

**LOXAHATCHEE GROVES WATER CONTROL DISTRICT /
TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES
INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION (IGC) COMMITTEE MEETING
FRIDAY, JULY 29, 2011 / 3:00 P.M.**

Call to Order at 3:00 P.M. / Roll Call

Present: Frank R. Spence -- Town Manager, Town of Loxahatchee Groves
David Browning -- Mayor, Town of Loxahatchee Groves
Clete J. Saunier, P.E. -- LGWCD Administrator (Meeting Moderator)
John Ryan -- LGWCD Board Member

Also Present: Lynnette R. Ballard -- Administrative Secretary, LGWCD

Pledge of Allegiance / Invocation led by Mr. Saunier.

SUBJECT: AGENDA APPROVAL. Mr. Saunier asked if there were any additions, deletions, or substitutions to the Agenda. There were none.

MOTION: Mr. Browning made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Ryan seconded the motion.

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

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JUNE 23, 2011 IGC COMMITTEE MEETING. Mr. Saunier asked if there were any additions, deletions, or comments to the minutes from the June 23, 2011 IGC Committee meeting. There were none.

MOTION: Mr. Browning made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 23, 2011 IGC Committee meeting. Mr. Ryan seconded the motion.

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

SUBJECT: STATUS OF RFP FOR BRIDGE / CULVERT AT 148TH TERRACE NORTH. Mr. Spence reported that the Town recently received the revised plans regarding the bridge culvert at 148th Terrace North from the title company's engineer, Jim Noth of Erdman Anthony of Florida, Inc. Mr. Spence stated the Town Council approved an additional expenditure of \$1,700.00 for a revision to the plans to downsize the bridge and culvert to reduce the total expense. The Town will advertise a Request for Proposals as soon as the specifications are completed.

Mr. Saunier requested a full set of the construction drawings, and Mr. Spence agreed to provide a set.

Mr. Saunier stated with regard to the interlocal agreement with Palm Beach County Water Utilities Department, there is an exhibit to the ILA that requires them to pay for conflict boxes on all new drainage connections to the canal. He noted there is a significantly large conflict box for which the County has to pay.

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

SUBJECT: PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION REGARDING PROPOSED MERGER OF DISTRICT AND TOWN. Mr. Spence stated the IGC Committee is under direction of the Town Council to have this item as an ongoing item to keep both parties aware of a possible merger of the Town and District.

Mr. Browning stated there is a misconception that a merger of the Town and District would save the taxpayers a significant amount of money. He noted several reasons why he does not think a merger would be feasible at this time.

Mr. Ryan stated according to Charlie Schoech, attorney with Caldwell Pacetti, there would be some inherent conflicts. Mr. Ryan also stated at the last meeting, the IGC Committee discussed placing Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) on the District's website, and stated there is merit to that.

Mr. Saunier asked Mr. Spence how many written requests he has received from landowners requesting a merger of the Town and District. Mr. Spence replied that he has not received any letters to this effect. Mr. Saunier stated he has only received one request.

Mr. Saunier stated part of the merger process would require all of the constituents of the Town and the District's landowners to vote (up or down). There are other issues, including costs, transition of ownership, legislation, etc. There would be two elections – one for the popular vote for the Town and one for the landowner vote for the District.

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

SUBJECT: DISCUSSION ON DEVELOPING A POLICY FOR CLEANING OUT CULVERTS ON DISTRICT AND TOWN ROADS / RESPONSIBILITY / COSTS. Mr. Spence stated Town Council Member Ron Jarriel requested this item be placed on the IGC Committee agenda when the Town was addressing the issue of cleaning out the culvert underneath "C" Road (22nd

Road North). Mr. Ryan stated there was another culvert issue involving a landowner on Sixth Court North (Lee Wright).

Mr. Browning stated he would prefer not to have a policy for cleaning out culverts, and stated it should be the property owner's responsibility to drain their own property.

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

SUBJECT: DISCUSSION OF DEVELOPING A WATER CONSERVATION POLICY AS PROPOSED BY COUNCILMAN ROCKETT. Mr. Saunier asked about Councilman Rockett's proposal. Mr. Ryan explained that it was not strictly Councilman Rockett's proposal and that it was a requirement from South Florida Water Management District.

Mr. Ryan stated that, because of the drought conditions, the restrictions imposed by South Florida Water Management District, and the County's concern over growth limitations and water treatment responsibility, this is an issue that Mr. Rockett was introduced to through one of the committees assigned to him by the Town. Mr. Spence replied in the affirmative. Mr. Ryan requested background information related to this issue.

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

SUBJECT: RELATED ITEM—SFWMD LOWER EAST COAST WATER SUPPLY / REQUIREMENT OF CITIES TO HAVE A 10-YEAR WATER CONSERVATION ELEMENT IN THEIR COMP PLANS. Mr. Spence stated a representative from South Florida Water Management District appeared before the Town Council and gave them fair notice that the Town has 18 months to create a required 10-Year Water Conservation Element.

Mr. Browning stated he does not know of a sufficient way to solve the District's water issues; however, perhaps this plan could incorporate the same type of water restrictions all year-round.

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

SUBJECT: SETTING OF NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME. The IGC Committee agreed to schedule its next meeting for Friday, August 26, 2011 at 3:00 p.m. at the District office.

Robert Snowball is the designated District representative for August 2011-September 2011. David Browning is the designated Town representative for June 2011-September 2011.

There was no further discussion by the IGC Committee on this item.

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

MEMBER COMMENTS

There were no member comments.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

The meeting was adjourned by the Committee at 4:15 p.m.

John Ryan, LGWCD Board Member

David Browning, Town Mayor

Clete J. Saunier, LGWCD Administrator

Frank R. Spence, Town Manager