it with knowledgeable County officials.

ENGINEERING REPORT

Executive Director Rim Bishop stated that the Engineer's Report is included in the board packet.

STAFF REPORT
MONTHLY REPORTS

PALM BEACH COUNTY WATER RESOURCES TASK FORCE APPOINTMENT

Mr. Bishop reminded the board that outgoing Seacoast Board Chair Don Noel had been serving as Seacoast's appointed delegate to the Palm Beach County Water Resources Task Force. With Mr. Noel's departure from Seacoast's Board, the County asked Mr. Bishop if Seacoast's Board would like to appoint a replacement. Mr. Bishop expressed his opinion that such an appointment is not necessary. All the board members agreed that it would not be necessary to appoint a board member to the task force at this time.

HOOD ROAD MEMBRANE CONVERSION PLANT

Mr. Bishop stated construction has begun and most of the permitting issues have been cleared up. A change order has been approved for the direct purchase of \$12 million worth of equipment associated with the project, which will save Seacoast about \$700 thousand in sales tax.

Mr. Bishop reported that he has met with a couple of homeowners groups to discuss the pipe line project through Palm Beach Gardens from Hood Rd. to Richard Rd. The meetings went very well and the communities seem to be satisfied.

SFWMD PERMIT

Attorney Nat Nason stated SFWMD has advised Mirasol that there appears to be some quantity of water from the C-18 that the SFWMD will be comfortable with allocating to the Mirasol lake system, although not the 9 million gallons per day that is contained in Mirasol's environmental

resource permit. With that additional inflow, it appears that Seacoast can demonstrate that at its requested Hood Road wellfield withdrawal rate, the ground water impact footprint will be the same as for 2006 withdrawals identified by SFWMD staff to be acceptable.

Mr. Nason stated that the pending SFWMD environmental resource permit for Briger tract development will call for elimination (off-site mitigation) of all Briger wetlands except for a small number. If this happens, this will likely reduce or eliminate SFWMD's claim of Seacoast responsibility for historic and future wetland harm in that location. Mr. Nason has no reason to believe the Briger permit will not proceed expeditiously.

The next meeting with the SFWMD will be held on Thursday, February 18, and Mr. Nason should have more information at the next board meeting. Mr. Nason believes the SFWMD is moving in a direction that is beneficial to Seacoast at this point in time.

HAITI RELIEF BILL MESSAGE

Mr. Bishop stated that Seacoast is getting a good response from customers wanting to donate items to the Haiti earthquake victims.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no comments from the public.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Authority, Chair Maria Davis adjourned the meeting at approximately 3:23 PM.

APPROVAL:

MARIA DAVIS, CHAIR

BOB WEISMAN, VICE CHAIR

JOE LO BELLO, PRESIDENT PRO-TEM

RON FERRIS, MEMBER

JIMMY KNIGHT, MEMBER

ATTEST:

JESSICA MOORE, AUTHORITY CLERK