

**February 26, 2024 – 6:00 PM REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

Lehigh Acres Municipal Services Improvement District  
Barrett Room  
601 East County Lane  
Lehigh Acres, FL 33936

This meeting is open to the general public.

**REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

- 1) **Preliminaries**
  - A. Call to Order
  - B. Roll Call
  - C. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance
  - D. Move, Remove and Add Agenda Items
  - E. Approval of Agenda
  - F. Public Comment for Agenda Items and Non-agenda Items
  - G. Action on Removed Consent Items
  - H. Approval of Consent Agenda
- 2) **Consent Agenda**
  - A. Invoices and Change Orders
  - B. Approval of Minutes – January 22, 2024 Regular Meeting
  - C. PER #22-11 (M1) – 22 Beth Stacey Blvd. Storage Facility
  - D. PER #23-07 – Ibis Landing (fka Copperhead)
  - E. PER #24-02 – Comcast bore under Sailfish Canal
- 3) **Action Agenda**
  - A. Good Cause
  - B. Lehigh “Cookie Sign” Reconstruction Project
  - C. 2024/2025 Budget Calendar
  - D. Alico Road Ext./Sunshine Rd. Widening Modeling Analysis Contract– AIM Engineering
  - E. CREST Phase III-Add on Design Contract– AIM Engineering
  - F. RES #24-05 – Memorial Gifts
  - G. Manager’s Contract – David E. Lindsay
  - H. RES #24-06 - Surplus Spoil
  - I. RES #24-07 - FDEP LPA0563 Change Order #1, Advanced Payment
  - J. RES #24-08 – FDEP LPA0564 Change Order #1, Advanced Payment
- 4) **Discussion Agenda**
  - A Old Business
    1. Future Events
  - B. New Business
  - C. Commissioner’s Request
  - D. Engineer’s Report
  - E. Attorney’s Report
  - F. Staff and Financial Report
  - G. Treasurer’s Report
  - H. Secretary’s Report
- 5) **Adjournment**

# LEHIGH ACRES MUNICIPAL SERVICES IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

## AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

**Subject:** Invoices and Change Orders

**Meeting Date:** February 26, 2024

**Agenda Item #** 2A

CONSENT                       ACTION                       OLD BUSINESS                       NEW BUSINESS

**Request Initiated By:**                       COMMISSIONER \_\_\_\_\_                       ATTORNEY

BOARD                       MANAGER                       ENGINEER                       AUDITOR

**1 Recommended motion:** Move to approve all invoices as stated on the Summary Sheet.

**2 What the action accomplishes:** Approves all invoices that are outside the approval limits of the Treasurer and Manager.

**3 Fiscal Impact:** As listed on the Summary Sheet.

**4 Staff comments:**

**5 Staff review and recommended approval:**

MANAGER                       ASSISTANT DISTRICT MGR  
 ATTORNEY                       FIELD DIRECTOR  
 ENGINEER                       FINANCE DIRECTOR

**6 Board Action:**

APPROVED                       DENIED                       DEFERRED

# LEHIGH ACRES MUNICIPAL SERVICES IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

## AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

**Subject:** Approval of Minutes - January 22, 2024

**Meeting Date:** February 26, 2024

**Agenda Item #** 2B

CONSENT                       ACTION                       NEW BUSINESS

**Request Initiated By:**                       COMMISSIONER \_\_\_\_\_                       ATTORNEY

BOARD                       MANAGER                       ENGINEER                       AUDITOR

**Recommended motion:** Move to approve the minutes from the February 22, 2024 Regular Board Meeting.

**What the action accomplishes:** Memorializes the Board Meetings as per Florida Statute.

**Fiscal Impact:** 2 hrs staff time.

**Staff comments:**

### Staff review and recommended approval:

MANAGER                       ASSISTANT DISTRICT MGR  
 ATTORNEY                       FIELD SUPERINTENDENT  
 ENGINEER                       CONTROLLER

### Board Action:

APPROVED                       DENIED                       DEFERRED

# LEHIGH ACRES MUNICIPAL SERVICES IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

## AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

**Subject:** PER #22-11 (M1) – 22 Beth Stacey Blvd. Storage Facility

**Meeting Date:** February 26, 2024

**Agenda Item #** 2C

CONSENT                       ACTION                       OLD BUSINESS                       NEW BUSINESS

**Request Initiated By:**                       COMMISSIONER \_\_\_\_\_                       ATTORNEY

BOARD                       MANAGER                       ENGINEER                       AUDITOR

**Recommended motion:** Move to approve Permit 2022-11 (M1) Beth Stacey Blvd. Storage Facility, with any listed stipulations.

**What the action accomplishes:** Allows Beth Stacey Storage Facility, to modify their commercial development at 22 Beth Stacey Blvd., while certifying on their plans that their stormwater facilities are adequate and able to discharge less than 30 CSM.

**Fiscal Impact:** Permit Fees: \$500.00

**Staff comments:** Approved according to the revised plans signed and sealed January 18, 2024.

### Staff review and recommended approval:

MANAGER                       ASSISTANT DISTRICT MGR  
 ATTORNEY                       FIELD SUPERINTENDENT  
 ENGINEER                       CONTROLLER

### Board Action:

APPROVED                       DENIED                       DEFERRED

# LEHIGH ACRES MUNICIPAL SERVICES IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

## AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

**Subject:** PER #23-07 – Ibis Landing (fka Copperhead)

**Meeting Date:** February 26, 2024

**Agenda Item #** 2D

CONSENT                       ACTION                       OLD BUSINESS                       NEW BUSINESS

**Request Initiated By:**                       COMMISSIONER \_\_\_\_\_                       ATTORNEY

BOARD                       MANAGER                       ENGINEER                       AUDITOR

**Recommended motion:** Move to approve Permit 2023-07 Ibis Landing, with any listed stipulations.

**What the action accomplishes:** Allows Ibis Landing, to develop an residential subdivision on 298.86+/- acres at the end of Beth Stacey Blvd., while certifying on their plans that their stormwater facilities are adequate and able to discharge less than 30 CSM.

**Fiscal Impact:** Permit Fees: \$5,000.00

**Staff comments:** Approved according to the revised plans and calculations signed and sealed January 24, 2024.

### Staff review and recommended approval:

MANAGER                       ASSISTANT DISTRICT MGR  
 ATTORNEY                       FIELD SUPERINTENDENT  
 ENGINEER                       CONTROLLER

### Board Action:

APPROVED                       DENIED                       DEFERRED

# LEHIGH ACRES MUNICIPAL SERVICES IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

## AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

**Subject:** PER #24-02 – Comcast bore under Sailfish Canal (46-35-1)

**Meeting Date:** February 26, 2024

**Agenda Item #** 2E

CONSENT                       ACTION                       OLD BUSINESS                       NEW BUSINESS

**Request Initiated By:**                       COMMISSIONER \_\_\_\_\_                       ATTORNEY

BOARD                       MANAGER                       ENGINEER                       AUDITOR

**Recommended motion:** Move to approve Permit #24-02, Comcast under Sailfish Canal at 1st St. W. and Sunshine Blvd. S., with any listed stipulations.

**What the action accomplishes:** Allows Comcast to bore under the District's canal for a proposed fiber optic cable at Sunshine Blvd. & Sailfish Canal, while avoiding any conflicts with future improvements to the canal.

**Fiscal Impact:** Permit Fees: \$3,855.00

**Staff comments:** Approved according to the plans submitted January 29, 2024.

### Staff review and recommended approval:

MANAGER                       ASSISTANT DISTRICT MGR  
 ATTORNEY                       FIELD SUPERINTENDENT  
 ENGINEER                       CONTROLLER

### Board Action:

APPROVED                       DENIED                       DEFERRED

# LEHIGH ACRES MUNICIPAL SERVICES IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

## AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

**Subject:** Lehigh "Cookie Sign" Reconstruction Project

**Meeting Date:** February 26, 2024

**Agenda Item #** 3B

CONSENT                       ACTION                       OLD BUSINESS                       NEW BUSINESS

**Request Initiated By:**                       COMMISSIONER \_\_\_\_\_                       ATTORNEY

BOARD                       MANAGER                       ENGINEER                       AUDITOR

**1 Recommended motion:**                      TBD

**2 What the action accomplishes:**                      Allows the Board to monitor the progress of the cookie sign and the Sign Guys.

**3 Fiscal Impact:**                      \$19,583.33.

**4 Staff comments:**                      Hopefully at this point, the Sign Guys will have begun installing letters and other art.

**5 Staff review and recommended approval:**

MANAGER                       ASSISTANT DISTRICT MGR  
 ATTORNEY                       FIELD DIRECTOR  
 ENGINEER                       FINANCE DIRECTOR

**6 Board Action:**

APPROVED                       DENIED                       DEFERRED

# LEHIGH ACRES MUNICIPAL SERVICES IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

## AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

**Subject:** 2024/2025 Budget Calendar

**Meeting Date:** February 26, 2024

**Agenda Item #** 3C

CONSENT                       ACTION                       OLD BUSINESS                       NEW BUSINESS

**Request Initiated By:**                       COMMISSIONER \_\_\_\_\_                       ATTORNEY

BOARD                       MANAGER                       ENGINEER                       AUDITOR

**1 Recommended motion:** Move to approve the 2024/2025 Budget Calendar.

**2 What the action accomplishes:** Provides a historical document detailing LA-MSID general facts, projects and maintenance of the stormwater system for the fiscal year 2022/2023.

**3 Fiscal Impact:** Approximately \$2,000, plus staff time to review it.

**4 Staff comments:**

**5 Staff review and recommended approval:**

MANAGER                       ASSISTANT DISTRICT MGR  
 ATTORNEY                       FIELD DIRECTOR  
 ENGINEER                       FINANCE DIRECTOR

**6 Board Action:**

APPROVED                       DENIED                       DEFERRED

# LEHIGH ACRES MUNICIPAL SERVICES IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

## AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

**Subject:** Alico Road Ext./Sunshine Rd. Widening Modeling Analysis Contract– AIM Engineering

**Meeting Date:** February 26, 2024

**Agenda Item #** 3D

CONSENT                       ACTION                       OLD BUSINESS                       NEW BUSINESS

**Request Initiated By:**                       COMMISSIONER \_\_\_\_\_                       ATTORNEY

BOARD                       MANAGER                       ENGINEER                       AUDITOR

**1 Recommended motion:** Move to approve the Alico Road Ext./Sunshine Rd. Widening Modeling Analysis Contract for AIM Engineering.

**2 What the action accomplishes:** Provides information necessary for the District to negotiate the Alico Rd. to Sunshine Blvd, connection agreement with Lee County. Basically, they are looking for land, access to our drainage system.

**3 Fiscal Impact:** \$32,348.08 to be paid by Lee County.

**4 Staff comments:** This is the first step needed to model the southern section (between SR82 and 23rd St.) of the proposed widening project.

### **5 Staff review and recommended approval:**

MANAGER                       ASSISTANT DISTRICT MGR  
 ATTORNEY                       FIELD DIRECTOR  
 ENGINEER                       FINANCE DIRECTOR

### **6 Board Action:**

APPROVED                       DENIED                       DEFERRED

# LEHIGH ACRES MUNICIPAL SERVICES IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

## AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

**Subject:** CREST Phase III-Add on Design Contract– AIM Engineering

**Meeting Date:** February 26, 2024

**Agenda Item #** 3E

CONSENT       ACTION       OLD BUSINESS       NEW BUSINESS

**Request Initiated By:**       COMMISSIONER \_\_\_\_\_       ATTORNEY

BOARD       MANAGER       ENGINEER       AUDITOR

**1 Recommended motion:** Move to approve the CREST Phase III - Add on Design Contract for AIM Engineering.

**2 What the action accomplishes:** Provides additional design to add electric, actuators and telemetry. Also, environmental services (tortoises) and construction phase services.

**3 Fiscal Impact:** \$89,998.68.

**4 Staff comments:** This funding would come out of the budgeted construction line item.

### 5 Staff review and recommended approval:

MANAGER       ASSISTANT DISTRICT MGR  
 ATTORNEY       FIELD SUPERINTENDENT  
 ENGINEER       CONTROLLER

### 6 Board Action:

APPROVED       DENIED       DEFERRED

# LEHIGH ACRES MUNICIPAL SERVICES IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

## AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

**Subject:** RES #24-05 – Memorial Gifts

**Meeting Date:** February 26, 2024

**Agenda Item #** 3F

CONSENT                       ACTION                       OLD BUSINESS                       NEW BUSINESS

**Request Initiated By:**                       COMMISSIONER \_\_\_\_\_                       ATTORNEY

BOARD                       MANAGER                       ENGINEER                       AUDITOR

**1 Recommended motion:**                      Move to approve Resolution 2024-05, Memorial Gifts.

**2 What the action accomplishes:**                      Provides for guidance for staff and commissioners for sending memorial gifts to whom, and limits on spending.

**3 Fiscal Impact:**                      \$100 per instance.

**4 Staff comments:**

**5 Staff review and recommended approval:**

MANAGER                       ASSISTANT DISTRICT MGR  
 ATTORNEY                       FIELD SUPERINTENDENT  
 ENGINEER                       CONTROLLER

**6 Board Action:**

APPROVED                       DENIED                       DEFERRED

# LEHIGH ACRES MUNICIPAL SERVICES IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

## AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

**Subject:** Manager's Contract – David E. Lindsay

**Meeting Date:** February 26, 2024.

**Agenda Item #** 3G

CONSENT       ACTION       OLD BUSINESS       NEW BUSINESS

**Request Initiated By:**       COMMISSIONER \_\_\_\_\_       ATTORNEY

BOARD       MANAGER       ENGINEER       AUDITOR

**1 Recommended motion:** Move to approve the manager's contract for a period of February 26 to October 31, 2026.

**2 What the action accomplishes:** Provides for a maximum of a 3-year extension for the Manager due to the legislature allowing for a 3-year extension for employees in the DROP program. Also provides for some benefit upgrades.

**3 Fiscal Impact:** An increase of \$8,176.48.

**4 Staff comments:** Our labor attorney did not find any legal issues with the contract.

### 5 Staff review and recommended approval:

MANAGER       ASSISTANT DISTRICT MGR  
 ATTORNEY       FIELD SUPERINTENDENT  
 ENGINEER       CONTROLLER

### 6 Board Action:

APPROVED       DENIED       DEFERRED

# LEHIGH ACRES MUNICIPAL SERVICES IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

## AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

**Subject:** RES #24-06 - Surplus Spoil

**Meeting Date:** 26-Feb-24

**Agenda Item #** 3H

CONSENT                       ACTION                       OLD BUSINESS                       NEW BUSINESS

**Request Initiated By:**                       SUPERVISOR                      \_\_\_\_\_                       ATTORNEY

BOARD                       MANAGER                       ENGINEER                       AUDITOR

**1 Recommended motion:**                      Motion to approve Resolution 2024-06, Surplus Spoil.

**2 What the action accomplishes:**                      Provides for a resolution to surplus up to 40,000 cubic yards of spoil, in order for LA-MSID to sell the spoil to the Lehigh Acres Fire & Rescue District, to use for their future training site.

**3 Fiscal Impact:**                      Potential of \$80,000 of revenue.

**4 Staff comments:**

**5 Staff review and recommended approval:**

MANAGER                       ASSISTANT DISTRICT MGR  
 ATTORNEY                       FINANCE DIRECTOR  
 ENGINEER                       FIELD DIRECTOR

**6 Board Action:**

APPROVED                       DENIED                       DEFERRED

# EAST COUNTY WATER CONTROL DISTRICT

## AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

**Subject:** RES #24-07 - FDEP LPA0563 Change Order #1, Advanced Funding

**Meeting Date:** 26-Feb-24

**Agenda Item #** 31

CONSENT       ACTION       OLD BUSINESS       NEW BUSINESS

**Request Initiated By:**       SUPERVISOR      \_\_\_\_\_       ATTORNEY

BOARD       MANAGER       ENGINEER       AUDITOR

**1 Recommended motion:** Move to approve Resolution 2024-07, FDEP LPA0563, Change Order #1, Advanced Funding.

**2 What the action accomplishes:** Provides for advanced funding for the purchase of the sinkhole property, so that LA-MSID does not have to deplete its coffers, while awaiting for reimbursement from FDEP.

**3 Fiscal Impact:** \$1,500,000

**4 Staff comments:** Thanks Lewis Longman and Walker for your forward thinking!

### 5 Staff review and recommended approval:

MANAGER       ASSISTANT DISTRICT MGR  
 ATTORNEY       FINANCE DIRECTOR  
 ENGINEER       WATER RESOURCE MGR.

### 6 Board Action:

APPROVED       DENIED       DEFERRED

# EAST COUNTY WATER CONTROL DISTRICT

## AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

**Subject:** RES #24-08 – FDEP LPA0564 Change Order #1, Advanced Funding

**Meeting Date:** 26-Feb-24

### Agenda Item #

CONSENT                       ACTION                       OLD BUSINESS                       NEW BUSINESS

**Request Initiated By:**                       SUPERVISOR                      \_\_\_\_\_                       ATTORNEY

BOARD                       MANAGER                       ENGINEER                       AUDITOR

**1 Recommended motion:**                      Move to approve Resolution 2024-08, FDEP LPA0564, Change Order #1, Advanced Funding.

**2 What the action accomplishes:**                      Provides for advanced funding for the purchase of the ROBUST property, so that LA-MSID does not have to deplete its coffers, while awaiting for reimbursement from FDEP.

**3 Fiscal Impact:**                      \$250,000

**4 Staff comments:**                      Thanks Lewis Longman and Walker for your forward thinking!

### 5 Staff review and recommended approval:

MANAGER                       ASSISTANT DISTRICT MGR  
 ATTORNEY                       FINANCE DIRECTOR  
 ENGINEER                       WATER RESOURCE MGR.

### 6 Board Action:

APPROVED                       DENIED                       DEFERRED

# LEHIGH ACRES MUNICIPAL SERVICES IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

## AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

**Subject:** Future Events

**Meeting Date:** February 26, 2024.

**Agenda Item #** 4A1

CONSENT                       ACTION                       OLD BUSINESS                       NEW BUSINESS

**Request Initiated By:**                       COMMISSIONER \_\_\_\_\_                       ATTORNEY

BOARD                       MANAGER                       ENGINEER                       AUDITOR

1 **Recommended motion:** N/A

2 **What the action accomplishes:** Provides a forum to discuss upcoming events.

3 **Fiscal Impact:**

4 **Staff comments:**

5 **Staff review and recommended approval:**

MANAGER                       ASSISTANT DISTRICT MGR  
 ATTORNEY                       FIELD SUPERINTENDENT  
 ENGINEER                       CONTROLLER

6 **Board Action:**

APPROVED                       DENIED                       DEFERRED

# AIM Engineering & Surveying, Inc.

February 13, 2024

Board of Commissioners  
Lehigh Acres Municipal Services Improvement District  
601 East County Lane  
Lehigh Acres, FL 33936

## **Re: Engineer's Report for February 2024 Board Meeting**

Dear Board Members:

The status of current projects involving the District Engineer is outlined in the following.

### **General Consulting**

- Review of Board agenda and preparation of monthly Engineer's report.
- Review and recommendation for permits 22-11 (modification), 23-07, and 24-01.
- Coordination on the Lee County Sunshine Widening Project.
- Lehigh Watershed Initiative coordination.
- 2023 Annual Engineering Report.

### **Recently Completed Projects**

- Southwest Lehigh Groundwater Recharge and Aquifer Restoration (February 2018)
- Hendry Canal Extension Widening (February 2021)
- Halfway Pond – SR 82 Segment 3 (April 2019)
- JUSWMSA Agreement – FDOT (March 2021)
- West Marsh Design (May 2021)
- Weir S-VL-1 Replacement (August 2023)

### **Current Projects Progress**

**Frank Mann Preserve (Formally GS-10):** The Frank Mann Preserve property was purchased by Lee County Conservation 20/20. A March 2019 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Lee County and LA-MSID allows LAMSID to construct and maintain a stormwater storage and water quality system within the parcel. LA-MSID issued a Purchase Order to AIM in March 2020 to prepare a Land Management Plan as one of the first step requirements of the MOU. Following a presentation to Lee County's Conservation Land Acquisition and Stewardship Advisory Committee (CLASAC) made in December 2020, the committee recommended approval. The LA-MSID Board approved the Land Management Plan in January 2021 for submission to the Lee County Board of County Commissioners. The Lee County Board approved the County Commissioners' plan on their March 2021 agenda. The LA-MSID Board approved a purchase order to AIM for an initial design scope at the August 2021 Board meeting. Lee County has cleared a small park access area. LA-MSID is currently conducting maintenance exotic removal activities on site. Survey has completed the elevation data collection, and the design team worked to complete the design approach/plans.

As a result of critical Hurricane Ian recovery efforts, progress on the Frank Mann Preserve project was delayed. LAMSID staff continue to complete exotic vegetation removal & maintenance berm/access work, which will aid the design team in understanding the effort

involved in re-establishing the berm in the NW corner of the project. LAMSID staff have confirmed key design elements, and the design plans are currently being finalized. Additional topographic survey data was completed by January 8, 2024. The design team is utilizing this additional survey data to complete the 90% plans.

The project was recently selected to receive \$15M in grant funding. Given the additional project funding, AIM and LAMSID will continue coordination on the next steps of the project's development.

**Caloosahatchee River and Estuary Storage and Treatment (CREST):** LA-MSID purchased approximately 105 acres for the CREST preserve and stormwater treatment area. The LA-MSID Board authorized the design of this project in November 2019. AIM staff had a virtual meeting with LA-MSID senior staff in April 2020 to review concepts for developing final plans. The design elements include an interconnecting channel between Dog Canal and Hendry Canal to balance flows between the Bedman Creek and Carlos Waterway Drainage Basins. A retention reservoir also provides year-round treatment of suspended solids through increased flow way resident time and storage to attenuate peak stages during storm events. Additionally, wetland plantings provide water quality treatment through nutrient uptake within the circuitous wetland flow way path.

A Caracara nesting site is currently established within the CREST project and is protected as such unless determined to be an abandoned nest. This determination can only be revisited/alterd within the nesting season period. While designated as a nesting site, a 300' buffer zone is established.

Due to grant funding, the design plans and construction activities required a phased approach. AIM developed the scope of work for design phasing, post-design, and construction phase services and provided it to LA-MSID staff for review, which partially addressed required Caracara monitoring. The LA-MSID Board approved a contract with AIM for this effort on 6/21/2021.

### ***CREST Phase 1***

Phase 1 of the CREST project is complete, which includes maintenance dredging of the Dog to Hendry canal and replacement & relocation of weir S-H-2.

### ***CREST Phase 2***

LA-MSID and AIM received notification from FDEP on the final grant award to complete a \$2 million project to be completed in Phase 2. AIM aggressively worked to complete the design for permit submission in December 2021. A change order with FDEP extends the benchmark to have design plans and permits ready for construction bidding by March 2022. AIM received the SFWMD CREST Phase 2 permit dated June 6, 2022. Bids for Phase 2 were received on December 15, 2022. AIM recommended awarding the project to the apparent low bidder (Turnbull Environmental) for \$1,929,500.00, which was just under the Engineering Opinion of Probably Cost and grant-funding budget of \$2 million. The Phase 2 construction groundbreaking ceremony was held on February 15, 2023.

With factors including rain days, Hurricane Idalia, equipment operator shortages, and vendor challenges, a time-only change order was approved to extend the final completion of the project to the end of February 2024.

### **CREST Phase 3**

LA-MSID has received an additional \$4.06 million in grant funds to allow for the construction of the full build-out of the CREST project (Phase 3). AIM worked to complete the additional design and permitting tasks required to revise the plans and permitting approach to include the full project build-out. AIM's Environmental Scientist coordinated with USFWS to clarify construction restrictions related to the Caracara nesting site. USFWS has informally agreed that a reduced 300-foot Caracara buffer size is acceptable since the completed project is anticipated to benefit the species. One more year of Caracara monitoring is required (January to April 2024) before the application to declassify the nest as a protected nesting site can commence. The design team completed the 100% plan set for Phase 3, and the SFWMD permit was issued on May 22, 2023.

Due to the recent supply chain and inflationary factors, a flexible design and bidding approach are desired to ensure all Phase 3 grant funds are utilized for the project. Phase 3 construction-phase services have also not been authorized to date. An additional scope of work is proposed to accommodate the additional design, environmental, bidding, and construction-phase tasks associated with the CREST Phase 3 project. The goal is to advertise Phase 3 on March 7, 2024.

### **Rehydration of Bedman (Creek) Utilizing Storage & Treatment (ROBUST)**

LA-MSID gained legislative funds to purchase and improvement of two parcels within Lehigh Acres: A Sinkhole Parcel (34-44-27-00-00001.0140) and the ROBUST Parcels (36-43-27-01-00000.A000 & 36-43-27-00-00004.0020). AIM conducted Phase I Environmental Reports for the Sinkhole and Robust parcels. The purpose of these assessments was to characterize the environmental conditions based on readily available information & site observations and to identify recognized environmental conditions. To assist with water quality grant funding applications, AIM prepared a conceptual ROBUST nutrient removal analysis. If desired, AIM can provide an aesthetically pleasing concept exhibit for the grant application, as well as a corresponding estimated design scope of work.

### **Bottomless Lake (Sinkhole Parcel)**

AIM provided LAMSID staff with a conceptual scope, fee, and construction cost to be utilized toward grant application submittal.

If you have any questions or inquiries, please call my cell at (239) 823-8171.

Sincerely,

**AIM Engineering & Surveying, Inc.**

Daniel Schroeder, PE, MSE