

MELBOURNE-TILLMAN WATER CONTROL DISTRICT

MINUTES

October 28, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

The regular scheduled meeting of the Melbourne-Tillman Water Control District (MTWCD) Board of Directors was called to order by Phil Weinberg, President on Tuesday, October 28, 2025 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
Don Jordan, arrived at 9:11 am
Drew Powshok
Jay Woltering
Philip Weinberg, President

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
Jim Trauger, Trauger Consulting
Courtney Barker, Local Land Co. FL

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The District Manager announced Drew Powshok and Brant Hoffman were reappointed to the Board by the Brevard County Commission with terms ending September 30, 2028. Joe Hale was reappointed by the City of Palm Bay, his also expiring on September 30, 2028. The Manager added that Jay Woltering was tentatively appointed but did not vote at the meeting pending formal approval by the Brevard County Commissioners at its October 28, 2025 meeting.

The Manager announced the District's 2025/2026 Budget was approved at the Brevard County Commission public hearing on September 10, 2025.

The Manager announced the District's annual inventory count was completed by Board Scott Morgan and no discrepancies were found.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

PRESENTATIONS

The District Manager presented Board Member Joe Hale an award from the Palm Bay City Council recognizing his 5 years of service on the Melbourne Tillman Board of Directors.

The President presented a proclamation to designate October 28, 2025 as National First Responders Day in tribute to Public Works employees and all other first responders.

Courtney Barker, Local Land Company Florida (Orlando) presented a townhome development proposal for West Melbourne and provided a packet showing that the MTWCD Canal C-85 bisects the property with portions of the canal located on the property rather than within the District Right of way. She requested the District vacate a portion of the Right of way to allow installation of a piped section and they would grant an easement for District access and designate maintenance responsibility to the future Coastal Crossings HOA. Ms. Barker proposed realigning C-85 to improve District maintenance access, acknowledged the District's ownership interest and offered compensations for any vacated right of way, noting that without realignment title issues could impede home sales. She introduced Jim Trauger as the project engineer and volunteered that her company would prepare all legal descriptions, easements and required documentation. The District Manager recalled the Ms. Fulcher had previously identified the canal's mis-location on her property and he added staff supports the concept pending approval from the District Attorney. The District Attorney advised the District's Special Act requires notice to the public to in order to relinquish title. Board members expressed conditional support: Board President and Scott Morgan supported the concept subject to legal requirements; Joe Hale was advised amended legislation permits disposition of District property; Drew Powshok and the District Engineer clarified that District maintenance responsibility begins at the end of the proposed pipe area and extends south, and the District Engineer noted drainage to the north is collected in a pond owned by Brevard County. Jay Woltering and Drew Powshok indicated agreement with the concept. No action was taken because the required public notice had not been given.

REGULAR BUSINESS

The President presented the minutes from the August 26, 2025 Board meeting for approval. Scott Morgan **motioned to approve the Operating Statement through August 26, 2025**. Drew Powshok **seconded the motion**. The Board **voted 6-0 to approve the motion, with Jay Woltering abstaining**.

The President presented the Operating Statement through July 31, 2025 for Board approval. Joe Hale **motioned to approve the Operating Statement through September 30, 2025**. Drew Powshok **seconded the motion**. The Board **voted 6-0 to approve the motion, with Jay Woltering abstaining**.

NEW BUSINESS

The President presented the annual election of the Board Officers, President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer and District Attorney). Drew Powshok **motioned to nominate Philip Weinberg as President**. Joe Hale **seconded the motion**. The Board **voted 6-0 to approve the motion, with Jay Woltering abstaining**.

Drew Powshok **motioned to nominate Joe Hale as Vice President**. Brant Hoffman **seconded the motion**. The Board **voted 6-0 to approve the motion, with Jay Woltering abstaining**.

Drew Powshok **motioned to nominate Lisa Blackett as Secretary/Treasurer**. Joe Hale **seconded the motion**. The Board **voted 6-0 to approve the motion, with Jay Woltering abstaining**.

Drew Powshok **motioned to nominate Jim Beadle as District Attorney**. Don Jordan **seconded the motion**. The Board **voted 6-0 to approve the motion, with Jay Woltering abstaining**.

OLD BUSINESS

The District Manager reported that he, the Board President and a representative from the Cocoran Group met with every member of the local delegation and the Brevard County Commission to explain the District's user fee is not a tax and to outline the District's financial challenges. He advised the Brevard County Commission adopted a resolution supporting the District's legislation and the Brevard County Delegation voted to advance the legislation in session. The District Manager thanked the Board President for his support. Joe Hale commended their efforts saying both had done an outstanding job advocating for the Board.

MANAGER'S REPORT

The District Manager reported despite the large amount of rain the modified protocols at the MS-1 worked well. He advised that the cooperation with Bill Watkinson, City of Palm Bay was instrumental in assisting with the issues in the northwestern part of the city at Jupiter Blvd and provided updates to both the Manager and the Engineer.

He advised the Board to reserve December 18, 2025 as the annual Christmas Party with details to be provided at the December 2, 2025 meeting.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

The District Engineer did not have anything to report.

ASSISTANT MANAGER/OPERATIONS REPORT

The Assistant Manager/Operations reported standard operations and that he is in the process of receiving the bids for the Board approved purchase of a new flat mower. He added the spray crew are moving ahead of the mowers and the heavy equipment group is completed washout repairs. He added once the washouts throughout the District are repaired, they will move to C-77 to fix a wash out and to remove a large sandbar.

The Assistant Manager/Operations reported that the harvester appears to be at the end of its' useful life, but staff is exploring all options. Jay Woltering asked what repairs needed to make the harvester to be operational. The Assistant Manager/Operations said the largest repair would be replacement pontoons, at a minimum cost of \$14,000. Mr. Woltering suggested stainless pontoons for greater longevity. The Manager reminded the Board that a staffing shortage to operate the harvester is also a factor in evaluating next steps.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

None

SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT

The Secretary/Treasurer reported that the audit for the FY 2024/2025 was underway with one work day completed and a second scheduled in December. She advised the FEMA check for \$80,450 has not yet been received but has been approved for payment and progress has been made in the administrative cost project.

CLOSING

The President stated that the next Board meeting would be Tuesday, December 2, 2025 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 – Advised the Assistant Manager/Operations that Brevard County will be running a benchmark for survey down the Parkway. He thanked Scott Morgan for conducting the inventory on behalf of the Board. He thanked the District Engineer for spearheading the proclamation for the first responders.

Brant Hoffman – none

Scott Morgan – none

Don Jordan – none

Drew Powshok – none

Jay Woltering – none

Phil Weinberg –. He thanked Scott Morgan for conducting the inventory and thank the District Manager for attending the meetings to promote the legislation.

ADJOURN

Phil Weinberg, President adjourned the meeting at 9:34 am.

Respectfully,

Lisa Blckett

Secretary

Board of Directors