

**PLANTATION ACRES IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT  
REGULAR MEETING**

**August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018**

**Member Present:** J. Gary McAlpin, Chairman  
Edward N. Szerlip, Vice Chair  
Jesse Varnell, Commissioner  
Louis Flanigan, Commissioner  
Stephen Nieset, Commissioner  
Angel Alvarez, District Manager

**Present:** David Fradley, District Engineer  
Joe Telles, District Administrator  
Paul Gougelman, District Attorney

**Absent:**

**Chairman McAlpin:** Called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag followed by the roll call indicated the above members were present. Commissioner Flanigan lead us in prayer. There was a quorum.

**MINUTES** - Motion to approve the Regular Minutes of July 26<sup>h</sup>, 2018 minutes Commissioner Szerlip made a motion to approve and second by Commissioner Varnell. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**Commissioner Flanigan:** How are minutes saved?

**District Manager Alvarez:** Hard copy (CD) form in a book and saved in a book in the office.

**Commissioner Varnell:** And on the Website.

**District Manager Alvarez:** Well they need to be on the Website.

**Commissioner Flanigan:** Not often the Board disagrees on something however; when we do we should call the role and I think we need records on whom was for something and whom was opposed to it.

**Commissioner McAlpin:** Generally, Lou what I try to do is it looks like it will be a unanimous vote we just call the vote; I think it's a contentious vote or something on the record to a certain extent at the Chairs discretion. You are any of the Board members can at anytime say ***"I'd like to see a role call on this item"*** on we'll do it.

**Commissioner Flanigan:** That's good but the fact that you say that, and we call the role, and everyone votes is that indicated in anyway in the wording? It should be.

**District Manager Alvarez:** Only through voice recognition.

**Commissioner Varnell:** Typically, if the Board goes ***"all in favor say I"*** if someone comes back like Jim occasionally and say Nay, he didn't agree with the vote that does come up in the minutes that Commissioner Davis descended from the vote however; if everybody agrees there's not point to it.

**Commissioner Flanigan:** If we disagree and vote yay or nay verbally or have a role call I want to know if that portion is on type.

**Commissioner McAlpin:** Motion to approve the Budget Minutes of July 26<sup>h</sup>, 2018 minutes Commissioner Flanigan made a motion to approve and second by Commissioner Nieset. All in favor say I/opposed. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote

**Commissioner Szerlip:** By approving those minutes so we lock that in or can we make a change?

**District Administrator Telles:** We can change it on September 13<sup>th</sup>. There's a difference between an approval and adopting.

**Commissioner Szerlip:** Then why even do that tonight?

**Commissioner McAlpin:** Lets go on over to the staff report. Joe...

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**PUBLIC COMMENTS** - None

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**DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

**District Administrator Telles:** Provided an overview of the Consent Agenda ending July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018. That has not changed. You have in front of you the Cash Flow

**Commissioner McAlpin:** Motion to approve the Consent Agenda and Cash Flow. of July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018 minutes Commissioner Flanigan made a motion to approve and second by Commissioner Nieset. All in favor say I/opposed. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote

Operation and Maintenance: **\$35,087.06**

Total Administration **\$23,887.55**

Financial Expenses (Assessors Collection, Assessors Discount, and Bank Fees/Interest): **\$**

Engineering General: **\$**

Engineering Plats & Permits: **\$**

District Manager Vehicle: **\$**

Assessor Discount Allowance: **\$**

Assessor Collection Fee: **\$314.34**

Emergencies and Contingencies: **\$**

Capital Reserves: **\$**

Canal/Swale-Main BC&E: **\$10,681.40**

Pump Station Restoration/Engineering: **\$**

Capital Expenditures: **\$**

Total Expenditures: **\$69,970.35**

Non-ad Valorem Assessment (Current Year): **\$31,433.19**

Non-ad Valorem Assessment (Prior Years): **\$-504.75**

Total Receipts: **\$31,613.32**

Interest – Non- ad Valorem: **\$646.23**

Interest – Bank Accounts - **\$38.65**

Bank Balances YTD: (Checking Account, Money Market, Fiscal/Equipment Reserve, Drainage Reserve, Bond/Permit):  
**\$456,187.83.**

**Bond and Permit: 506,495.46**

**Annual Budget: \$**

**District Administrator Telles:** You will see a minus on the Non-ad Valorem Assessment Prior Years (-504.75). There was a big mix up within the County Tax Assessors office we were given too much money from prior years, so they took it back but then they you see where on the interest Non-ad Valorem it was \$646.23 which kind of offset that never been that high a figure so I tried to get an explanation and I totally gave up on understanding what they did. They went back to 2012.

**Commissioner McAlpin:** So, it's not worth the effort. Is there anything you want to bring up on the Consent Agenda ending July 31<sup>st</sup>. Joe?

**District Administrator Telles:** No.

**Commissioner McAlpin:** Are there any comments/questions on the Consent Agenda?

**Commissioner Szerlip:** I have a question?

**Commissioner McAlpin:** If it's not on that lets take a vote.

**Commissioner Szerlip:** It's not.

**Commissioner McAlpin:** Motion to approve the County Consent and Regular Agenda of July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018 minutes Commissioner **BLANK** made a motion to approve and second by Commissioner **BLANK**. Motion made and second. All those in favor say I. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. I asked you on whether you wanted to address next years budget tonight. Let's have a discussion on this. I thought we would talk about it tonight; any questions/comments; we can do that now or we can do it under new business.

**District Administrator Telles:** Old business.

**Commissioner Szerlip:** What is the situation with the SFWMD property? There was an issue with...

**District Administrator Telles:** They refuse to pay the Non-ad Valorem Assessment on the property.

**Commissioner Szerlip:** You said you were going to go ahead and do what you wanted to do.

**District Administrator Telles:** What I'm trying to do is this lot next door is recorded under the Redlands Company since 1960 something. Company has been dissolved no longer in fact the gentleman whose property borders this the trees fell on his property when the storms hit last year it fell on his fence. He called us, and I said we don't own that. I said call SFWMD and they said the same thing. I called Holly and asked who owns that property they said they don't own it, so I gave it to Jeff and said can you look this up and he said the corporation supposedly owns it. I want to sit down maybe with Holly and find out if...Holly is

**Commissioner McAlpin:** Who is Holly?

**District Administrator Telles:** Holly Simino is the head person I talk to in the Broward County Property Appraisals (BCPA) office; dealt with Holly as many years as possible; Brenda retired then Holly took over the position; anytime I have a problem I call Holly she researchers it and solves the problem.

**Commissioner Szerlip:** How does it affect P.A.I.D. monetarily?

**District Administrator Telles:** We aren't getting about \$12,000-\$15,000 a year. If no one has made a claim to this piece of property I would like to P.A.I.D. to take ownership. Holly's doing the research on how it will help us. I dropped the bomb because I started looking into this last year when I brought it up and Holly found out the Redlands but there no where in there where the SFWMD owns that property. They wouldn't pay the claim of the land to the owner next door.

**Commissioner Varnell:** It would benefit us to give us the ability to increase the value of the property and a tower which would bring income to P.A.I.D. those are two options we would like to get that piece of property if we could.

**District Administrator Telles:** I will have it resolved by next week. I'd rather deal with Holly whom has been there more than twenty plus years. An example is one of the residents got her TRIM notice and said what I'm being assessed is not correct she called Angel and Angel called me and I called Holly and hooked her up with this lady and found out its been incorrect since 2016 so instead of being assessed on 2.2 acres she should only have been assessed on one (1) acre. One phone call this morning and Holly cleared up the problem. She's like the administrative person that handles everything in that office.

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**LEGAL REPORT –**

**District Attorney Gougelman:** None.

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**ENGINEER'S REPORT -**

- A. CONSENT ITEMS – None
- B. QUASI-JUDICIAL ITEMS -

The items in this section are quasi-judicial in nature. If you wish to object or comment upon any of these items, you must be sworn before addressing the Board of Commissioners, and if you wish to address the Board, you may be subject to cross-examination. If you refuse to submit to cross-examination, the Board of Commissioners will not consider what you have said in its final deliberations.

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- C. BOARD ACTION ITEMS - None
- D. Discussion Items:

D1. Neighborhood Drainage Improvements (D1712.01) ..... Update

**Summary:** Staff has commenced the clearing operation. District Manager will provide a report. W provided additional survey staking for the easements where access to the work is needed.

As discussed at the July meeting the project was advertised in the Sun-Sentinel on Tuesday, August 14<sup>th</sup> and will again run August 21<sup>st</sup>. Plans, Contract Documents, and a CD are available at our office for pickup for one hundred dollars (\$100). One contractor has picked up a set as of this writing. The bid opening will be on Tuesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 3:00 PM at our office. We will have the summary of bidders for the meeting on September 13<sup>th</sup>.

**District Engineer Fradley:** I gave the staff a maintenance plan and modified the bid set just in case the bidders show up and still see the trees; did some additional surveying so that he can have access; he's getting there with his equipment; had to make sure the easements were there. We advertised last week on Tuesday and this week on Tuesday to satisfy our requirements; had only three people one is a nationwide advertising to put it out; we're on a tight schedule so by the time they get it and put it out we won't have as many bidders left. They advertise it and I will get some more calls; two of the contactors that have done work here before picked them up.

**Commissioner McAlpin:** Have you called other contractors that have done work for us in the past?

**District Engineer Fradley:** I gave them a heads up for informational reasons before we bid. I put the bid in before the 11<sup>th</sup>, two days before your early meeting in September. You won't have a report, I'll come that night with a list. By that time, I'll make sure to look for obvious errors on their presentation, but I won't be checking their paperwork or anything. I'll probably put a recommendation to the Board and move along and depending on any other problems we might have to do paperwork.

**District Manager Alvarez:** The only thing to add is when you did the survey stake it added a bunch of trees and another fence line.

**Commissioner McAlpin:** Are you supervising the work?

**District Engineer Fradley:** If he calls my inspector/surveyor has been out there. I supervise his work.

**Commissioner McAlpin:** As the engineer of record point of view. Have you had an opportunity to work with Angel on the swales/drainage program of last month we wanted identify with Joe?

**District Manager Alvarez:** We have centered all our efforts on the South Acres. Unfortunately, when we started we had equipment failure from the bobcat; one of the new cylinders replaced the old seals can't handle the new pressure and started running at separate times; got them all replaced but we were aware of this and when we replace one seal be ready for all of them and something that happened with our old backhoe also.

**Commissioner McAlpin:** With the crew working out there how are you planning for the maintenance plan for the Acres?

**District Manager Alvarez:** Routine maintenance, yes sir?

**District Engineer Fradley:** Permits are fine.

**Commissioner Szerlip:** Five (5) years ago that could have possibility affected the Board from Jeff; was told at that time cant do that; must go through the Board; for the record this has nothing to do with Jim Davis he has worked on the Board for the good of the residents; whether we agree with him or not however I don't understand the rational of a specific Board member calling an attorney and saying I want you to check this out because I'm and this particular incident was because Jim was leaving the Board; where do the other Board members stand on individual's wanting to seek legal advice; I don't think its proper.

**Commissioner McAlpin:** If you're speaking about Jim Davis leaving and running for the City that's what you're talking about I don't know exactly what the questions were. Paul do you want to comment on this if you have a problem with this? Davis called you and asked to do some research.

**District Attorney Gougelman:** His concern was whether or not he needed to resign from this Board and at what point he needed to resign as you recall I think from our last meeting he said that he had shown up to file for office to run for Plantation City Council and the Mayor was there and she said "*oh you need to resign*" and he had questions about that how does that work; when does his term end; when does he have to resign.

**Commissioner McAlpin:** I think from my perspective if it's an issue that affects Plantation Acres Improvement District or the Board, I think its appropriate to get legal counsel form our attorney however; I would say that it must go through Joe Telles. I don't know that an individual commissioner calling up and that its appropriate calling and asking questions from our district attorney. I think the district attorney needs to keep that in mind. Now on this situation Paul was I think at the job a couple of months and I don't think we've ever discussed that with Paul and I could see how it can happen, but I think if its personal advice it must be paid as personal advice. If it affects the District and the Board I think its appropriate to go through Joe. I would like to get other's opinion on that and hear what you have to say.

**District Administrator Telles:** It didn't go through me.

**Commissioner Varnell:** I think that as the attorney, if one of the commissioners calls and ask him for information I think he should, but I also think we should agree on establishing a policy; I don't think our district attorney is wrong for answering a question if you call and ask him. If it's a personal issue...In this case it was regarding P.A.I.D. on whether he should resign right now or not because the Mayor told him. Its gray but I don't see a problem. Its incumbent upon us to decide how we want to handle it. It's a gray area and happened because he went to file that day.

**Commissioner Flannigan:** I agree with what he said if it's nothing personal.

**Commissioner Nieset:** I think it should go to Joe before the district attorney. It's the right way to do it.

**Commissioner McAlpin:** The reason I say that is that Joe has been with the Board long enough to know **if its Board** related or a personal item. Does that satisfy you Doc?

**Commissioner Szerlip:** Anything that's quasi should go through Joe as the administrator.

**Commissioner McAlpin:** **We would go to Joe with a question you believe the attorney needs to answer and if it's a legitimate task.**

**District Attorney Gougelman:** The proper way to do it is a motion.

**Commissioner McAlpin:** Motion to approve legal issues that any P.A.I.D. commissioner whom has a verification for an item that needs to go through the district attorney must first go through the district administrator to resolve that item uses the administrator's judgement. Motion made and second by Commissioner Flanigan. All those in favor say I. Opposed? Motion carried unanimously.

**Commissioner Szerlip:** Along the same lines as legal matters over the years we have all been and I was Chair and Gary and check that out. I think we should use this as an example on what we through over the shoulder of our attorney we can't deny if a man puts time in we should be more careful.

**District Attorney Gougelman:** I have one question. One of the things that I did over the last billing period the Board was interested in trying to speed up the process for bidding and David called me and asked to do some research regarding possibly doing that and how would you like me to handle that in the future?

**Commissioner Szerlip:** I just feel that a lot of times we've asked for legal advice when we probably shouldn't have that's all. Not denying that if you put in the time you shouldn't get paid for it we should be careful when asking for legal advice.

**Commissioner McAlpin:** I would say if its asked by the Board and the Board approves it and doesn't stipulate an amount or gives you no direction on how much time to spend that you as the attorney should try to get that. I think that if another staff member asks you to do some research you need to get the Board involved because that's a Board issue to spend money. It's a Board's decision. There's always some discretion in those items and if it's something consequential with a small amount of time and you use your judgement is one thing however; if you think its going to be a large amount of time or create a problem that's another issue and I think to use judgement on all.

**District Administrator Telles:** About that issue we talked about speeding up the bidding process and between the one meeting we talked about the issue came up declaring this an emergency and having not to go a lot through a lot of the bid process then Gary you and I talked about whether this can be declared an emergency and get around a lot of the requirements with this bid. I then contacted Paul to ask can this be declared an emergency.

**Commissioner Varnell:** I think that if we had decided on moving up the policy that questions that go to Paul go through Joe that David should do the same thing. If David has a question for Paul we should just talk to Joe about it. It doesn't mean that David can't talk to Paul just to make sure that we don't get charged for a couple of hours or four or six of work so that Joe can keep a line on what Dave spent. If the commissioners need to go through the district manager I think the engineer should as well when talking about attorney's fees. I don't have an issue with this incident because it was discussed with everybody. As a general policy if we're all going through Joe then we should all go through Joe.

**Commissioner McAlpin:** I would like to hear what Joe, Paul and David have to say. If it's a new item and we're going to spend money or time or if the money reaches a certain level, we ask *"is this worth it"*. We must give staff some level of discretion on this issue however; we must also be careful.

**Commissioner Varnell:** If Paul is going to look at something that takes an hour or hour and half its not a big issue however; its going to take eight hours of research time at \$200/hr then that's...

**Commissioner McAlpin:** Lets put this in perspective and I don't want anyone to take this out of context because it's not an indication on Paul's firm but if I thought that it was going be (don't have numbers in front of me) \$800 researching and item and \$1500 on another item the cost we spent was way out of line for the benefit we received. Those are my concerns. In this case I don't think we received the benefit Jesse but it's a learning experience and Doc is right. I brought it up before on being careful on what we authorize.

**Commissioner Varnell:** I don't disagree with what you said but I find that in doing research all the time its difficult to know how long it's going to take you to find something to be able to define whether what you're getting is worth enough on the number of hours you spent getting it.

**Commissioner McAlpin:** Yes, and that's at the point where we say we spent x number of dollars and we say let's check with Joe and see if that's what he wants me to do and that's the reaction I hope would happen.

**District Engineer Fradley:** On that point we got the new bids on that project and with Jeffery I didn't need a lot of attorney involvement because he created the documents in the process this time around Paul hasn't so he spent some time; I put together the engineering documents but once I get the bidders in I always turn it over to the attorneys probably not before the next meeting and if I'm happen with him as a contractor he gets the package for execution.

**Commissioner Varnell:** That's normal procedure we've done in the past.

**District Administrator Telles:** I agree with what Gary is saying; in reference to the bid documents and the legal associated with that I'm getting emails from David and going back and forth and we're conversing and I made a determination that the research that Paul's firm did was adequate and we would go ahead with the bid documents and take under consideration their input with the new bid however; we can't spend anymore time with the legal end of it and I stopped his firm from going any further with the legal work.

**Commissioner McAlpin:** We have no issues with that. How do you feel with the other staff members and the directing of Paul and David to you and don't qualify that we I want to spend X dollars and up to the Board members to say how much money we want to spend as a target to shoot for and you know you're going over this amount of money?

**Commissioner Varnell:** I'd like to make a comment: I would hope that if Paul sees something that if Joe says I don't think we need anymore but Paul sees something of a legal nature that Paul says you're getting ready to get into the trick bag if you do that because of ABCD you need to continue to stay out. To not jus enough and end it because he is here to protect the Board and make sure that I didn't spend 35 years out of jail to go jail for doing something wrong. It's incumbent

upon Paul to make sure we stay on the correct side of the legal procedure. My point with that we would like to redo a contract that's not eligible to be renewed as an example. If that contract reads we can't continue the contract without going out to bid if legally required to bid on it.

**Commissioner McAlpin:** I don't have any problems with what you're saying. Paul's biggest task is to keep us correct and the little stuff we deal with lets...

**Commissioner Szerlip:** Many times, with Jeffrey we'd ask to do certain things he would come back and let us know the cost and the saving can equate to the overall picture. If you're looking to save a few thousand dollars in legal fees, there's no point. I know your firm is large across the country and don't know how you compose your legal fees. We work without a lot of money and sometimes expenses are high and the projects...

**District Administrator Telles:** Paul wasn't giving any parameters

**Commissioner McAlpin:** Paul is new with the district and we need to cut him some slack. Let's move on.

**District Attorney Gougelman:** Only a couple of comments. First, about the Vice Chairs comments on how we set our rates and all that, we're not a national firm. We're a State firm so everything we do is within the State of Florida. The rate the District has and don't fall out of you chair when I tell you this, is \$200/hr. That is the lowest rate of any client that I have and below norm. Am I complaining to you? No. I'm simply stating a fact so your concern about the layout of money I get it I understand it and will work with you anyway I can. Second thing and another issue I really didn't get into with regard to the departure of Commissioner Davis was brining on board a new Commissioner and some of the research I did there to make sure 1) doing it properly and okay you can look at one particular law that seems to support a particular way of doing stuff but that's not necessarily doing the research you need to do and oddly enough one of the most interesting things I ran into was that the "Oath of Office" for this District is different than the "Oath of Office" for a State or City position that I discovered. I also found out that in the past you all haven't been signing an actual "Oath of Office" and in the future and we did that with Commissioner Nieset, we need to be doing that in the future. So, there were some things that came out of that and I could have come back to the Board and if I had some authorization then we couldn't have sworn him in at the last meeting and that would have upset him with withdrawing his candidacy which would have really been an upset. I will work with you every way I can and careful about fees. The other thing I want to mention as Joe said is that you haven't received a bill yet and that dealt with the review of the bid package and I will tell you I think that review got a little out of hand and some of it getting out of hand was the fault of our firm and so as I told Joe the other day before I send that bill out I'm going to work with the bureaucracy that I have to work with in my firm we have a bureaucracy too that's just as bad as the government to see if we can knock that fee down.

D2. Permit Activity (D9408.02 & D9408.03 ..... Summary

Summary: Approved Building Permits

| <u>No.</u> | <u>Name</u>                                    | <u>Address</u>                | <u>PAID No.</u> |
|------------|--|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| 1.         | Vitran at Sunrise, LLC (House)                 | 11780 NW 17 <sup>th</sup> Pl  | B1802.03        |
| 2.         | Wyld (Pool)                                    | 12181 NW 26 <sup>th</sup> St  | B9408.06        |
| 3.         | Robertson (Fence)                              | 12100 SW 2 <sup>nd</sup> St   | B9406.03        |
| 4.         | Rauh (House)                                   | 11870 NW 19 <sup>th</sup> St  | B1801.02        |
| 5.         | Gierlach (Fence)                               | 11400 NW 21 <sup>st</sup> Ct  | B8807.07        |
| 6.         | Sachs (Paver Patio)                            | 1000 NW 120 <sup>th</sup> Ave | B9501.02        |
| 7.         | Spectrum Tree & Landscaping Services (Fence)   | 875 NW 120 <sup>th</sup> Ave  | B1704.01        |
| 8.         | Holewinski (Shed)                              | 11301 NW 4 <sup>th</sup> Ct   | B0606.04        |
| 9.         | Goebel (Generator)                             | 2170 NW 122 <sup>nd</sup> Ave | B0606.04        |
| 10.        | DeSantis (Driveway)                            | 12121 NW 11 <sup>th</sup> St  | B9408.25        |
| 11.        | Zelher (Generator)                             | 1250 North Flamingo Rd        | B8905.09        |
| 12.        | C & D Rental Investments, LLC (Tank)           | 12361 NW 18 <sup>th</sup> St  | B1711.03        |
| 13.        | DSL Construction & Investments, LLC (Addition) | 11650 NW 8 <sup>th</sup> St   | B0601.05        |
| 14.        | Greenblatt (Patio Roof)                        | 11460 NW 5 <sup>th</sup> St   | B1607.01        |
| 15.        | Wincorp International, LLC (Generator)         | 11350 NW 6 <sup>th</sup> St   | B0308.02        |
| 16.        | Demarco (Rock Waterfall)                       | 11624 NW 5 <sup>th</sup> St   | B9306.07        |

**Summary: Approved Certificates of Occupancy**

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| 1. | St. Luce (House)              | 11500 NW 23 <sup>rd</sup> Ct | B1405.02 |
| 2. | Camacho & Anderson (Addition) | 16681 SW 3 <sup>rd</sup> St  | B9105.09 |

D4. Violation Activity – Between the Hampton’s because they had to do work between each other’s lot. There were many errors one of the obstacles is she didn’t have an easement in front and the engineer is working on a plan.

**IV. District Manager’s Agenda-**

**Pump Station –**

**Station Inspections – None**

**Canals:** This Month – 3.98 avg                      Last Month – 4.01 avg                      Year to date – 4.01 avg

**Rainfall:** This Month – 0”                      Last Month – 2.66”                      Year to date – 37.95”

**Projects:**

**Fleet:** Routine oil changes.

**Safety:** No incidents to report.

**Last Month Follow Up:**

South Acres tree clearing has started along Old Hiatus Rd.; PC failure at the office has resulted in our main email server being non-functional. AT&T support was unable to assist with our Outlook 2007 issue. AT&T Web Services was recommended. Mr. Telles has informed me that we will be changing to Comcast services from AT&T soon. I’m temporarily using [plantationacresi@bellsouth.net](mailto:plantationacresi@bellsouth.net) to communicate with current contacts.

**Commissioner McAlpin:** How much longer in the clearing activity?

**District Manager Alvarez:** We’re at the first section we started for about two weeks. Looking at maybe another two months.

**District Engineer Fradley:** We always leave the access points. Other areas are better with one tree here and there or shrubbery.

**Commissioner McAlpin:** Do we have an estimate from the tree removal company on the stumps?

**District Engineer Fradley:** I put it in the contract he must take it out.

**District Manager Alvarez:** On the same subject we do have rented equipment to complete to complete this job; rented one from the district before and it didn’t work properly; monthly cost \$1400/mthly. I bring it up because of the swales and if I stop clearing trees its sitting there to do work in another area that doesn’t require it.

**Commissioner McAlpin:** I’m not advocating you do that. The crew can continue to work on the trail while you’re working on your maintenance program. You don’t get out in the field and clear, do you? That’s my point

**District Manager Alvarez:** No, sir. The computer works however; something happened, and our emails disappeared; did a reset to retrieve.

**District Administrator Telles:** AT&T was snippy about that and trying to help us. Ask for portal password and we don’t have it; told them who I was, and they said we can’t help you until you give us the password I let them know we didn’t have it have been through all my documents and they said they were sorry. I have a lower rate with Comcast at \$276 from \$335with AT&T and their coming in with better service; possibly get the 65” TV Dave mentioned and have them run the line for the TV service and have all the reports so that during the meetings we can have it to use. I have the computer on

my car and in the morning taking it to my IT people look at all the passwords look at the AT&T information the computer is seven years old; they will see if its still adequate; look at our webhosting; our needs; make suggestions on what they think we should do to make things run more efficiently.

**Commissioner McAlpin:** See how to set up our TV and the connectivity.

**District Engineer Fradley:** We have reading and retrieving.

**Commissioner Varnell:** I don't have a problem with moving the service provider to Comcast Joe, are we using a software for our email programs? Everything is on my own server.

**District Manager Alvarez:** We are using old email server of Plantation Acres as temporary; once we make the switch that will no longer be made available.

**Commissioner McAlpin:** One thing Comcast might treat you well, but in the Acres, they have spotty service, some very good and others very bad.

**Commissioner Varnell:** North Acres have fiber optics Central or South doesn't. Is there a reason the minutes aren't on the website? We had someone that set it up for us didn't we?

**District Manager Alvarez:** We do have a minute section; trying to figure it out; added a document and couldn't take it off; created a link leading to nowhere not active; it's a leaning curve for me and with this failure. She only set up the website for us. Not hired to maintain.

**Commissioner Varnell:** Not to maintain but to set it up so you could upload the documents.

**Commissioner McAlpin:** There must be IT consultants that can help you with it? I'd rather see you working on a routine maintenance plan they using the time trying to put minutes on the website. Please recommend someone Joe when you speak with them tomorrow. Minutes on the website are important. So, Next month Angel you will have the routine maintenance plan in an area that we can start to think about. Not just for swales, swales catch basins and what are you doing with the drop inlets and inspections going through.

**District Manager Alvarez:** I made my recommendations for the catch basins several months ago sir and we don't have the equipment for that sir.

**Commissioner McAlpin:** Making a recommendation for one is not looking at something in the concluded section and not be it good for you. Look at it realistic. David you're tagged on this too; you're not the Lone Ranger here sitting.

**District Engineer Fradley:** Other than the main lifting I'm doing the main work and do have a priority plan. I'll go out there.

**Commissioner McAlpin:** Angel call me one day this week and spend some time talking about it on the phone. Any questions from anybody?

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#### **Old Business –**

**Commissioner McAlpin:** We have the July 28 budget that we went through last month and we established, and this budget had a \$700 an acre.

**District Administrator Telles:** The only figures we adjusted were the pump station restoration to make it come out to \$700 an acre; Pump Station Restoration/engineer \$57,431 under equipment and reserves.

**Commissioner McAlpin:** Comments on the budget. Stephen I would normally start with your side but since you have not been here a whole long let's start with Doc and then come back to you.

**Commissioner Szerlip:** Curious from \$ 600 to \$700 an acre. No comments.

**Commissioner Flanigan:** No comments

**Commissioner Varnell:** I'm good.

**Commissioner Nieset:** I'm Okay.

**Commissioner McAlpin:** I'm also okay with this so I make Motion to approve the 2018/2019 proposed Budget of July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018 with Joe's recommended modifications. Motion made and second by Commissioner Varnell. All those in favor say I. Opposed? Motion carried unanimously.

**District Administrator Telles:** There won't be a September 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting on September 13<sup>th</sup> we must do the actual adoption and will also have the Regular Paid meeting; notices tax payers are part of the TRIM and they tell you the date you can hold it and can't conflict with the County or the Schoolboard

**Commissioner McAlpin:** We portion the funds by the Acres and by far and above most of the money we spent in terms of capital and maintenance over the last ten years has been in the North Acres so those in the South and Central Acres for a larger acre such as Mr. Davis is paying and are deserving of a drainage.

**Commissioner Szerlip:** But I address this now that you're saying it I don't think the North Acres... I'd like to see that in the minutes that show the North Acres has spent more money. I don't think it has.

**Commissioner McAlpin:** I can say my position, and it would go in there as my position on that and now if you want to make a comment on it you're more than happy to make it as a comment but we're not going to take my position out of there. Okay Doc?

**Commissioner Szerlip:** I don't agree with it.

**Commissioner McAlpin:** That's fine

**District Administrator Telles:** Look at the Indian Trail improvement and their budget. Their district is divided into separate portions their district is divided into based upon the benefit they see there are hundreds and they divided it up. We looked at doing that and had a consultant come in and based upon the benefit of P.A.I.D.

**Commissioner McAlpin:** We wanted to, and I suggested that a number of years ago and no one wanted to and maybe there's a way we can do it in the future this is not a job to do now at some point in time this is another issue and as we go to \$700 an acre people are going to say justify that expense to my house. Any other business or comments? None? Make a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Commissioner Flanigan and second by Commissioner Varnell. Motion carried unanimously.

**District Administrator Telles:** My budgeted amount for Administration was increased to \$38,400.00 and Document Storage was reduced to \$680.00.

#### **New Business –**

**District Administrator Telles:** You asked as part of the weed control to put out a proposal the first is to remove our current vendor this is the new price and the one that responded to our proposal; questioning Clark's \$1,985/mthly (read overview on quote). Don't know how they will charge on a per acre basis; a lot of our vegetation is submerged.

**Commissioner McAlpin:** Look at Lake Doctor.

**District Engineer Fradley:** Gave overview on map of linear feet on map.

**Commissioner Varnell:** Other than spray the surface the reality is if in fact to get to the bottom of the weeds that are growing in the dirt in the bottom of the canal will probably require additional herbicides and work to get the submerged

vegetation. He's giving us a better price for the surface weeds which to my knowledge what we're doing now to my knowledge and saying if you want to do the submerged deep-water roots that's going to be additional funding and can get rather expensive.

**Commissioner McAlpin:** Until we get a handle on what this guy really says we need I would avoid it. We have two bids here you need to evaluate to see if their qualified the last two. We had female carpenter canals, and they did a really good job in cleaning up.

**District Manager Alvarez:** They give me a weekly sonar report.

**District Administrator Telles:** Current contract automatically renews if I don't inform them on September 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Commissioner McAlpin:** Put out a notice now that the contract won't be renewed. We're going to look at the contract and not automatically accept it. We can do it later but let them know. Get with David or whomever and look at some of these. Any other new business.

There being no further comments, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm

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J. Gary McAlpin, Chairman      Date

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District Secretary      Date