



**LAUDERDALE ISLES WATER MANAGEMENT
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Minutes

Lauderdale Isles Water Management District Meeting

June 15, 2026, at 3:00 p.m.

**West Marine Building, 1 East Broward Blvd., Ste 444, Conference Room A,
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301**

1. Call to Order: 3:05 p.m.
2. Roll Call:
 - Board Members:
 - Geoff Rames (Chairman)
 - Vice Mayor Ben Sorensen (Remotely)
 - Earl Prizlee (Treasurer) (Remotely)
 - Others Present:
 - Rhonda Hasan (Senior Assistant City Attorney)
 - David Reece (Environmental Compliance Supervisor)
 - Matthew Flesher (Code Compliance Officer)
 - Robert Frank (Marine Advisory Board)
3. Second Reading of Proposed Budget FY 2026-2027 at \$15.00 per property non-ad-valorem assessment (Attachment 1)
 - Motion to approve - Vice Mayor Ben Sorensen
 - 2nd – Earl PrizleeResults: Approved Unanimously
4. Treasurer's Report: FY 2025-2026, May 31, 2026
 - Motion to approve - Earl Prizlee
 - 2nd – Vice Mayor Ben SorensenResults: Approved Unanimously
5. Expense Report: March 7 MIA SF WWCU Expenses
 - Motion to approve - Earl Prizlee
 - 2nd – Vice Mayor Ben SorensenResults: Approved Unanimously
6. Expense Report: Website Expenses
 - Motion to approve - Earl Prizlee
 - 2nd – Vice Mayor Ben SorensenResults: Approved Unanimously

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7. Expense Report: Website Expenses for Network Solutions
 - Motion to approve - Vice Mayor Ben Sorensen
 - 2nd – Earl PrizleeResults: Approved Unanimously

8. Meeting Minutes, March 2 2026 for approval
 - Motion to approve - Earl Prizlee
 - 2nd – Vice Mayor Ben SorensenResults: Approved Unanimously

9. Chairman’s Report:
 - Geoff read the water quality reports from Miami Waterkeeper (MWK). On June 9th the number went to 211 which triggered MWK to resample on June 11th and the results were 146. Earl asked about microbial source tracking from MWK. David responded that microbial source tracking sampling began March 2026 and he will investigate getting the results for the past two months. Geoff mentioned he will look into going sampling with MWK.
 - Geoff asked Earl to provide an update on 2613 Key Largo. Thanks to Rhonda’s help in involving the building department, construction on an illegally sized boat dock was halted. Earl has confirmed that the dock is now being built in compliance with regulations.
 - Geoff stated as part of his monthly monitoring he cruises all our canals and did not observe any oversized vessels.
 - Geoff shared two photos during the meeting from Lauderdale Isle Landing boat ramp. In the first, someone had connected a pressure washer to the City hose bib, intending to clean the underside of their boat. Geoff contacted Matthew Flesher about the situation, but unfortunately, the code regulations require citing a property rather than an individual. In the second photo, two people were seen trying to repair their boat trailer at the dock. Rhonda recommended reaching out to FTL Police to identify the officer assigned to the area and collaborate on addressing these issues. Geoff agreed with this approach and plans to follow up at the association meeting on Thursday.
 - Geoff stated that under FLA Statute 189.0694, LIWMD is in compliance by sending out the information newsletter and cruising the canal.

10. March MIAASF WWCU
 - The cleanup event took place on Saturday, March 7th, 2026, and proved to be another successful effort. As part of the Green Your Routine initiative, participants diligently sorted plastics, placing them in designated bins to ensure proper recycling. By following these procedures, everyone contributed to earning points for the program, making the event both productive and rewarding for all involved.

11. Code Compliance Report: Waterway Cases, by Matthew Flesher
 - Waterway inspections:
 - 2554 Whale Harbor Lane
 - Complaint for oversized vessel - complied with no fines.

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- 2684 Key Largo Lane
 - Complaint for loud noise at night and vessel encroachment across a property line - no violation found.
 - 2612 Whale Harbor Lane
 - Complaint for outdoor storage in the rear - no violation found.
 - Complaint for outdoor storage and shed setback encroachment - violation was found and a reinspection is scheduled for June 22.
- Geoff inquired about the schedule for code enforcement activities on the boat for Lauderdale Isles. Matthew responded that the team typically heads out on either Tuesday or Thursday. Additionally, the specific boat ramp utilized is determined by where the violations are located, ensuring efficient access to the area in question.

Old Business

12. Measuring Methods for boats extending 33% - Continuation from the last meeting 03/02/2026
- Earl asked Matthew how code is measuring vessels. Code looks up the name of the vessels and looks for information on how wide the vessel is. Then they try to measure the boat from land with a tape measure. Vice Mayor Ben Sorensen suggested he reach out to the City manager and City attorney to see their thoughts on technology and enforcement on this issue.
13. Commercial Marina Operations, Gulfstream & Key Largo Lanes
- Geoff asked Matthew if they observed any violations the last time they were on the boat. According to Matthew no immediate violations were found. Geoff opened the floor to public input and Robert asked if there is a state law that you can't have 4 or more boats in the water unless you have a special agreement with the State. Unfortunately, Rhonda could not find such a law. Robert suggested looking into if the boats are creating a navigation hazard, which is a violation of state law. Geoff stated they investigated this with someone at the City attorney's office couldn't find a definition of menace to navigate. Robert's organization the Marine Advisory Board is dealing with a similar situation, so Geoff will defer to their organization for how they can proceed going forward.
14. Alternative methods to publish legal notices - City Attorney's Office
- Vice Mayor Ben Sorensen stated the City commission meetings no longer advertise through the newspaper and he suggested LIWMD do the same. Geoff asked how they are advertising and the Vice Mayor said through the City website. Rhonda will take the lead on how LIWMD can legally do it.

New Business

15. Property Tax Reform Bill – Will it affect Special Districts?
- Geoff said that since LIWMD is not an ad valorem tax it does not apply. Rhonda confirmed LIWMD is not an ad valorem tax.

Old Business Continued

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16. Lauderdale Isles Landing Improvements Project Update – Earl Prizlee

- Earl mentioned that they recently met with staff and representatives from marine facilities. During the meeting, there was discussion about bringing in a new consultant to oversee the ramp widening and the addition of dock spaces. Their main goal is to have this consultant prioritize the installation of a floating dock, which would enhance the efficiency of the ramps. Earl may need to consult Vice Mayor Sorensen, as the floating dock could potentially encroach on existing boundaries. Meanwhile, marine facilities is revisiting the grant to request approval for construction. Vice Mayor Ben Sorensen has offered to help initiate conversations to move the project forward.

Any Other Topics of Interest

- Geoff asked if a new chief waterway officer has been hired. Vice Mayor Sorensen responded that the City manager is interviewing the final candidates this week.
- Geoff asked why FPL is using a barge to bring in a transformer. Robert explained that because of the size of the transformer it's the only way to transport it.

Adjourn: 3:41 p.m.

- Motion to approve – Geoff Rames
 - 2nd – Earl Prizlee
- Results: Approved Unanimously

Minutes compiled by David Reece, City Liaison

Future meetings:

- September 21st, 2026, at 3:00 p.m.
- December 14th, 2026, at 3:00 p.m.

Meetings location: West Marine Bldg., 1 East Broward Blvd, Ste. 444, Conference Room A, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, 33301

Public Notice: Published in Sun Sentinel, February 15th, and February 22nd, 2026, posted on www.liwmd.org and at Development Services Department, 700 NW 19th Avenue.

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Fiscal Year 2026 - 2027 Proposed Budget

Source of Funds

Special Assessment – 551 properties @\$15 per year	\$8,265
Reimbursed Expense(Storage/LICIA)	804
Checking Account Balance Forward as of 5/31/2026	118,411
Total Funds Available	\$127,480

Appropriations/Expenses

Professional Services	5,000
Contractual Services - Spraying 10 canals	20,000
Contractual Services – Vegetation Removal	20,000
MIASF Waterway Cleanup	4,000
Lauderdale Isles Fall Waterway Cleanup	6,000
Website Maintenance	1,000
Boat Rental Services	3,000
Travel and Per Diem	1,000
Office Supplies/Postage/PO Box rental	2,000
Legal Advertising Sun Sentinel	4,000
Miscellaneous Expense	1,000
Waterway Signage Maintenance	1,000
Payment to Government Agencies	2,000
Water Quality Testing	3,000
Storage Rental	1,000
Marine Life Testing	3,000
Waterway Survey Eqpt/Svcs	5,000
Reserve and Contingencies	45,480
Total Appropriations/Expenses	\$127,480

For second/final approval by the LIWMD Board on June 15, 2026

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