

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

Monday day, October 21, 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. Board of Supervisors Meeting August 5, 2024
 - b. Financial Report
 - c. Amend 2023-2024 Budget

- IV. **Management Report**
 - a. Roads-Jim Barnes
 - b. Engineer Report *Eric Haigne to discuss Castle on Norris Rd.*
 - c. Board Vote on Canal Modification for Aldo Disorbo/Castle on Norris

- V. **Board Comments**

- VI. **Next Meeting:**
 - a. Next Regular Board Meeting 1/21/25

- VII. **Adjourn**

MINUTES
PINE TREE WATER CONTROL DISTRICT
SUPERVISORS MEETING
HELD TUESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2024
AT TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES
155 F ROAD, LOXAHATCHEE, FLORIDA 33470

Pursuant to the foregoing notice, a meeting was held for the Pine Tree Water Control District Board of Supervisors on Monday August 5, 2024 at 6:00 PM at Loxahatchee Groves Town Hall located at 155 F Road, Loxahatchee, Florida 33470.

Members present were: Kerry Hitt, Chairman
Charles Brown, Supervisor
Ruben Ferrazzano, Supervisor
Others Present were: Jim Barnes-Village of Wellington

I. **Call the meeting to order**

The meeting was called to order by Kerry Hitt, Chairman, on Monday, August 5, 2024 at 6:00 pm.

II. **Pledge of Allegiance**

Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. **Consent Agenda**

Motion made by Charles Brown and second by Kerry Hitt to accept the minutes of June 11, 2024 as presented. Motion carried (3-0).

Betty Camplin gave the financial report for period June 11 through June 28, 2024. Kerry Hitt asked if there were any questions regarding the financial report. There were no questions.

IV. **Attorneys Report**

Kerry Hitt: Pine Tree Water Control District has lost the lawsuit and we have to move forward from here.

V. **Management Report**

Wellington Agreement: I (Kerry Hitt) have been working with Jim Barnes from The Village of Wellington regarding the roads of Rustic Ranches. Jim and I have reached an agreement where The Village of Wellington will sign an Inter-Local Agreement with Pine Tree Water Control District to collect the gas taxes and use the funds to maintain the roads in Rustic Ranches. In the event the maintenance is more than the gas tax, Pine Tree will be responsible for the difference. Motion made by Charles Brown and

second by Kerry Hitt to sign the Inter-Local Agreement with The Village of Wellington tonight. Motion carried. (3-0)

Roads-Jim Barnes: Kerry Hitt informed everyone that Jim Barnes is here tonight to take questions and answers from everyone. Jim Barnes explained Wellington will start road maintenance beginning October 1, 2024 because that is the start of next fiscal year. Wellington will maintain the roads like they did before the old Inter-Local agreement was broken. Discussion, questions and answers with Jim Barnes regarding the roads followed.

Road Master Plan Report: Charles Brown stated that he and several others from Rustic Ranches unofficially gathered in January or so to discuss paving of the roads. They approached four engineering firms to develop an overall plan that included three elements: paving the roads, developing a bridal path along the road and ensuring the swells drained appropriately. Two firms declined to speak with them, one firm gave them a budget of \$28,000 for the Master Plan and the 4th firm dropped out. Charlie has an 87 page report with aerial photographs. The current cost would be approximately \$4.4 million to pave the 6 roads and that's about \$35,000 per property. The district will need 51% approval from the property owners to move forward, but Wellington suggested 60% approval to avoid any last minute changes in voting that would drop the approval below the 51%. This process will take several years to check into grants, paperwork, plans, etc to proceed. This will be a long process approximately 4-5 years.

Engineers Report: Kerry stated there is nothing to report for the engineers report.

Betty Camplin presented the Budget for 2024-2025 as was presented in June. She stated she has not changed any figures to the Budget that was presented for the Preliminary Budget set in June 2024. The reason was we don't know what it's going to cost the district to get the roads back in shape. Yes, Wellington is going to collect the gas tax money and maintain the roads, but in the event the gas tax money isn't enough we need to keep some money in the budget to take care of the expenses that won't be covered. If the expenses in the 2024-2025 budget reduces, then the board can look at reducing the taxes for 2025-2026. At the present I don't see where we can reduce the taxes at this time. The board agreed. Motion by Ruben ferrazzano and second by Kerry Hitt to make a resolution and set Final Trim for 2024-2025 tax year as follows:

Rustic Ranches (PAM)	\$232.00
Agricultural (PBM)	\$ 40.00
Water Mgt (PCM)	\$ 40.00

Motion carried. (3-0)

VI. Board Comments

Ted Brinkman made a motion to reimburse Kerry Hitt for his airline expense where he had to fly down for a special meeting. The board agreed this was only right since Wellington insisted Kerry had to be physically present and the meeting had to be done in 3 days.

There is a problem with the squiggles. People are putting debris in the squiggles and it's going to cause a problems.

Someone suggested we post email and phone contact for Wellington Pro on our website.

Ruben Ferrazzano said we need to get new signs. Motion by Charles Brown and second by Kerry Hitt to approve new sign material for Ruben Ferrazzano's meeting signs.

Kerry Hitt stated the next meeting will be held October 21, 2024.

There being no further business to discuss motion was by Kerry Hitt and second by Charles Brown to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 pm.

Kerry Hitt

Ruben Ferrazzano

Charles Brown

PINE TREE WATER CONTROL DISTRICT
FINANCIAL STATEMENT
08/01/2024 thru 10/20/2024

	SUNTRUST	TRUIST	
<u>CASH:</u>	MONEY MKT	CHECKING	
Starting Cash 06/12/2024	288,989.08	5,896.48	
Transfer from Money Market	-42,986.14	42,986.14	
Permit Income			
Excess Funds (PBC)			
Interest (PBC, Suntrust & Truist)	548.18		
PBC Investment Earnings	136.23		
PBC Tax Collector	763.00		
Total Cash on Hand	247,450.35	48,882.62	296,332.97
Expenses:			
Bank Serv Chgs (Wire Transfer)	15.00		15.00
Betty Camplin-Fees		2,250.00	2,250.00
Betty Camplin-(Advert,Postage,ink & Checks)		222.61	222.61
Daniel Drawdy		1,205.53	1,205.53
Derrevere, Stevens, Black, Cozad Attorneys		1,820.00	1,820.00
Dept of Economic Opportunity (Special District Fees)		175.00	175.00
Domain Listings			0.00
Everglades Equipment			0.00
Floria Court Recording			0.00
Harold Fickett (Website)-GridPlay Designs		575.00	575.00
Hayden Pollack (Setup Zoom)			0.00
HSQ Group LLC (Road Study)			0.00
Lockhart Ag Technologies		6,043.84	6,043.84
Lunch with Jim Barnes	43.13		43.13
Nowlen, Holt & Miner, CPA			0.00
Palm each Aggregate	2,601.16		2,601.16
Palm Beach Aquatics		4,050.00	4,050.00
Palm Beach County Property Appraiser			0.00
Palm Beach County -BOCC		455.00	455.00
Palm Beach Post			0.00
Ruben Ferrazzano (Reimb for Parts & Fuel)			0.00
Sadow Excavation			0.00
Stormwater Engineering		6,461.25	6,461.25
Theodore Johnson Tractor Services		750.00	750.00
Tiger Lake Investments (Tractor Finance)		2,539.44	2,539.44
USPS (Box Rent)		84.00	84.00
Town of Loxahatchee (Rent)			0.00
Wellington Pro Lawn		18,960.00	18,960.00
Zoom Meeting	201.88		201.88
Total Expenses	2,861.17	45,591.67	48,452.84
Account Balance 07/31/2024	244,589.18	3,290.95	247,880.13

Approved 06/27/2023

REVENUES

	BUDGET 2023-2024	ACTUAL EXPENDITURES	AMENDMENTS 10/21/2024	AMENDED BUDGET 10/21/2024
Rustic Ranch Assessment (PAM)	\$ 255,576.00	\$ 256,337.52	\$ 24,947.86	\$ 280,523.86
Agricultural Assessment (PBM)	\$ 25,571.28	\$ 25,570.84	\$ (0.44)	\$ 25,570.84
Water Mgt (PCM)	\$ 259,889.43	\$ 293,795.40	\$ 33,905.97	\$ 293,795.40
	\$ 541,036.71	\$ 575,703.76	\$ 58,853.39	\$ 599,890.10
Less Collection Allowance (5%)	\$ (10,902.75)	\$ (8,921.33)	\$ 1,981.42	\$ (8,921.33)
Uncollectible-SFWMD	\$ (259,889.43)	\$ -	\$ 259,889.43	\$ -
Use of Reserves	\$ -	\$ (124,448.26)	\$ (65,723.24)	\$ (65,723.24)
Total Revenues	\$ 270,244.53	\$ 442,334.17	\$ 255,001.00	\$ 525,245.53

EXPENDITURES

Administrative Costs

Accounting	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00		\$ 9,000.00
Audit	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 4,250.00	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 4,250.00
Banking Charges	\$ -	\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00
Dues	\$ 150.00			\$ 150.00
Engineering	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 15,566.25	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 16,000.00
Interest		\$ 2,747.34	\$ 2,750.00	\$ 2,750.00
** Legal	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 50,118.89	\$ (38,585.00)	\$ 61,415.00
PBC Admin Serv Fees		\$ 1,270.00	\$ 1,270.00	\$ 1,270.00
Printing & Advertising(Mailing, Postage, etc)	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,536.07	\$ 450.00	\$ 1,650.00
Rent	\$ 500.00	\$ 125.00		\$ 500.00
Road Study		\$ 16,875.00	\$ 16,875.00	\$ 16,875.00
Special District Fees	\$ 175.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 200.00
Supervisor Meeting Fees	\$ -			\$ -
Telephone	\$ -			\$ -
Water Testing	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 5,960.16	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 7,500.00
Website Expenses	\$ 1,750.00	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 450.00	\$ 2,200.00
	\$ 123,775.00	\$ 109,863.71	\$ -	\$ 123,775.00
Litigation Settlement	\$ -	\$ 255,000.35	\$ 255,001.00	\$ 255,001.00
Other Expenditures				
** Road Repairs (Capital)	\$ 80,000.00		\$ (19,600.00)	\$ 60,400.00
Canal Weed Control & Testing	\$ 18,000.00			\$ 18,000.00
Road Maintenance	\$ 8,355.00	\$ 19,150.11	\$ 12,100.00	\$ 20,455.00
Swale Mowing	\$ 51,800.00	\$ 58,320.00	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 59,300.00
Reserve	\$ (11,685.47)			\$ (11,685.47)
	\$ 146,469.53	\$ 77,470.11	\$ -	\$ 146,469.53
Total Expenditures	\$ 270,244.53	\$ 442,334.17	\$ 255,001.00	\$ 525,245.53