

PLANTATION ACRES IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

Budget Hearing Meeting Minutes

August 22nd, 2019

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 8:18 p.m.

District Administrator Telles: At the last meeting the proposed budget was \$750/per acre; that was forwarded to the Broward County Property Appraisal office for the TRIM notice; we could go through it line by line however; everything was gone over at the last meeting; the only thing was when you gave me a \$750/per acre what I did under capital expenditures and reserves I made the adjustments there to bring it up to the \$750/per acre. Pump station renovations were the three things I left at \$485,000; we talked about the computer, the software replacement reserve I put that at \$40,000. I got the price for the new software at \$67,000 (SKATER). I can check around. To balance it out I came up with swale/renovation reservation maintenance at \$24, 706 which could be part of Dave's inventory.

Vice Chairman Szerlip: I'm opposed to the increase at \$750/per acres;

Commissioner Varnell: If we drop it to \$735/per acre that comes out to \$25,653.

Chairman Flannigan: You'd think that somewhere we would level off on the increases.

District Administrator Telles: Paul's bills are coming in only at about \$300 monthly. It's minimal. Now your talking about the charter easements, deeds, title. Our pump software is obsolete. \$40,000 is half of it the other is the 2020/2021 budget at around \$30,000.

Vice Chairman Szerlip: What is the software cost you said \$67,000.

Commissioner McAlpin: This is the most important part of our pump system.

Commissioner Nieset: This included three pump stations?

District Administrator Telles: Includes three pump stations and what do we have on the maintenance of the underground.

Commissioner Varnell: We need to do this because we need a equipment reserve.

District Administrator Telles: About \$70,000 total. It's been about 13 years. I came up with \$185,00 on the pump stations, do three the following year and then maintain them, reserve for vehicle replacement, engines will run forever.

Chairman McAlpin: We dropped it down after Jim pressured us. We're going on a pay as we go, and this is catching up to us and if we want to manage the system right. It was in the \$700 range for about four years.

District Administrator Telles: We got a lot off the major drainage with the canals done because off the grants we had to match and received.

Chairman Flannigan: Its never going to level off is it?

Vice Chairman Szerlip: Would you say Joe that the way we've set the budget up gives us some flexibility?

District Administrator Telles: Yes. I leave here after budget meetings and drive home furiously that the Board wouldn't see the big picture and drop the budget, and this can't keep happening.

Commissioner McAlpin; There aren't fat in those numbers built in. Pump stations don't include wet wells in the front ends because we don't go out and clean them. If it doesn't cost the \$185,000, they the rest goes into the reserve budget.

Chairman Flanigan: Stephen or Doc and further discussion on this before we move forward.

Commissioner Nieset: I feel that all three need to be done this year, we've been going this long these are 55 years old.

Chairman McAlpin: I guarantee you it will take a dump soon.

Chairman Flanigan: We have a motion on the floor and a second and Madam Secretary I think you need to call the roll on this one.

District Secretary Roll Call: Commissioner Varnell; (Yay); Commissioner McAlpin (Yay); Commissioner Nieset; (Yay); Vice Chairman Szerlip; (Yay) Chairman Flanigan; (Yay). Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Commissioner Nieset; I would like to say that we owe it to all the residents in the Acres and maybe we can send them a letter explaining what our projects have been this year because I know I haven't received one and we don't all go online to read it. We can let them know what we are planning on doing so that the tax bill doesn't come in as a surprise. I don't remember ever having receive a letter.

Chairman Flanigan: They only have a concern when they have water in their yard; they are aware that we have a meeting the fourth Thursday of the month and they can come and voice their opinion; and look at all the ones here tonight.

Chairman McAlpin: I agree with Commissioner Nieset we can write a letter letting them know that after Hurricane Irma we were in a lot of pressure and since that time we've completed what we've had to do and our systems are up and running and as we move forward we repaired three pump stations since ; plan on repairing three more pump stations next years and have set aside some maintenance; and looking at a maintenance program for the Acres.

Commissioner Varnell: Steve made a good point and we should let them know.

Chairman McAlpin: Jesse will send it to Joe who will consolidate it so there aren't any Sunshine Laws violated.

District Administrator Telles: The next meeting will be held on Thursday September 12th, 2019 this will be our next meeting of the month only

Additional Comments:

Louis Flannigan - There being no further comments, the meeting was adjourned at 8:43 pm.

Louis Flanigan, Chairman Date

District Secretary Date