

OKEECHOBEE UTILITY AUTHORITY
PUBLIC HEARING
MEETING MINUTES
Monday, June 10, 2019 10:00 A.M.
Okeechobee Utility Authority
Okeechobee County Historic Courthouse, Room 270
Okeechobee, Florida

Chairperson Nelson called the meeting to order at 9:57 A.M. with the following members and alternates present:

Board Members:

Melanie Anderson*
Tommy Clay*
John Creasman*
Carl Leonard*
Steve Nelson*

Alternates:

Harry Moldenhauer
Jeff Fadley

Absent:

*Voting Board Members

OUA Members:

John Hayford
George Gall
Jamie Mullis
Kristy Hamblen
Tom Conely

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairperson Nelson.

Chairperson Nelson addressed Agenda Item No. 2 ‘Meeting Minutes from May 13, 2019’ Motion by Tommy Clay to approve the Meeting Minutes from May 13, 2019 as presented. Second by Carl Leonard. Vote unanimous (5-0), motion carried.

Chairperson Nelson addressed Agenda Item No. 3 ‘Public Hearing – Resolution 19-02 – FY20 Preliminary Budget’

Chairperson Nelson called for a motion to open the Public Hearing. Motion by John Creasman to open the Public Hearing at 9:59A.M. Second by Tommy Clay. Vote unanimous (5-0), motion carried.

Executive Director Hayford read the title of Resolution 19-02. Finance Director Gall presented the FY20 Preliminary Budget.

Comments from the Public – There were none.

Comments from the Board – There was a brief discussion concerning insurance increase.

Motion by Tommy Clay to closed the Public Hearing at 10:21. Second by Melanie Anderson. Vote was as follows:

Melanie Anderson	Yes
Tommy Clay	Yes
John Creasman	No
Carl Leonard	Yes

Steve Nelson Yes

Motion passed, super majority rule (4-1).

Motion by Tommy Clay to approve Resolution 19-02. Second by Melanie Anderson. Vote was as follows:

Melanie Anderson Yes

Tommy Clay Yes

John Creasman No

Carl Leonard Yes

Steve Nelson Yes

Motion passed, super majority rule (4-1).

Chairperson Nelson addressed Agenda Item No. 4 ‘Consent Agenda’ Board Member Creasman requested to have Consent Agenda Item No. 8 pulled for further discussion. **Motion by John Creasman to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:**

Consent Agenda Item No. 5 ‘Finance Report for the period ending May 31, 2019’

Consent Agenda Item No. 6 ‘Invoice from Thorn Run Partners in the amount of \$3,325.00’

Consent Agenda Item No. 7 ‘Invoice from RJ Sullivan in the amount of \$132,218.31’

Consent Agenda Item No. 9 ‘Invoice from McNabb Hydrogeologic Consulting in the amount of \$3,110.00’

Consent Agenda Item No. 10 ‘Invoice from Holtz Consulting Engineers in the amount of \$10,776.00’

Consent Agenda Item No. 11 ‘Invoice from Eckler Engineering, Inc in the amount of \$14,931.24’

Second by Tommy Clay. Vote unanimous (5-0), motion carried.

Chairperson Nelson addressed Consent Agenda Item No. 8 ‘Invoice from Vocelle & Berg, PA’ Board Member Creasman asked for an update concerning this lawsuit. Attorney Conely advised that there was an agreement, then the other party backed out of the agreement so now they are moving forward with the trial. **Motion by John Creasman to approve the invoice from Vocelle & Berg, PA in the amount of \$5,095.33 as presented. Second by Tommy Clay. Vote unanimous (5-0), motion carried.**

Chairperson Nelson addressed Agenda Item No. 12 ‘OUA Policy on Pipeline Extensions’ Executive Director Hayford advised that the current OUA policy does not allow for line extensions to a resident’s property at no cost to the property owner. The property owner is to pay for the cost for the construction. The OUA was recently contacted by a resident requesting a sewer line extension. Staff prepared a quote for the resident. That resident, Adam Durrance, is present today to discuss the OUA policy on line extensions and the proposed cost of construction for the sewer line extension to his property. Mr. Durrance addressed the Board and explained his situation. Mr. Durrance’s property is approximately 150’ from the nearest man-hole; the quote to extend this line is \$6,083.50. This cost could be shared with a neighbor and Mr. Durrance’s cost would be \$3,041.75, however, that neighbor has not confirmed that they are willing cost-share the extension. Mr. Durrance asked the Board for some kind financial consideration to current OUA water only customers, who would like to connect to the OUA sewer. After a discussion between the Board and Staff, the Board directed Staff to bring the policy back at the July meeting for a workshop for further discussion. The workshop was scheduled for July 8, 2019 at 8:30A.M.

Chairperson Nelson addressed Agenda Item No. 13 ‘66 Acres Easement’ Executive Director Hayford advised that the Philippine-American Cultural Foundation of Florida has requested a drainage easement from the OUA. The easement extends across a portion of the west end of the 66 Acre parcel fronting on SW 16th Ave. The easement

contains a requirement of maintenance by the Foundation and that the OUA will access across said easement.
Motion by Tommy Clay to grant the easement as presented. Second by Carl Leonard. Vote unanimous (5-0), motion carried.

Chairperson Nelson addressed Agenda Item No. 14 ‘Presentation of the FY18 Financial Statement Audit Report’ Executive Director Hayford advised that the representative from Nowlen, Holt & Miner was unable to attend the meeting today but can be present at the next meeting should the Board request it. The Board advised that it is not necessary for them to attend the next Board Meeting. *John Creasman out at 11:28A.M.* Finance Director Gall gave the briefing from the Auditor. *John Creasman in at 11:30A.M.* After a brief discussion, **motion by Tommy Clay to approve the FY Financial Statement Audit as presented. Second by Carl Leonard. Vote unanimous (5-0), motion carried.**

Chairperson Nelson addressed Agenda Item No. 14 ‘Public Comments’ There were none.

Chairperson Nelson addressed Agenda Item No. 15 ‘Items from the Attorney’ There were none.

Chairperson Nelson addressed Agenda Item No. 16 ‘Items from the Executive Director’ Executive Director Hayford gave a few updates concerning the OUA.

Chairperson Nelson addressed Agenda Item No. 17 ‘Items from the Board’ There were none.

There being no other business, meeting adjourned at 11:48 A.M.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE AND BE ADVISED that if a person decided to appeal any decision made by the Okeechobee Utility Authority with respect to any matter considered at this meeting, he/she may need to insure that verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. A CD recording of this meeting is on file in the Executive Director’s office.

Chairperson

Executive Director (Secretary)