

**BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MEETING
PINE TREE WATER CONTROL DISTRICT**

Tuesday, January 9, 2024
6:00 P.M. Following the Landowners Meeting

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. Consent Agenda**
 - a. Approval of Minutes
 - i. Landowners and Board of Supervisors Meeting November 29, 2023
 - b. Financial Report
- IV. Attorney's Report**
- V. Management Report**
 - a. Protocol for the meetings
 - b. Wellington Pro Lawn Service-Follow Up - Phil McLellan
 - 1. Swales
 - c. Roads
 - 2. Flooding & Drainage
- VI. Address Issues for Request for Items to be discussed**
 - a. Speak with Wellington about trimming between the round-about & bike trails; clean up the dead and fallen vegetation so you can see bikers and people walking across the street to get to the bikers trail and canal side – Doug Grubb & Chris Wallace
 - d. Bike Path – Doug Grubb
 - e. Petition Wellington to contact DOT for traffic light at Flying Cow Road and Southern Blvd and left hand turns – Chris Wallace
 - f. Have trucks rerouted to Ousley Farms to keep from tearing up the roads –Chris Wallace
 - g. Speed Limit and No Passing Zone – Burke Aubry
- VII. Board Comments**
- VIII. Next Meeting:**
 - a. Next Regular Board Meeting April 23, 2024
- IX. Adjourn**

MINUTES

PINE TREE WATER CONTROL DISTRICT BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2023 AT VILLAGE OF ROYAL PALM 151 CIVIC CENTER WAY ROYAL PALM BEACH, FLORIDA 33411

Pursuant to the foregoing notice, a meeting was held for the Pine Tree Water Control District Board of Supervisors on Tuesday November 29, 2023 at 6:00 PM at Village of Royal Palm located at 151 Civic Center Way, Royal Palm Beach, Florida 33411.

Members present were: Kerry Hitt, Chairman (By Zoom)
 Phil McLellan, Supervisor
 Ruben Ferrazzano, Supervisor

Others present were: Betty Camplin

I. Call the meeting to order

The Meeting was called to order by Kerry Hitt, Chairman, on November 29, 2023 at 6:00 pm.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Consent Agenda

Motion made by Kerry Hitt to approve minutes of regular meeting held July 25 and Landowners meeting held July 25, 2023, second by Ruben Ferrazzano. Motion carried. (3-0)

Betty Camplin presented the financial report though November 27, 2023.

Betty Camplin presented the Budget Comparison FY 2022-2023 Budget. The District has gone over budget in the amount of \$64,870.66. Adjustments have been made to cover these expenses and increase the district's budget FY 2022-2023 for a total of \$281,105.00. The expenses not covered by revenues will be paid from reserves.

The Board and Betty Camplin answered questions from property owners regarding these expenses mainly attorney fees. Motion by Kerry Hitt and second by Ruben Ferrazzano to amend the 2022-2023 budgets as presented for a total \$281,105.00. Motion carried. (3-0)

IV. Attorney's Report

Kerry Hitt stated next on the agenda is the attorney's report, and the attorney is not here. We had previously asked the attorneys for an estimate of what it's going to cost to run this to completion and they came back with a price of \$400,000. They felt as though they had a really good case based on what Wellington has sued us for. This whole thing started when the 5 Year Plan was presented and was done by Ermund Anthony and their engineer Dana Gillette. She wrote the 5 Year Plan and a paragraph about section 24 which is the Marsh filter that 600 and some acres that Wellington has and in that report she stated that Wellington gets no benefit from Pine Tree Water Control District. Wellington has based their whole case on that statement.

Kerry Hitt: This is a little history of our attorneys thus far. Our attorney in the beginning told us to ignore the certified letters which we did in protest and eventually confronted and when backed into a corner he resigned. The next attorney had a conflict of interest because he was running a campaign for the vice-mayor's wife. Then Shutts ran the bill right through the roof, spending a lot of time with Dana Gillette which is the reason for the lawsuit in the first place. I (Kerry Hitt) told them to stop and not spend any more time on the case. So they withdrew from the case. Then we hired Jon Derrevere who is our attorney now.

Kerry Hitt: For those of you who don't know that Wellington has moved their 620 acres from Pine Tree Water Control District to Acme. Understand, that the water hasn't changed. The water still flows out through Pine Tree and through our system. They're calling it a park and it has picnic tables, but it is a phosphorus filter, a filter marsh. So the benefits we should legally be able to charge them for, we're right back where we are now. But now we would have to sue them and that's another lawsuit.

IV. Management Report Wellington Pro Lawn Service

Wellington Pro has notified Pine Tree there will be an increase beginning January 1, 2024 as follows:

Roadways and Equestrian Trails:	\$2,200.00
Canal Banks	\$ 410.00
Canal Slopes	\$1,650.00

Discussion followed with some of the property owners unhappy with Wellington Pro saying they are not mowing some of the areas. Phil McLellan said he would contact Wellington Pro and see if he could mend some of the grievances. Ruben Ferrazzano said he would try to get other quotes for the next meeting and ask that we table Wellington Pro Lawn for now.

V. Board Comments

Kerry Hitt: Kerry asked if there were any comments and the property owners voiced their concerns regarding lawyer fees, lawsuit and other items which they asked to be on the agenda for next meeting:

1. Swales
2. Speed Limit
3. Flooding & Drainage
4. Wellington Pro Lawn Follow up
5. Trimming of vegetation between the round-about and bike trails
6. Bike Path
7. Light on Flying Cow and Southern Boulevard with left hand turn

Our next meeting is January 9, 2024.

The board adjourned meeting at 7:20 pm.

Kerry Hitt

Phil McLellan

PINE TREE WATER CONTROL DISTRICT
FINANCIAL STATEMENT
11/28/2023 THRU 01/08/2024

CASH:	SUNTRUST	TRUIST	
	MONEY MKT	CHECKING	
Starting Cash 01/11/2023	164,029.11	4,825.00	
Transfer from Money Market	-19,953.91	19,953.91	
Permit Income			
Excess Funds (PBC)			
Interest (PBC, Suntrust & Truist)	1.47		
PBC Investment Earnings			
PBC Tax Collector	397,357.14		
Total Cash on Hand	541,433.81	24,778.91	566,212.72

Expenses:

Anne M Gannon, Tax Coll (Records Request)		0.00	
Bank Serv Chgs (Wire Transfer)		0.00	
Betty Camplin-Fees	1,600.00	1,600.00	
Betty Camplin-(Advert,Postage,ink & Checks)	198.36	198.36	
Cleveland Bros Hill of Harrisburg(grader parts)		0.00	
Deere & Co (Tractor		0.00	
Derrevere, Stevens, Black, Cozad Attorneys	7,437.50	7,437.50	
Dept of Economic Opportunity (Special District Fees)	25.00	25.00	
Domain Listings		0.00	
Floria Court Recording		0.00	
Harold Fickett (Website)-GridPlay Designs	350.00	350.00	
Hayden Pollack (Setup Zoom)		0.00	
Hoelscher Inc (Freight on Road Maintainer)		0.00	
Lockhart Ag Technologies		0.00	
Nowlen, Holt & Miner, CPA		0.00	
Palm each Aggregate		0.00	
Palm Beach Aquatics	1,700.00	1,700.00	
Palm Beach County Property Appraiser		0.00	
Palm Beach County -BOCC		0.00	
Palm Beach Post		0.00	
Ruben Ferrazzano (Reimb for Parts & Fuel)	150.09	150.09	
Sadow Excavation		0.00	
Stormwater Engineering		0.00	
Tiger Lake Investments (Tractor Finance)	1,692.96	1,692.96	
USPS (Box Rent)		0.00	
Village of Royal Palm Beach (Rent & Deposit)		0.00	
Village of Wellington	14,293.39	14,293.39	
Wellington Pro Lawn		6,625.00	6,625.00
Zoom Meeting	31.98	31.98	
Total Expenses	14,325.37	19,778.91	34,104.28
Account Balance 06/25/2023	527,108.44	5,000.00	532,108.44