

# IMMOKALEE WATER & SEWER DISTRICT

1020 SANITATION ROAD

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## REGULAR MEETING

September 16, 2009

### **Call to Order:**

Mr. Thomas called the meeting to order.

(CALL TO  
ORDER)

### *Directors present:*

Mr. Raymond Holland, Mr. Fred Thomas, Mr. Everett Loukonen, Mr. Richard Rice and Mrs. Sandra Freeman.

(ROLL CALL)

### *Staff present:*

Mr. Kenneth Thompson, Mrs. Eva Deyo, Ms. Oona Reyna, Mrs. Jessica Hernandez, Ms. Norma Ramirez, Ms. Jo Ann Ramey and Mr. Gary Ferrante with AECOM.

### *Others present:*

Mr. Albert Lee entered the meeting at 4:17 p.m.

### **Adoption of Agenda:**

Mrs. Deyo asked the Board to add 4.A. Approval of Resolution 09-15, 4. B. Bank Signature Cards, 4. C. Award Recommendation for Generator bid, 4. D. Authorizing Executive Director to submit monthly reports to USDA and add 2. G. 1. The merger of First National Bank of the Gulf Coast and Panther.

(MOTION TO  
APPROVE THE  
AGENDA)

Mr. Rice made a motion to approve the Agenda with the additions made.

Mrs. Freeman seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Employee recognition:**

Mrs. Deyo introduced Ms. Jo Ann Ramey as Employee of the month for June and the Board applauded her efforts. Mrs. Deyo also stated that the Employee of the month for July, Mr. Derick Galvan was on vacation and he would make an appearance next month.

**Public Concerns:**

There were none.

**STAFF GOOD CAUSE ITEMS:**

There were none.

**BOARD CONCERNS:**

Mr. Loukonen asked what was going on with First National Bank of the Gulf Coast and Panther. He stated that the banks were supposed to have merged since July and now they are saying the end of October.

Mr. Thompson stated that the proposals have been delay and they still anticipated for October 21, 2009 for the merger. He stated also that FDIC was taking a little bit longer than anticipated.

The Board discussed the banks in detail.

Mr. Thompson stated that he would get further information on the banks and bring it to the Board.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

There were none.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

There was none.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Mrs. Freeman made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

Mr. Rice seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously.

(MOTION TO  
APPROVE  
CONSENT  
AGENDA)

**ACTION AGENDA:**

Mrs. Deyo explained to the Board that the District had updated the Accounting Manual and would like the Board to approve Resolution 09-15.

Mr. Rice stated that when there is a Resolution approved staff should redo manuals and give to the Board Members in the next meeting.

Mr. Rice made a motion to approve Resolution 09-15.

Mrs. Freeman seconded the motion.

Mr. Loukonen opposed.

Motion carried 4 to 1.

Mrs. Deyo explained to the Board that the District would have to open a new bank account for the WWTP Expansion in order to keep track of the funds used.

Mr. Loukonen made a motion to approve the opening of the new bank account.

Mr. Holland seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Rice made a motion to award the generator bid to Cummins due to submitting everything the District asked for.

Mrs. Freeman seconded the motion.

Mr. Rice amended his motion to the second lowest bidder that was responsive to the bid itself.

Mrs. Freeman accepted the amended motion.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Board discussed the stimulus monies in detail.

(MOTION TO  
APPROVE  
RESOLUTION  
09-15)

(MOTION TO  
OPEN NEW  
BANK  
ACCOUNT FOR  
WWTP  
EXPANSION)

(MOTION TO  
AWARD  
GENERATOR  
BID TO  
CUMMINS)

Mr. Holland made a motion to authorize staff to put out for bids, and get information back to do a final application.

Mr. Rice seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Rice made a motion to borrow money from DEP to cover the 15% the Districts match.

Mr. Loukonen seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Rice made a motion to authorize staff to do whatever they have to do to get the rest of the money and to approach banks that are authorized to do business with local governments.

Mrs. Freeman Seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Rice made a motion to authorize to provide the necessary reports to the Feds.

Mrs. Freeman seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Board discussed that if there is any additional funding, the District could renovate the Administrations Office.

**DISCUSSION AGENDA:**

There were none.

**Other Public Interests:**

Mr. Albert Lee addressed the Board with an issue he had concerning his water bill. He explained to the Board that he has always had a credit and for some reason they cut his water off and someone called after hours the on call person and had the water turned back on , charging Mr. Lee \$50.00. Then he got cut off and was charged an additional \$50.00 because the District did not receive payment. Mr. Lee explained that he or his wife did not call and that he should not be charged the fees on his bill.

(MOTION TO AUTHORIZE STAFF TO BID TO GET INFORMATION FOR FINAL APPLICATION) (MOTION TO BORROW MONEY FROM DEP)

(MOTION TO AUTHORIZE STAFF TO APPROACH BANKS THAT DO BUISNESS WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENTS) (MOTION TO AUTHORIZE TO PROVIDE THE NECESSARY REPORTS)

The Board discussed the bill in detail and asked the Mrs. Deyo how does staff determine who is on the other line when a customer calls.

Mrs. Deyo explained that there is no way of determining that.

The Board asked Mr. Lee what he would like done.

Mr. Lee asked the Board to look into the matter and how the District can avoid situations like his.

Mr. Loukonen made a motion to instruct staff to come up with ideas how to avoid these situations.

Mr. Rice seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Adjournment:**

Meeting adjourned.

(MOTION TO  
INSTRUCT  
STAFF TO  
COME UP  
WITH IDEAS  
HOW TO  
AVOID FEES)

(MEETING  
ADJOURNED)

**Reviewed by:**

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**Mr. Richard Rice, Secretary**

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**Date**