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LOXAHATCHEE RIVER ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING - MINUTES
AUGUST 20, 2026

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Baker called the Regular Meeting of August 20, 2026 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 (arrived at 7:15)
Dr. Rostock

Staff Members in attendance were Dr. Arrington, Mr. Dean, Mr. Howard, Mr. Pugsley, Ms. Fraraccio, and Ms. Jones. The consultants in attendance were Mr. Curtis Shenkman and Mr. Hunter Shenkman with Shenkman & Shenkman, P.A and Mr. Stephen Ames with Virtualization Advisors, LLC.

B. PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

The minutes of the Public Hearing and the Regular Meeting of July 16th, 2026 were presented for approval and the following motion was made:

"THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD approve the minutes of the Public Hearing and Regular Meeting of July 16th, 2026 as submitted."

MOTION: Made by Mr. Boggie, Seconded by Dr. Rostock
Passed Unanimously.

C. ADDITIONS & DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

Removed Item 5

3. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

No comments were received from the public.

4. STATUS UPDATES

A. LOXAHATCHEE WATERSHED STATUS

Mr. Chung presented on the current cybersecurity threat environment, the types of attacks being reported within the industry, and the steps the District and our partners are taking to protect critical systems and services.

Mr. Rockoff arrived

B. LOXAHATCHEE RIVER DISTRICT DASHBOARD

Dr. Arrington reviewed the District Dashboard.

6. REGULAR AGENDA

A. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

B. Rule 31-13 Regulation of Sewer Use – Request to Initiate Rulemaking

"THAT THE DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD directs staff to initiate rulemaking for District Rule Chapter 31-13 Regulation of Sewer Use to improve our grease interceptor exemption criteria."

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

C. Rule Chapter 31-1, Organization, Policies, And Procedures

"THAT THE DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD approve Rule Chapter 31-1, as revised, with an effective date of August 24, 2026."

MOTION: Made by Mr. Rockoff, Seconded by Dr. Rostock
Passed unanimously.

D. Proposed Updates To Rule 31-10 Rates, Fees, & Charges

Dr. Arrington discussed the proposed revisions to Chapter 31-13, which initially focused on Non-Residential Equivalent Connections (31-10.003) and were subsequently expanded to address broader connection fee concepts and provide greater clarity. He then discussed the proposed new definition of "Vested Equivalent Connections," which is intended to (a) codify the District's long-standing practice of providing credit for existing, fully paid equivalent connections when a property undergoes development or renovation and (b) establish a 20-year

expiration period following account inactivity. Finally, Dr. Arrington explained that the proposed expiration of equivalent connections following prolonged account inactivity is based on the ongoing depreciation of the underlying capital assets. Active accounts pay quarterly sewer fees that support the continued reinvestment in these assets through repair, maintenance, and rehabilitation. In contrast, inactive accounts do not provide these ongoing revenues to support the assets serving the property. Over time, the value of the underlying assets declines through depreciation, supporting the rationale for establishing a 20-year expiration period for vested equivalent connections.

Board Members engaged in a question-and-answer period exploring proposed rule revisions and Mr. Boggie requested staff work to ensure consistent, equitable treatment across all customer types when addressing "Vested Equivalent Connections," especially the expiration of equivalent connections.

No Board action is requested at this time, however Board input to the process is valued.

E. Fiscal Year 2027 – Budget Assumptions

Dr. Arrington provided a summary of the Draft Fiscal Year 2027 Budget, which currently includes $23,259,904 for operating expenses (4.9% increase over FY26) and $12,375,930 for capital expenses (20.9% decrease relative to FY26). No Board action is requested at this time, however Board input to the process is valued.

7. REPORTS

A. NEIGHBORHOOD SEWERING
B. LEGAL COUNSEL'S REPORT
C. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

8. FUTURE BUSINESS

Future Business stood as written.

9. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

Chairman Baker stated that on August 19, 2026 he visited the District's 20 Acres with staff and observed the ongoing construction work using clean sand to cap muck sediments in the lake.

10. ADJOURNMENT

That the regular meeting of August 20th, 2026 adjourns at 8:09 PM."

MOTION: Made by Dr Rostock Seconded by Mr. Rockoff
Passed Unanimously.

BOARD CHAIRMAN

BOARD SECRETARY

For Gordon Boggie

RECORDING SECRETARY