

**LAND ACQUISITION EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

**PROJECT:** Viking Communication Tower site  
**TRACT:** 19101-080  
**COUNTY:** Okeechobee  
**SIZE:** 0.63 acre  
**PURPOSE:** Land acquisition  
**SELLERS:** Jim and Loraine Johnson  
**APPRAISED VALUE:** \$12,100  
**PURCHASE PRICE:** \$ 2,500

**HIGHLIGHTS:** Requesting approval of the purchase of fee interest, containing 0.63 acre, more or less, in the amount of \$2,500.

**CONSIDERATIONS:** The District owns and operates an extensive twenty-four station microwave infrastructure system. This microwave communications infrastructure system is the backbone of the District's voice radio and Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system used for remote pump and gate operations and environmental monitoring.

One of these microwave stations is the Viking Communications Tower site, located in Okeechobee County, which provides voice data communication for the District's two-way radios and telemetry system.

An adjacent landowner has offered to sell his property, comprising 0.63 acre, more or less, to the District for \$2,500. To avoid potential litigation regarding an adverse impact from the Viking Communications Tower site, the acquisition of the 0.63 acre parcel by the District is necessary.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** The purchase price of the subject land is \$2,500. All costs are to be funded with ad valorem funds from Okeechobee Basin.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Governing Board of the South Florida Water Management District authorize the fee acquisition of land interests, containing 0.63 acre, in Okeechobee County, for which valorem funds, from Okeechobee Basin, are budgeted, in the amount of \$2,500; approves declaring surplus, disposal of, and removal from the asset records, any such structures and improvements deemed unnecessary for the stated purpose of the original land acquisition.

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<b>Owners</b>	<b>Tract No.</b>	<b>Interest</b>	<b>Acre</b>	<b>Appraised Value</b>	<b>Purchase Price</b>
Jim Johnson and Loraine Johnson, his wife	19101-080	Fee	0.63	\$12,100	\$2,500

Attachments: Resolution and map