

Ref: #17-2024

LOXAHATCHEE RIVER ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING - MINUTES
NOVEMBER 21, 2024

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Rockoff called the Regular Meeting of November 21, 2024 to order at 7:00 PM.

2. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

A. ROLL CALL

The following Board Members were in attendance:

Mr. Baker
Mr. Boggie
Mr. Rockoff
Mr. Yerkes
Dr. Rostock

Staff Members in attendance were Dr. Arrington, Mr. Dean, Mr. Howard, Mr. Pugsley, Ms. O'Neill, and Ms. Fraraccio (via GotoWebinar). Consultants in attendance were Mr. Curtis Shenkman and Mr. Hunter Shenkman with Shenkman & Shenkman, P.A., and Mr. Dustin Kuehn with Gehring Group.

B. PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 17, 2024 were presented for approval and the following motion was made:

“THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 17, 2024 as submitted.”

MOTION: Made by Mr. Baker, Seconded by Mr. Boggie
Passed Unanimously.

C. ADDITIONS & DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

Staff requested the addition of item 5F. Change Order 001 – Lift Station Cellular Telemetry: Professional Engineering Services Contract.

3. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

No public comments were received.

4. STATUS UPDATES

A. LOXAHATCHEE WATERSHED STATUS

Mrs. Jocelyn O'Neill presented an update on the successful implementation of the 2023 Environmental Education Strategic Plan initiatives at the River Center over the past year.

B. LOXAHATCHEE RIVER DISTRICT DASHBOARD

Dr. Arrington reviewed the District Dashboard.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Made by Mr. Boggie, Seconded by Mr. Yerkes
Passed unanimously.

“THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD approve the Consent Agenda of November 21, 2024 with the exception of item 5F Change Order 001 and the rest as presented.”

The following motions were approved as a result of the Board's adoption of the Consent Agenda:

A. New Annual Dashboard – to approve two new metrics

“THAT THE DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD approve the addition of the Environmental Assessment program elements (e.g., Goal 8. Accessible Environmental Data) to our annual dashboard in conformity with FS 189.0694 and direct staff to report on our annual dashboard, via the District's website, annually upon the close of each fiscal year.”

B. Interlocal Agreement with Seacoast Utility Authority for Provision of Sewer Service to 14996 Palmwood Rd – to authorize execution of the interlocal agreement

“THAT THE DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD authorize the Executive Director to execute the Interlocal Agreement Between Loxahatchee River Environmental Control District and Seacoast Utility Authority for Provision of Sewer Service to 14996 Palmwood Road.”

C. FY25 Fleet Purchase – to approve contract award

“THAT THE DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD authorize the purchase of the referenced fleet vehicles from Alan Jay Fleet Sales using the piggy-back of Sourcewell (formerly NJPA) Contract No. 2025 091521-NAF & 032824-NAF in the amount of \$534,667.00.”

D. Purchase of Odor Control Services (Evoqua) - to approve purchase order

“THAT THE DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD authorize the Executive Director to execute a purchase order to Evoqua Water Technologies, Inc. for the continued supply of odor control chemicals and services, in accordance with a “piggy-back” of Lee County

contract RFP240129DJN for the period from November 22, 2024 through September 30, 2025, in an amount Not-to-Exceed \$557,000.00”.

E. Fixed Asset Disposal - to approve disposal

<u>Description</u>	<u>Serial Number</u>	<u>Condition</u>	<u>Estimated Value</u>
2 HP Barnes Pump	C1011809-1203	Beyond Repair	\$50
7.5 HP Flygt Pump	FLY-8880032	Beyond Repair	\$100
7.5 HP Flygt Pump	FLY-8880033	Beyond Repair	\$100
10 HP Barnes Pump	FLY-0560714	Beyond Repair	\$100
10 HP Barnes Pump	FLY-9580280	Beyond Repair	\$100

“THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD authorize the Executive Director to dispose of the items listed in the schedule above in accordance with the District’s Disposal of Surplus Tangible Personal Property Policy.”

6. REGULAR AGENDA

A. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

5F. Change Orders to Current Contracts – to approve modifications

“THAT THE DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD authorize the Executive Director to execute Change Order 001 to Holtz Consulting Engineers, Inc. work authorization for Lift Station Telemetry Improvements in the amount of \$24,970.00”

MOTION: Made by Mr. Yerkes, Seconded by Mr. Baker
Passed Unanimously.

B. Employee Insurance Benefits

Dr. Arrington reviewed the status of the renewal of employee insurance benefits

“That the District Governing Board authorize the Executive Director to renew our existing Florida Blue 03559 health insurance policy as presented.”

MOTION: Made by Mr. Boggie, Seconded by Mr. Baker
Passed Unanimously.

C. Jonathan Dickinson State Park

Dr. Arrington reviewed the memorandum and associated information in the Notebook, and asked the Governing Board to provide their input on the following:

1. Does the Governing Board want to weigh in on the potential development of golf courses and other non-resource-based recreation within Jonathan Dickinson State Park?

2. Does the Governing Board prefer to communicate via a resolution or a letter?
3. To whom should the resolution or letter be sent?
4. Should we wait to see what legislation may be presented by Senator Harrell and/or others in Tallahassee before providing our input?

The Governing Board supported bringing a draft letter for Board review and consideration at their December meeting. Dr. Arrington will work with Chairman Rockoff to develop a draft letter that, upon approval, could be distributed to (a) the Governor, (b) the DEP Secretary, (c) the Acquisition and Restoration Council Members (i.e., the board that would have voted to approve the revised management plans), and (d) all Florida legislators and senators.

7. REPORTS

- A. NEIGHBORHOOD SEWERING
- B. LEGAL COUNSEL'S REPORT
- C. ENGINEER'S REPORTS
- D. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

8. FUTURE BUSINESS

Future Business stood as written.

9. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

No Board comments were received.

10. ADJOURNMENT

“That the regular meeting of November 21, 2024 adjourns at 8:07 PM.”

MOTION: Made by Mr. Baker, Seconded by Mr. Boggie,
Passed Unanimously.



BOARD CHAIRMAN



BOARD SECRETARY



RECORDING SECRETARY