

MANAGERS UPDATE

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MOVING FORWARD: All of us continue to have our moments as we try to wrap our arms around Tim's death, but we are just about back to normal and moving forward again. The St. Patrick's Day Party after our Board meeting will be a great way for our Board and Staff to honor Tim. Our meeting has several lengthy items, but should be over by 11:15 and we will then proceed to the Community Center for a catered lunch.

FRWA MPA ASSESSMENT STATUS: Florida Rural Water Association's Ron Nalley, Utility Asset Management Program Supervisor, has been working in the district on the Drinking Water Asset Management Plan. The goal is to finish up sometime in April or May. All the data is logged into the Diamond Map program system. A very detailed report will be presented to the district board for review and adoption soon. With the implementation prior to project completion, we will see a 0.1 % interest rate reduction on the Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) loan.

Also, this month we have begun working with Energy Efficiency Specialist Jason Golden of FRWA, He will be performing an Energy Audit of the water treatment plants, wastewater treatment plant and three sewer lift stations. This is a free program offered by FRWA.

METER HISTORY UPDATE: I went back a few years of my Manager Updates to note the increase in our water meters. In June of 2020 there were 1,547 meters in the ground. June 2021, 1595; September 2021, 1634; April 2022, 1663; August 2022, 1683; January 2023, 1696; February 2023, 1,714, with an additional 11 reservations and the apartment connections in August of 52.

OPERATIONAL UPDATE: All projects and activities are moving forward with no problems. The piers at the ECO Park are complete, and the Pickleball Courts are under construction.

FIELD PROJECTS: Attached is the updated list. Randy and Israel provide me with information so that I can keep this up to date.

EQUIPMENT AND VEHICLES INVENTORY: This is a tabled item from the last meeting. A complete report is attached for your review. The Bad Boy mowers have another two years before they are depreciated, and the two Hustler mowers we purchased last year are in use, with the Bad Boys as backup. The new Vactron

has already been ordered. The Hydrema is not used, and the Board can decide to sell it. Any questions you have can be addressed to Randy or our mechanic, Jackie.

FESTIVAL: Planning Meeting was held February 15th here in the office, and everything is on track for a most successful event. The Board is being asked to approve by Resolution a line item listed at Festival, so it can become a part of our FY '23 budget.

ECO WATER PROJECT: Meeting was held with FDEP in Ft. Myers on Feb. 6th and was very successful. FDEP is not requiring a permit for the field test, simply a letter from our Engineer and the ECO Works company. A permit will be needed after the system goes thru its water quality testing and we want to install it.

PRIORITY PLANNING LEVELS: I will have the complete report from the Planning Council, as well as our priority process materials to distribute at the meeting.

FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF SPECIAL DISTRICTS:

I have been notified that there is another Conference at the Rosen from June 13-16, so it is **IMPERATIVE** that you make your room reservation as soon as possible. I sent everyone an email with the link to The Rosen. The General membership does not have this link yet, so we need to take advantage of this. Because I am on the Conference Planning Committee, I was able to get the link. There is only a set block of rooms available so please act soon.

While you handle your room registration, and get reimbursed, Diane will take care of all our Conference registrations and fees. By no later than the Board meeting please let her know who will be joining you so that we can register them as well for meals.



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