

MELBOURNE-TILLMAN WATER CONTROL DISTRICT

MINUTES

April 28, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Melbourne-Tillman Water Control District (MTWCD) Board of Directors was called to order by President Phil Weinberg on Tuesday, April 28, 2026 at 9:00 AM in the City of West Melbourne Council Chambers, Veterans Memorial Complex, 2285 Minton Road, West Melbourne, Florida.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited by all present.

ROLL CALL

The following Board Members were present:

Joe Hale, Vice President
Brant Hoffman
Scott Morgan
Drew Powshok
Philip Weinberg, President
Jay Woltering

Absent: Don Jordan

Also present:

Rick Nipper, District Manager
Lisa Blackett, Secretary/Treasurer
Jim Beadle, District Attorney

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS/VISITORS/STAFF

Mike McCabe, District Engineer
Bo Rainbolt, Assistant Manager of Operations
Lindsay Aviles, Carr, Riggs & Ingram, CPA

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Manager announced that Eli Edwards would again join staff as a temporary survey tech employee.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

PRESENTATIONS

Lindsay Aviles of Carr, Riggs & Ingram, presented the District's annual audit for fiscal year 2024/2025. Ms. Aviles reported a clean audit with accurate financial statements. She highlighted several changes from prior year, including a significant increase in investments due to interest earnings, and no change in the FEMA receivable and flat equipment values. She noted an increase in accrued compensated absences due to new GASB 101 requirements and a decrease in net pension liability resulting from updated Florida Retirement System actuarial calculations.

Ms. Aviles reported that the District's overall net position increased to \$5.3 million from \$5.1 million representing a 5% net increase and the District holds \$4 million (75%) in unrestricted reserves for fiscal year 2025.

She reviewed the comparative statement, noting that operating revenues remained flat, while wages and benefits appeared to decrease by 2% due to FRS adjustments; however, before the adjustment, wages and benefits increased by 5%. Operating supplies decreased from \$230,000 to \$216,000 due to lower fuel costs. Depreciation increased due to major asset purchases. Interest income, though lower than last year, contributed \$235,000 toward the \$275,000 increase in net income.

In response to Scott Morgan's question regarding the user fee increases from development, Ms. Aviles explained that the category changes may not be reflected until next year. She directed the Board to page 30 of the audited financial statements for capital asset changes and to page 44 for the 10-year FRS liability history. She confirmed that internal controls, including separation of duties, were sound and that there were no audit adjustments. All investments were found to be compliant.

Scott Morgan **motioned to accept the audit as presented.** Joe Hale **seconded the motion.** The Board **voted 6-0 to approve the motion.**

Scott Morgan **motioned to approve the letter of engagement for CRI services for FY 2025/2026,** Brant Hoffman **seconded the motion.** The Board **voted 6-0 to approve the motion.**

REGULAR BUSINESS

The President presented the minutes from the February 24, 2026 Board meeting. Drew Powshok **motioned to approve the Minutes from the February 24, 2026, Board Meeting.** Joe Hale **seconded the motion.** The Board **voted 6-0 to approve the motion.**

The President presented the Operating Statement through March 31, 2026 for Board approval. Scott Morgan inquired about projected fuel cost increases. The Treasurer reported that the account should remain within budget due to planning for market volatility and staff conservation efforts. Joe Hale **motioned to approve the Operating Statement through March 31, 2026.** Jay Woltering **seconded the motion.** The Board **voted 6-0 to approve the motion.**

NEW BUSINESS

The President presented MTWCD Policy P222 Wages, updated to reflect the legislatively mandated minimum wage of \$15 per hour. Joe Hale **motioned to accept the changes as presented.** Brant Hoffman **seconded the motion.** The Board **voted 6-0 to approve the motion.**

The President present a request for approval to list the District's aquatic weed harvester for sale on GovDeals. Brant Hoffman **motioned to list the harvester for sale on GovDeals.com.** Drew Powshok **seconded the motion.** The Board **voted 6-0 to approve the motion.** The Manager added a reserve of \$75,000, with the option to accept an offer close to the reserve.

The Manager requested approval to list the District's long-reach excavator on GovDeals.com, noting it may exceed the legal threshold requiring Board approval. Joe Hale **motioned to approve the sale of the District's long reach excavator on GovDeals.com.** Brant Hoffman **seconded the motion.** The Board **voted 6-0 to approve the motion.**

OLD BUSINESS

None

BUDGET

The President presented the District's non-advalorem user fee rates for FY 2026/2027, unchanged from prior years:

Residential:	\$25.00 per acre or portion thereof
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Agricultural: \$ 8.50 per acre or portion there of

Commercial: \$52.50 per acre or portion there of

Drew Powsok **motioned to approve the District's non-ad valorem user fee rates for fiscal year 2026/2027.** Jay Woltering **seconded the motion.** The Board **voted 6-0 to approve the motion.**

The President presented the FY 2026/2027 budget for approval. Scott Morgan asked about the largest financial risk moving forward. The District Manager cited stagnant user fee revenue and rising operational costs. He noted that while reserves are currently strong and spending has been conservative, unexpected challenges could create future strain. He projected that within 10 years, the District may not be able to maintain current service levels. Scott Morgan emphasized inflation as a significant concern. Scott Morgan **motioned to approve the District's fiscal year 2026/2027 budget.** Joe Hale **seconded the motion.** The Board **voted 6-0 to approve the motion.**

The President presented a request to transfer \$20,000 from Account #5630001 (Improvements Other than Buildings) to Account #5520100 (Aquatics) for the purchase of additional aquatic herbicide. Drew Powshok **motioned to approve the transfer.** Joe Hale **seconded the motion.** The Board **voted 6-0 to approve the motion.**

MANAGER'S REPORT

The Manager reported that the FY 2026/2027 includes restored funding for Aquatics to support increased aquatic herbicide use. He announced that hurricane season preparations are completed with 12" pumps staged at C-70 (Calvary Church) and C-69 (Norfolk), and the 8" pump is available as backup. Staff will monitor the performance of the C-69 bypass installed last year.

The Manager reported to the Board that technical updates are being made to MS-1 to allow the operations of the MS-1 via phone, and to provide security to the structure and building. He highlighted the costs would be absorbed within the current budget as they would be minimal.

He reported technical updates to MS-1 to enable remote operation via phone or computers in the office and enhanced facility security. Costs will be absorbed within the current budget.

He provided an IT update: District email has been migrated to the cloud, allowing greater capacity. The District Engineer confirmed receiving a 25 MB email. Migration to OneDrive/SharePoint is progressing slowly due to limitations but is expected to be completed in June. QuickBooks will continue to require the desktop/server environment.

The Manager announced he would be on vacation out of the country May 8-20, 2026 but would remain reachable by phone and email.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

No Report

ASSISTANT MANAGER/OPERATIONS REPORT

The Assistant Manager reported the annual MS-1 drawdown for maintenance began in mid-March and was recently completed. Heavy equipment crews completed work on Eldron by Southwest Middle School, removing palm trees, clearing weeds and sandbars and restoring the canal. Crews are currently working on C-66 at the request of the City of Palm Bay to alleviate flooding by improving the canal, removing palm trees and restoring designed flows.

He noted that increased development has generated additional revenue but also increased service calls and daily operational demands. Scott Morgan reiterated that the District has been underfunded for years and that stagnant user fee revenue is a more significant issue than development growth.

The District Attorney added that two structural issues exist: (1) the \$25 residential user fee rate applies regardless of whether the property is improved, though improved properties require more service; and (2) other municipalities charge \$150 - \$200 per lot and use stormwater fees to match grants, an option not available to the District.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

None

SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT

The Secretary/Treasurer reported that the public hearing to present the user fee rates would be August 13, 2026 at 5:30 pm in the West Melbourne Council chambers. Final budget approval will occur at Brevard County's first public hearing in September.

CLOSING

The President announced the next Board meeting would be Tuesday, June 23, 2026 at 9:00 AM in the City of West Melbourne Council Chambers, Veterans Memorial Complex, 2285 Minton Road, West Melbourne, Florida.

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

Joe Hale – None

Brant Hoffman – None

Scott Morgan – Thanked the District Manager, the Secretary Treasurer and CRI for an excellent audit and strong financial stewardship. .

Drew Powshok – None

Jay Woltering – None

Phil Weinberg –. Congratulated Rick and Lisa on the clean audit and effective budget management

ADJOURN

Phil Weinberg, President adjourned the meeting at 9:45 am.

Respectfully,

Lisa Blackett

Secretary

Board of Directors