

TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES

155 F Road Loxahatchee Groves, FL 33470



AGENDA MEMO

Agenda Item #

TO: Town Council of Town of Loxahatchee Groves

FROM: Richard Gallant, CDM E.I., Public Works Director

DATE: April 1, 2025

SUBJECT: Road, Drainage, and Emergency Management Update

Background:

The following items are an update to the road and drainage systems in the Town:

- Currently IFB# 2025-01 Town FY25 Continuing Services for Culverts – Construction, Replacement, Maintenance, Repairs, and Individual Projects (Including Those Over \$300,000) is to be awarded at the April Council Meeting. The following actions have taken place:
 - The scope of the bid was the replacement of culverts at the following locations:
 - F Rd and Collecting Canal
 - Kerry Ln at F Rd
 - Bunny Ln at D Rd
 - Folsom Rd at 25th St N
 - The Scope of this project also included a continuing contract for 3 years for other culvert and catch basins that need to be replaced.
 - The Town held a mandatory pre-bid meeting on February 3, 2025 where the bid was discussed and bidders questions answered.
 - On February 24, 2025, Addendum No. 1 was sent to potential bidders answering questions asked during the pre-bid meeting and those sent to the Town Clerk.
 - On March 12, 2025, the bids were accepted and opened.
 - There were two bidders, Huurr Homes and Johnson-Davis.
 - Both contractors references were checked and it is our intention to award to both bidders for the continuing contract.
 - Huurr Homes is the lowest bidder on the four replacement culverts, coming in at \$575,240.00. The contract for these culverts will be awarded to Huurr Homes.
 - It is our intent to meet with the contractor the week of April 7th to issue a Notice to Proceed.

- Upon issuance of the Notice to Proceed, it is our intent to obtain quotes, using this contract to install 18 catch basins that were part of the FY22 and FY23 paving contracts that were never completed. That will be brought forward for approval at the May Council Meeting.
- Simultaneously, depending on easements, we will obtain pricing to install catch basins and culverts for the A Rd and Collecting Canal Rd paving project. That work authorization will be brought forward at the May Council Meeting. Those catch basins will be installed at the following locations.
 - Between 1814 A Rd and 1858 A Rd
 - Between 1688 A Rd and 1742 A Rd
 - Between 1470 A Rd and 1560 A Rd
 - Between 1400 A Rd and Parcel 41-41-43-17-01-105-0040
 - Between 1180 A Rd and Parcel 41-41-43-17-01-104-0040
 - Between 915 A Rd and 966 A Rd
 - Around the corner of Parcel 41-41-43-17-01-101-0040
 - Between 15961 Collecting Canal Rd and 15897 Collecting Canal Rd
 - Between 15851 Collecting Canal Rd and 15801 Collecting Canal Rd
 - Between 15707 Collecting Canal Rd and 15665 Collecting Canal Rd
 - At the Southeast corner of 15565 Collecting Canal Rd
- It is anticipated the culvert pipes for the large culverts will take up to 6 weeks to obtain. Work should begin after that.
- The FY24 paving project has been completed and the contractor has been paid for the work they did. The Town has installed the statutory required stop signs at the intersections. Additionally, speed hump signs have also been installed on the paved roads.
- The Public Works Department continues to remediate roadside drainage swales as part of the FY24 Road Improvement Program. Work is complete on E Citrus Dr and Gruber Ln for the requested roadside equestrian trail.
- Staff has removed the noxious exotic trees on Hyde Park that were damaged during Hurricane Milton. The pond area has been remediated and reclaimed and the swales north of the Hyde Park Pond have been or in the process of being reshaped.
- The culvert between the east swale north of the pond and the pond has been replaced. A culvert needs to be replaced across Hyde Park Rd to allow the west properties and road to drain. The culvert under Hyde Park Rd and the waterway to the F Rd Canal is to be installed in the coming weeks.
- The connection between the Hyde Park Pond and the F Rd Canal is in the process of remediation. The exotic debris has been removed and staff is working on re-digging the waterway between the two. Once complete this project will go a long way to remediating the flooding issues plaguing this neighborhood.
- A walkthrough of all of the damage and mitigation was held with FEMA the week of March 17, 2025. In that meeting, all of the canal damage sites were toured including the work being done on Hyde Park Rd. More information will be brought forward as it is obtained from FEMA on reimbursements.
- Staff continues to work with FPL on the list of items that need to be addressed by them. The list of items includes:
 - Replacement of hand hole on A Rd south of 1400 A Rd (Completed),

- Replacement of the FPL pole in front of 2869 B Rd (completed),
 - Removal of overgrowth affecting power on B Rd,
 - Relocation of pad mounted transformer at the corner of A Rd and Collecting Canal Rd,
 - Repair of several hand holes on A Rd, North of Okeechobee Blvd,
- There are several areas in Town that need to be addressed by either ATT or Comcast. Staff has been having a difficult time getting them to complete the repairs or removals that need to be completed. As neither company has a government entity that regulates them so it is difficult to force them to do anything. The Town of Loxahatchee Groves is not alone as most municipalities have this same issue with both companies. We will continue to pursue options to get them to conduct their repairs.
- Public Works management continues to work with residents to obtain easements to properly install the road and drainage for A Road and Collecting Canal Rd. This includes removing required trees, preparing the road surface, and correct the canal bank and stabilize the section needed to build a safe road. Easements from all of the residents are required prior to the commencement of the remediation work.
- The Public Works Director has received and placed our new 2025 12-Yard 8.8L Freightliner into service. This vehicle has greatly enhanced our ability to complete projects in the Town.
- The Public Works Superintendent attended the Certified District Manager course on the week of March 24th, and the Public Works Coordinator attended the Certified District Administrative Professional course in January.
- The Public Works Director serving as the Emergency Management Director has previously identified 64 online training opportunities to improve the educational prowess of various staff members in their duties of emergency management during an activation. Required Staff are steadily completing their trainings.
- Staff continues its maintenance operations in grading the unpaved roads and mowing the drainage canals and canal banks.