

**PLANTATION ACRES IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT**

**Budget Hearing Meeting Minutes**

**July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**Member Present:** Louis Flannigan, Chairman  
Edward N. Szerlip, Vice Chair  
Jesse Varnell, Commissioner  
J Gary McAlpin, Commissioner  
Stephen Nieset, Commissioner

**Present:** Joe Telles, District Administrator  
Angel Alvarez, District Manager

**Absent:**

Chairman Flannigan: Meeting called to order at 8:50 p.m.

**Chairman McAlpin:** You have your 2019/2020 budget workshop documents.

**District Administrator Telles:** Gave an overview on pump station repairs; reduced to \$5000; all else remains the same; fixed asset list prepared for next meeting; engines, trash gate, exhaust system (year purchased). Come in with a budget anticipating maintenance items; hard asset replacement schedule; went over ser tax; 700 items set aside roadways, walkways; would like to look into and see if we could apply for it.

**Commissioner McAlpin:** Following year look at the field items. Question on canal and swale maintenance on the \$55,000.

**District Administrator Telles:** That was on the swale project recently done outside of the contractor.

**Commissioner McAlpin:** I don't see where we were going to upgrade/update our control software system.

**District Administrator Telles:** Upgrade is \$66,000. Eventually they quit supporting; it's antiquated.

**Commissioner McAlpin:** Should we put money aside? I think it would be approved.

**District Administrator Telles:** Will need to decide on losing the 34 acres. Base on the original taxes will go up from \$700 per acre to \$731 per acre. Nothing reserved; earmarked 3 pump stations (\$185,000) and I took 1 out of the equation;

**Commissioner McAlpin:** We have taken a pay as you go approach; residents came back and side forget about the pay as you go, we want the services now. Want the systems fixed now, pumps are the important ones. Raised before should not be afraid to do it again. Need to deal with the control system.

**District Manager Alvarez:** If we need a radio it takes time to be shipped from Israel.; Motorola is outdated; called for service took about 3 months to get here; goes through custom.

**District Administrator Telles:** Need to put in a protective software so it doesn't get hacked. Overview on cost of hardware at about \$3,000 for computer security.

**District Administrator Telles:** \$35,000 put away for upgrading within the next 2 years. This is a workshop; next meeting approves it and in September set the budget. Total \$40,000 for everything; must get a cost on the radios. Came up with \$70,000, half at \$35,000. 750/acre will give us another \$45,000 to add on a line item;

**Commissioner McAlpin:** Want to keep 3 in there. If you don't bring it up to 750 the only other option is borrowing from the bank for a period. Owners will be responsible for swales; we won't be taking over at all.

**Chairman Flannigan:** Davis might run again for this board. Told him the seat might be mine.

**District Administrator Telles:** Let me see if I can find some budget.

**Commissioner Varnell:** Gave overview on swale maintenance. We will establish a course of conduct.

**Chairman McAlpin:** We will start with the front and take it to the side and the rear. Take to the property owner and let them know they are responsible.

**District Secretary:** Row call on the \$750 Who's in favor or not per acre assessment? Commissioner Varnell (yes)

Commissioner McAlpin (yes) Vice-Chair Szerlip (yes); Commissioner Nieset (yes) Chairman Flanigan (not in favor).

**Commissioner McAlpin:** Motion passes. Doesn't mean that it's a final decision; Joe will look at it and prepare for another discussion at the Board meeting next month.

**Commissioner McAlpin:** I must submit to the County by August 1<sup>st</sup> for the TRIM notice; I will do it as a \$750.00

**Commissioner McAlpin:** I hope we don't have to do this again on the taxation which I think is not fair. 1/3 of the acre lots have more problems. More expensive to those like our Chairman that has 5 acres.

**District Administrator Telles:** Assessment are based on benefits they get by the drainage.

**Commissioner McAlpin:** Gave overview example on benefits. Ours is acceptable however; not correct.

**Chairman Flanigan:** When are we finalizing this increase?

**District Administrator Telles:** In August we approve it and adopt it in September meeting which must be scheduled for the second Thursday in September due to the TRIM notice. I had her put it on the website on the meeting and I will have her make a notice again.

**Additional Comments:**

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Louis Flannigan - There being no further comments, the meeting was adjourned at **9:43 pm**.

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Louis Flanigan, Chairman      Date

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District Secretary      Date