



Joint Meeting
Town of Loxahatchee Groves
Loxahatchee Groves Water Control District
Tuesday, May 19, 2015 - 6:00 p.m.
Loxahatchee Groves Water Control District, 101 West "D" Road

Town Council and Staff

Mayor David Browning (Seat 4)	Town Manager William F. Underwood, II
Vice Mayor Ronald D. Jarriel (Seat 1)	Town Clerk Janet K. Whipple
Councilman Tom Goltzené (Seat 5)	Town Planning Consultant Jim Fleischmann
Councilman Ryan Liang (Seat 3)	Town Attorney Michael D. Cirullo, Jr.
Councilman Jim Rockett (Seat 2)	

The Loxahatchee Groves Water Control District Board of Supervisors, Steve Yohe, District Administrator

MINUTES

1. OPENING

a. Call to Order & Roll Call

Mayor Browning called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. From the Town; present were Mayor David Browning, Vice-Mayor Ron Jarriel, Councilmen Tom Goltzené and Jim Rockett. Councilman Ryan Liang was not present at this time. From the District; present were District Director, Steve Yohe; Supervisors, Frank Schiola, Don Widing, John Ryan, Robert Snowball, and David DeMarois. Also in attendance were Town Manager Bill Underwood, Town Planning Consultant Jim Fleischmann, Town Attorney Mike Cirullo, and Town Clerk Janet K. Whipple.

b. Pledge of Allegiance & Invocation – Mayor Browning

c. Approval of Agenda

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Motion: Councilman Rockett made a motion to approve the Workshop Agenda as presented. Vice-Mayor Jarriel seconded the motion. It was the consensus of both Boards to approve the Agenda as presented.

2. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Discussion of Interlocal Agreement (ILA) between the Town of Loxahatchee Groves and the Loxahatchee Groves Water Control District, concerning Recreational Trails.

Town Manager Underwood provided background information on the Interlocal Agreement between the Town of Loxahatchee Groves and the Loxahatchee Groves Water Control District.

Councilman Liang arrived at 6:05 p.m.

Town Manager Underwood continued to note where Town changes had been made in the Interlocal Agreement.

Town Attorney Cirullo commenting that the final document is satisfactorily legal.

Steve Yohe, District Administrator, noted during a meeting on May 11, 2015, the District Board had approved these changes.

John Ryan, District Supervisor, is glad the Boards are meeting. It gives everyone a chance to look at the Interlocal Agreement, and hopes the vote will be taken tonight.

Keith Harris, 2580 C Road, wanted clarification on a particular passage, and wanted to know who will have site control.

Town Attorney Cirullo responded that the Interlocal Agreement provided was for the Town's use of the trail for trail purposes, and the District's use for maintenance purposes. He also stated the Town has site control when a permit is obtained, but all matters must first be reviewed by the District.

Keith Harris asked if there were any Water District canal roads open for trails, at this time.

It was stated all maintenance are open for trail use.

Keith Harris brought up a recent sign - posting a warning restricting canal maintenance.

Vice-Mayor Jarriel responded that he had requested the signage from Steve Yohe because pickups, delivery trucks, etc. were using that easement thinking it was 161st Terrace North, and were getting stuck. The sign will come down in due time.

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John Ryan, explained about the District de-mucking of the canals, and why the sign went up because the vehicles were getting stuck.

Keith Harris felt the District is dictating what the Town should do.

Mayor Browning reiterated that this is an Interlocal Agreement between two (2) governing bodies, and both have to get along with each other.

Bill Louda, 1300 E Road, congratulated both Boards for completing the Interlocal Agreement.

Mark Jackson, 687 D Road, asked if the District would be opening their property right-of-way along the canal so that horses can go through. He also referenced an easement along the canal on D Road for the same reason, and whether it would stay open.

Mayor Browning, answering additional questions from Mr. Jackson, stated the Town would deal with the issues as they arise.

Vice-Mayor Jarriel noted the Town Council along with the District Supervisor want to work with the residents involved with the easements.

Mark Jackson does not want his canal filled in, or his privacy taken away.

Nina Corning, 2834 E Road, thanked all for the progress on the Interlocal Agreement, and wanted a true commitment the easements will be dedicated for equestrian use; and other trails set aside for this use as well. She noted, the Legislature thinks this is a good use of the area.

Councilman Goltzené spoke on trail connectivity, and stated for the record, heads were nodding in agreement.

Virginia Standish, 15410 North Road, reported this Town needs safe areas for families to walk with their children, horses, and bicycling. The easements need to be open and used. She explained about giving up her own easement for the residents to drive through her property.

Mary Viator, the District's Attorney, stated the District worked diligently with the Town Attorneys and Staff for an Interlocal Agreement that everyone can work with, and explained the easements are for drainage.

Town Attorney Cirullo mentioned this meeting was a Workshop and there would be no action taken at this meeting; however, Vice-Mayor Jarriel will have an item on the Regular Town Council Agenda for direction and approval.

Don Widing, District Supervisor, felt this is a remarkable time and a big step forward.

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Robert Snowball, District Supervisor, issued a “well done” to Don Widing.

John Ryan, stated that most of the pieces are together, but had a concern on fencing.

David DeMarois, District Supervisor, reported it is now up to the Town to continue with the trails, and he reinforced the District will assist any way they can.

Steve Yohe, District Administrator, declared the Town and Council can be proud of themselves, as this is an historic occasion.

Mayor Browning felt it has been a long time coming.

Councilman Rockett (comment inaudible).

Councilman Liang felt this a good opportunity to work out issues, and glad things went smoothly.

Vice-Mayor Jarriel stated Praise the Lord and let’s “geter” done.

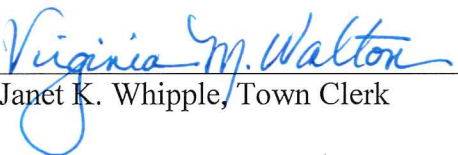
Councilman Goltzené agreed with Vice-Mayor Jarriel.

3. CLOSING COMMENTS

- a. Public
- b. Town Attorney
- c. Board Members

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Joint Workshop Meeting, Mayor Browning adjourned the meeting at 6:26 p.m.


for Janet K. Whipple, Town Clerk


Mayor David Browning

These minutes were approved during the April 5, 2016 Town Council Meeting.