

**Governing Board Meeting  
May 22, 2018**

**ADDITIONS/DELETIONS  
TO AGENDA**

(as of 5/18/2018 4:49 PM)

According to Section 120.525(2), Florida Statutes, additions to the published agenda will only be made for "good cause" as determined by the "person designated to preside." Based upon that authority, the Chair has determined that good cause exists to make certain changes to the agenda. These changes are being made in order to permit the Governing Board to efficiently accomplish necessary public business at this meeting and to reflect the items on the agenda that have been requested or suggested to be deleted, revised, supplemented or postponed.

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*The following items are **deleted**:*

**Regulation Committee**

**Consent**

**21. Individual Water Use Permits Referred to the Governing Board**

- b. WUP No. 20010420.010 – Peace River Water Treatment Plant Facility/Peace River/Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority, et al (DeSoto County)

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**Additions:**

The items that have been added to the agenda were received by the District after publication of the regular agenda. The Board was provided with the information filed and the District staff's analyses of these matters. Staff has determined that action must be taken on these items prior to the next Board meeting. Therefore, it is the District staff's recommendation that good cause has been demonstrated and should be considered during the Governing Board's meeting.

*The following items are **added** for consideration:*

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**Finance/Outreach & Planning Committee**

**Discussion**

- 68. Lake Hancock Field Office Fire Incident (*Information attached*)

## **FINANCE/OUTREACH & PLANNING COMMITTEE**

**May 22, 2018**

### ***Discussion Item***

#### **Lake Hancock Field Office Fire Incident**

##### *Purpose*

Request Board authorization for staff to negotiate and accept insurance settlement offers, surplus damaged equipment and vehicles and to execute a budget transfer for the replacement of one vehicle, trailer and lawn mower that were destroyed in a fire at the Lake Hancock Field Office on Monday, April 16, 2018.

##### *Background*

On Monday, April 16, 2018 at approximately 3:30 AM, a vehicle fire occurred at the District's Lake Hancock Field Office. The fire originated within the engine compartment of a District vehicle and subsequently spread to three other District vehicles. In addition to District vehicles, the fire also damaged an enclosed trailer, a zero-turn commercial lawn mower, tools, auxiliary fuel tanks, air compressors, and other attachments that were stored in the vehicles and enclosed trailer. Minor soil contamination of unburnt petroleum products (<25 total gallons) occurred as a result of the fire. Fire Department officials performed an investigation of this incident but were unable to determine the root-cause of the fire. Security camera footage did not show any acts of vandalism or arson that led to this event.

Three vehicles, one trailer, and one commercial zero-turn lawn mower have been determined to be total losses by the District's insurance providers. A fourth vehicle is currently undergoing repairs. The four vehicles are listed below.

1. Vehicle 1205 will be replaced with an existing vehicle unit 1316.
2. Vehicle 1227 was budgeted for replacement in 2018. The new vehicle was received shortly after the fire incident.
3. Vehicle unit 1360 will need to be replaced.
4. Vehicle 1275 is currently undergoing repairs.

Contaminated soil remediation stemming from this incident has been completed. Staff are actively working with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to ensure that all reporting requirements are met. Expenses for the contaminated soil remediation are being paid by the District's insurance provider(s) directly to an environmental consulting firm that specializes in this type of activity.

Staff from the Human Resources Office have initiated claims for the loss of all District assets stemming from this incident. An insurance claim settlement offer for the damaged vehicles, enclosed trailer and commercial mowing equipment is currently being reviewed by staff.

The aforementioned insurance claim settlement offer does not include coverage for any of the tools, attachments, or other items stored in the vehicles and trailer that were damaged during the fire. Once finalized, an inventory of these damaged tools and attachments will be submitted to the District's insurance provider(s) for reimbursement.

It is anticipated there will be an additional settlement claim offer to cover these damaged items.

*Benefits/Costs*

Staff estimate the replacement cost for the vehicles, trailer, and zero-turn commercial lawn mower lost in the fire will total \$76,000. The initial insurance claim settlement offer for these damaged vehicles and equipment is \$95,526 (minus \$6,500 in deductibles).

Funds are available from the withdrawn CFI Riverside Village Drainage Improvement project with Pasco County. The County has elected to not move forward due to a change in the prioritization of their projects.

Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends Board authorization for staff to negotiate and accept insurance settlement offers, surplus damaged/destroyed equipment and to execute a budget transfer for \$76,000, from the Pasco County Riverside Village Drainage Improvement Project (N857) to procure one replacement vehicle, enclosed trailer, and a zero-turn commercial lawn mower destroyed in the fire.

Presenter: John Campbell, Management Services Director and Earl Rich, General Services Bureau Chief