

**LOXAHATCHEE GROVES WATER CONTROL DISTRICT /
TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES
INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION COMMITTEE MEETING
FRIDAY, JULY 31, 2009 / 2:00 P.M.**

Call to Order at 2:00 P.M.

Present: Dr. Irving Rosenbaum – Town Manager (Meeting Facilitator)
Ryan Liang – Town Council Member
Clete J. Saunier, P.E. – LGWCD District Administrator
Darlene Crawford – LGWCD Secretary-Treasurer

Pledge of Allegiance / Invocation led by Mr. Saunier.

SUBJECT: AGENDA APPROVAL. Mr. Saunier suggested Agenda Item #7 under Old Business (Coordination between Town and LGWCD relating to the Town Comprehensive Plan) be deleted from the Agenda. Mr. Saunier stated he has some additional information on an update to Old Business Agenda Item #6 (Water Conservation and Fire Suppression).

Ms. Crawford suggested the addition of a New Business agenda item to discuss the Town and District's emergency operations plan. Mr. Saunier suggested this item be added as New Business Regular Agenda Item 12-A. There were no other additions, deletions, or substitutions to the Agenda.
The Committee agreed to all additions and deletions.

MOTION: Mr. Saunier made a motion to approve the Agenda to include all additions and deletions as noted above. Mr. Liang seconded the motion.

ACTION: **MOTION PASSED 4 TO 0.**

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JUNE 26, 2009 INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION COMMITTEE (IGC) MEETING. Dr. Rosenbaum asked for approval of the minutes from the June 26, 2009 Intergovernmental Coordination Committee meeting.

MOTION: Mr. Saunier made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 26, 2009 Intergovernmental Coordination Committee meeting. Mr. Liang seconded the motion.

ACTION: **MOTION PASSED 4 TO 0.**

SUBJECT: WATER CONSERVATION AND FIRE SUPPRESSION: DISCUSSION / REPORT FROM MEETING WITH PALM BEACH COUNTY FIRE-RESCUE. Mr. Saunier stated that he and Town Council Member Bill Louda met with Bevin Beaudet (Director of Palm Beach County Water Utilities Department)

and his staff regarding the reclaimed water system that the County is installing along Okeechobee Boulevard. Mr. Saunier stated they had previously discussed the costs and impacts of a looped system that would connect to the 36-inch reclaimed water lines as proposed for the new FP&L power plant.

Mr. Saunier stated FP&L is not interested in providing a filter marsh system unless the Town would be willing to pay for the water that would go into it (at an estimated cost of 50 cents per thousand gallons), in addition to costs of purchasing the land, setting the system up, etc. Mr. Saunier stated this alternative would be very expensive.

Mr. Saunier stated Ms. Crawford had previously asked about costs for wells, drilling, etc. He stated he has not been directed by the District's Board of Supervisors to obtain any estimates of cost. He stated representatives from Palm Beach County Fire-Rescue indicated static wells would not be an option for their firefighting (water tanker) equipment. Mr. Saunier stated it would be up to the IGC Committee, then the Town Council and District Board, to decide whether to pursue these options further.

Ms. Crawford stated it would not be a good idea to spend time to research costs and other related matters since Palm Beach County Fire-Rescue has indicated this type of system would not be beneficial.

Dr. Rosenbaum asked for confirmation that the only viable option to consider is the looped system. Mr. Saunier replied that, although the cost (\$1.8 million) is high, it is a reasonable cost to provide for the needs of the community.

Mr. Saunier stated other things that should be considered are (1) meeting ISO (Insurance Services Organization) requirements on the spacing of the fire hydrants, and (2) the cost savings to the Loxahatchee Groves community in terms of fire insurance for their properties. He stated he has asked Palm Beach County Water Utilities Department to provide an estimate of costs based upon ISO requirements being met.

Dr. Rosenbaum stated that, without meeting ISO requirements, the cost savings to landowners would be minimal.

Ms. Crawford asked for confirmation that Fire-Rescue has indicated that, even when the canals are high, they would prefer to use a pressurized hydrant system because they can fill up their tanker trucks more quickly. Mr. Saunier replied in the affirmative. Ms. Crawford stated it sounds like the looped system is a very viable option for the Loxahatchee Groves community.

MOTION: No motion was necessary.
ACTION: **NO ACTION WAS TAKEN.**

SUBJECT: 40TH STREET NORTH / NORTH ROAD CANAL: DISCUSSION AND UPDATE OF WORKSHOP. Mr. Saunier stated the District held a workshop meeting on Monday, July 20, 2009 for the affected landowners of 40th Street North / North Road Canal to discuss easement issues. Mr. Saunier noted there were two representatives from title insurance companies present at that meeting; one of whom has indicated the title insurance company's willingness to provide a bridge culvert crossing to allow legal access to those properties that are blocked off because of no existing reservation of an easement, or an easement being recorded. Mr. Saunier stated there are some continuing coordination issues that need to be resolved, and should be completed by the end of this calendar year (December 2009).

Ms. Crawford asked for confirmation that it will ultimately be the responsibility of the affected landowners to resolve these easement issues, and asked whether the District would also have any responsibility to resolve these issues. Mr. Saunier replied in the affirmative.

Mr. Saunier stated ongoing road maintenance responsibility is an issue the Town Council should carefully consider.

Ms. Crawford stated there is also the issue of an equestrian trail along 40th Street North. Mr. Saunier stated the Town Council will need to participate in this.

Ms. Crawford expressed her concern regarding the segment of North Road near "E" Road, in front of Sunsport Gardens. She stated, depending upon which option the District decides to pursue, it could potentially cause profound changes to the traffic patterns.

Mr. Liang asked whether the County has guidelines as to how they would like the equestrian trail to be designed. Mr. Saunier replied in the affirmative.

Mr. Saunier asked Mr. Liang to present these issues to the Town Council and ask them to participate in future workshop meetings regarding 40th Street North / North Road Canal. Mr. Liang agreed.

Ms. Crawford asked for confirmation that the direct costs would be passed along to the affected landowners along 40th Street North, and not all landowners within the District. Mr. Saunier replied in the affirmative.

MOTION: No motion was necessary.
ACTION: **NO ACTION WAS TAKEN.**

SUBJECT: FEDERAL FUNDING SOURCES: DISCUSSION/UPDATE. Dr. Rosenbaum stated there is nothing new to report on this item at this time. A brief discussion ensued.
MOTION: No motion was necessary.
ACTION: **NO ACTION WAS TAKEN.**

SUBJECT: COORDINATION OF EQUESTRIAN TRAILS: DISCUSSION. Mr. Saunier asked Mr. Liang whether the Town Council had any immediate plans for equestrian trails. Mr. Liang replied there is nothing new to report at this time.
MOTION: No motion was necessary.
ACTION: **NO ACTION WAS TAKEN.**

SUBJECT: TOWN MANAGEMENT / ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF TRANSITION. Dr. Rosenbaum introduced Frank R. Spence and stated Mr. Spence will become the new Town Manager effective October 1, 2009. A brief discussion ensued.
MOTION: No motion was necessary.
ACTION: **NO ACTION WAS TAKEN.**

SUBJECT: PORTABLE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS SHELTER: DISCUSSION. Mr. Saunier stated he does not have any cost estimates for portable emergency operations shelters at this time. He stated he could provide cost estimates to be presented to the Town Council at a future meeting.

Mr. Saunier stated he would like to consider a platform-type of facility that can be folded and stored; also, a canvas-type tent with built-in, HVAC-type systems. He stated in the event the District's office building was destroyed, these portable facilities could be erected in the parking lot/open space areas.

MOTION: No motion was necessary.
ACTION: **NO ACTION WAS TAKEN.**

SUBJECT: TOWN'S COMPREHENSIVE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN. Mr. Saunier stated that Doreen Lipp and Elise Ryan have worked extensively with the Town in an effort to submit a draft emergency operations plan to FEMA. Mr. Saunier stated he would like to be involved with the Town's Comprehensive Emergency Operations Plan.

Dr. Rosenbaum asked whether the Town and District would need to have a meeting to discuss this issue. Mr. Saunier replied in the affirmative, and stated the Town and District need to closely coordinate with each other on this issue.

Ms. Crawford suggested that a representative of the Town's CERT Team be invited to any and all meetings between the Town and District regarding the Town's comprehensive emergency operations plan.

Mr. Saunier suggested the Town Council obtain written confirmation from the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office and Palm Beach County Fire-Rescue stating they will have a specific representative physically present to respond to the needs of the Loxahatchee Groves community.

Dr. Rosenbaum stated he will initiate a meeting to this effect, and will invite the appropriate individuals to attend the meeting.

Mr. Saunier stated the Town's debris monitoring and debris management entities (Calvin-Giordano & Associates and Ashbritt) will need to closely coordinate with the Town and the District.

Dr. Rosenbaum stated the Town and District will coordinate on this issue, and will address these issues during a forthcoming meeting. **The Committee agreed.**

MOTION: No motion was necessary.
ACTION: **NO ACTION WAS TAKEN.**

SUBJECT: NUMERIC WATER QUALITY STANDARDS. Mr. Saunier expressed his appreciation, on behalf of the Florida Association of Special Districts (FASD), and thanked the Town Council for their approval of a companion Resolution regarding the DEP/EPA Numeric Water Quality Standards. He stated it is his understanding the Town Council approved the expenditure of up to \$3,000.00 to the FASD for legal research fees, and expressed his appreciation.

Dr. Rosenbaum stated this is a crucial issue, and Mr. Saunier agreed.

Mr. Saunier requested that this item remain on the IGC Committee meeting agendas for further discussion. **The Committee agreed.**

MOTION: No motion was necessary.
ACTION: **NO ACTION WAS TAKEN.**

SUBJECT: NEXT IGC COMMITTEE MEETING DATE AND TIME. The Committee scheduled the next IGC Committee meeting for 2:00 p.m. on Friday, August 28, 2009 at the District office. Mr. Saunier noted that Ms. Crawford's service on the IGC Committee will end August 31, 2009. He noted that David

DeMarois is the next Board representative to serve on the IGC Committee during the months of September-October, 2009.

MOTION: No motion was necessary.
ACTION: **NO ACTION WAS TAKEN.**

The meeting was adjourned by the Committee at 3:05 p.m.



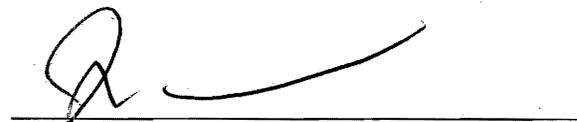
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