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*Your Connection to KW Resort Utilities, Corp.
Wastewater Questions & Solutions*

***BOCC responds to Grand Jury Report
Endorses KWRU Stock Island wastewater system...***

The Board of Monroe County Commissioners (BOCC) recently released a detailed report to address the questions being raised about wastewater projects in Monroe County; including the Stock Island project completed by KW Resort Utilities, Corp. (KWRU).

KWRU is pleased that the BOCC report was consistent with the County's staff position that the KWRU wastewater system installed on south Stock Island is the most cost efficient and effective installation of a wastewater system ever completed for Monroe County.

The project was completed ahead of schedule and under budget. The County

is also being reimbursed all of the funds it invested to purchase KWRU wastewater treatment capacity for the south Stock Island property owners through the connection fee process. A similar KWRU system endorsement was made last Nov. by the BOCC when it accepted and approved an engineering audit of the KWRU wastewater system installed on south Stock Island.

The engineering audit was performed by URS, a nationally known engineering firm. In its' conclusions URS found the new wastewater system installed by KWRU to be capable and have sufficient capacity now and for a 20-year planning horizon.

The complete BOCC response to the Grand Jury Report is available on-line:

Click link to view report:

http://www.monroecounty-fl.gov/Pages/MonroeCoFL_WebDocs/S0058CCCE.-1/grandjury.pdf

Pipelines Q & A:

Q . This month Pipeline asks ...

Does Monroe County offer property owners' funding assistance for wastewater connection impact fees and cesspit decommission expenses?

A. Yes. A Monroe County property owner wastewater funding assistance program was approved by the Board of County Commissioners in October 2003.

\$2.5 million of landlord & occupant affordable housing wastewater connection assistance made available by BOCC...

Monroe County has **\$2,503,209** **in funding** for sewer system installation, connection or cesspit decommission expense for eligible property owners.

\$637,500 of this funding is from a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) awarded to the County in April 2003.

The remaining \$1,865,709 in funding was approved by the Monroe County Board of County Commissioners in October 2003. The County designated areas for this funding are **Stock Island, Bay Point, Conch Key and Key Largo.**

The funds are available to property owners who qualify as affordable housing landlords or for qualified low income owner occupants who meet the criteria for assistance towards the cost of connecting to an approved central wastewater system.

These funds are available in the form of a grant and as a loan program that is subject to being forgiven.

The **Monroe County Housing Authority** (MCHA) who administers the CDBG funding for Monroe County provided **notification** of the sewer funding assistance and was first **mailed** to Stock Island residents in **July 2003**. The **BOCC approved** the **eligibility list** in **July 2004**.

The funds are now just being committed to Lower Keys property owners pending their connection to the central wastewater system.

Other MCHA funding sources are **Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Grants and State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) Program no interest loans up to \$8,000.**

For information on these affordable housing property owners' or low income occupant sewer connection funding programs please contact Mark Bell, Director, and Community Development – Special Programs Office at (305) 292-1221 or email at: bellm@kwha.org

KWRU Engineering Firm, Weiler ranked Number one by City of Marathon for Wastewater Contract...

Weiler Engineering Inc., the firm that designed the south Stock Island wastewater vacuum collection system has been ranked number one by the Marathon City Council to begin negotiations for the contract to design the new wastewater system for the City.

Jeff Weiler, company owner, said he was "elated to have the opportunity to design

another Keys wastewater system and was looking forward to working with the City of Marathon staff and community."

We are also pleased that Ed Castle, Project Manager for our KWRU system, will also be the Project Manager for the new Marathon wastewater system, said Weiler.

Pipeline's staffer of the Month...

Our utility service team is working hard to provide the best service possible for each of our customers. Every team member understands the importance of proper management of our wastewater utility company to protect the Lower Keys environment.

Gillian Seifert, Chief Financial Officer, KW Resort Utilities Staff Person of the month

"Gillian has been accurately and effectively managing the accounting and financial department of KW Resort Utilities since we formed the company. And, for over a dozen years she has been our trusted CFO for all our businesses in Key West. She is more than our CFO, she is a trusted friend". ...Bill Smith, President of KW Resort Utilities, Corp.

While KWRU, KEI and Key West Golf Club are different businesses they do share something or, better stated, someone in common, Gillian Seifert.

Gillian manages the separate accounting functions of these 3-businesses. She manages the serious business of maintaining timely payables, payroll, billing and other precise accounting functions for these diverse organizations with a pleasant smile and great attitude.

Always an islander, Gillian was raised in Bermuda and moved to Key West 20-years

ago from the Turks & Caicos Islands. *Unlike many Keys residents she was not escaping the snow!*

Gillian owns a home on Big Pine and *like many Keys residents she enjoys weekends on the water, fishing and snorkeling.*

Gillian has her Keys fishing tales; however, in her case we are certain she has an exact accounting of each fish caught and of course the total count would always be accurate!

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