

REGULAR MEETING OF SUPERVISORS
RANGER DRAINAGE DISTRICT
NOVEMBER 4, 2009

The regular meeting of the Ranger Drainage District was held on Wednesday, November 4, 2009 at 6:00 P.M. at the Ranger Drainage District located at 19950 Nugent Street, Orlando, Florida 32833. Present were Supervisors Gus Desautels, Dave Mauck and Richard McCormick. Nine landowners in attendance.

CONSENT AGENDA

Treasurer's report, regular meeting minutes of October 7, 2009 and other permits were approved as submitted. The disbursements were authorized.

FEMA PROJECT

Mr. Rick Wohlfarth, District Engineer reported that the FEMA project under construction in the City Area is going very well. In some areas, construction is 100% complete and over all the construction is ahead of schedule and within budget.

CANAL 6

Mr. Davis reminded the Board that according to our permit requirements, Canal 6 must be completed in 2010.

2008-2009 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET EXPLANATION

Mr. Mauck reported that upon reconciliation of taxes for Fiscal Year Ending 9/30/2009 it was discovered the Orange County Property Appraiser did not adjust their records to reflect a revised budget that was sent to them on September 9, 2008. Therefore there was a shortfall in the budget in the amount of \$ 179,514. The Board approved the revised budget in the amount of \$ 1,278,850. This was the total assessment for Fiscal Year 10/1/2008-9/30/2009.

EQUIPMENT REVIEW

Mr. Davis notified the Board that the 1996 Hyundai Trackhoe is in need of major repair or replacement. After discussion the Board is considering having the engine rebuilt but has directed Mr. Davis to obtain additional quotes on repairs and total replacement.

CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION – ORANGE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

Mr. Capko submitted Certificate of Corrections for the parcels of land the Orange County School Board owns within the District for Board approval. Mr. Mauck noted that the Orange County School Board has an Interlocal Agreement with the District whereby the School Board agrees to pay an annual maintenance and restoration fee to the District. The maintenance fee will be assessed annually at the same per acre rate as all other benefitted landowners. After discussion the Board approved these Certificates be issued.

ORANGE COUNTY EPD – SMITH PROPERTY

There is a drainage issue in Unit 8A that requires the District to construct a secondary easement. Orange County EPD is requiring mitigation for that portion of the land that will be destroyed that is considered wetlands. The District requested that the +90 acres owned by RDD be reviewed by EPD for possible mitigation use. Mr. Neal Thomas, Environmental Program Supervisor for the Orange County EPD visited the +90 acres owned by the District. Subsequent to his inspection, the property was scored using the Unified Mitigation Assessment Method (UMAM) and scored very high offering the possibility of placing the +90 acres under a Conservation Easement which would provide 5.4 UMAM credits. The easement construction in Unit 8A will cost the District 0.45 credits leaving a balance of 4.95 credits. These credits would be placed in a credit bank. Once all credits are used the property would be deeded over to Orange County. The Board authorized District Legal Council and Engineer to proceed with drafting an agreement between the District, St. Johns River Water Management District, Florida Department of Environmental Protection and the Orange County Environmental Protection Division. This document is to be presented to the Board for review at the December regular meeting.

District Engineer is continuing to finalize an agreement with property owners in the area where the easement will be constructed.

EPA NUMERIC NUTRIENT WATER QUALITY CRITERIA

Currently, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is developing numeric nutrient water quality criteria for the State of Florida. EPA's approach would critically cripple the District's core functions along with Florida's business, agriculture, counties, cities, other water control districts, and utilities. Legal council is following this activity closely and will report updates to the District as they arise.

MALLARD LAKE

Mr. Goderis reported that he had received complaints about a dock on Mallard Lake that had collapsed and fallen into the lake. After review the Board asked Mr. Davis to forward a letter to the owner of the dock giving them an option to either remove the dock themselves or the District will remove it for a fee. Either option would require the dock to be removed within a reasonable amount of time.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

The Board directed staff to follow the same protocol for the holiday schedule as last year. That is, an additional one and a half day of pay to all employees and the closing of the District office between Christmas and New Years at the General Manager's discretion.

LANDOWNERS COMMENTS

Estate landowners were in attendance raising their concern of 4-wheelers on the canals and secondary easements. Mr. Davis will attempt to visit the County Commissioner to discuss the ongoing problem with 4-wheelers in Wedgefield.

There being no further comments the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 P.M.