

**MINUTES OF MEETING
SPRING LAKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT**

The Landowners meeting was held Wednesday November 8, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. at the District Office, 115 Spring Lake Boulevard, Sebring, Florida. The regular meeting immediately followed.

Present were:

Kay Gorham	Board Chair
Butch Copeland	Vice Chair
Sue Dean	Secretary
Ken Kirk	Asst. Secretary
Phil Gentry	Asst. Secretary

Also, present were:

Bill Nielander	District Attorney
Joe DeCerbo	District Manager
Israel Serrano	Deputy Manager
Clay Shrum	Director of Planning & Development
Diane Angell	District Administrator
Randy Nelson	Field Superintendent

Residents & Guests	“See Sign in Sheet”
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FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS

Call to Order and Pledge

Board Chair Kay Gorham called the meeting to order and led the Pledge.

SECOND ORDER OF BUSINESS

Adjourn Regular Meeting

The regular meeting adjourned, and the Landowners meeting was convened.

THIRD ORDER OF BUSINESS

Convene Landowners Meeting

A. District Manager appointed to conduct meeting.

Joe explained the process for determining voting units and that all taxes need to be paid on the property for the votes to be considered.

B. Determine number of voting units present and candidates.

The audience was polled, and it was determined that there were 558 voting units present. Tim Roland presented 544 proxies. Diane will verify that the taxes have been paid.

C. Collect Proxies and determine results pending proxy certification.

Tim Roland was the only candidate seeking a landowner seat on the Board and received all 558 votes.

D. Public Questions and Comments

Kay thanked Sue Dean for her time on the Board. Sue thanked the Board and said she would still be involved especially in parks and recreation planning.

E. Adjourn

ON MOTION by Butch Copeland, seconded by Phil Gentry the landowners meeting was adjourned and the regular meeting was reconvened.

FOURTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Reconvene Regular Meeting

A. Motion to accept Resolution 2024-02 canvassing and certifying the election results.

ON MOTION by Butch Copeland, seconded by Phil Gentry with all in favor Resolution 2024-02 canvassing and certifying the election results was approved.

B. Candidate is seated and takes oath of office.

Tim Roland was given the oath of office and took a seat at the table.

C. Nominations for Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Secretary of Board

ON MOTION by Phil Gentry, seconded by Butch Copeland with all in favor to nominate Kay Gorham as Spring Lake Improvement District Board Chair was accepted.

ON MOTION BY Tim Roland, seconded by Phil Gentry with all in favor to nominate Butch Copeland as Spring Lake Improvement District Board Vice Chair was accepted.

ON MOTION by Phil Gentry, seconded by Butch Copeland with all in favor to nominate Tim Roland as Spring Lake Improvement District Secretary of the Board was accepted.

FIFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Upcoming Meetings, Events and Correspondence

- A. November 10th, Veterans Day, Office Closed
- B. November 16th, RPAC 2:00 p.m., Design Catalyst (All Day)
- C. November 23rd – 24th, Thanksgiving, Office closed.
- D. December 1st, 1:30 Appreciation Lunch for Staff, hosted by The Dog Club and Pickleball Club

Correspondence was received from Linda Simmons of Couture Pet Care “Good morning, Phil, thank you for a good day yesterday. Looked like more vendors than last year and we look forward to next year. Dru Fry of Heartland Pet rescue “Thank you so much Phil, we just wanted to thank you guys for the wonderful day yesterday. Everything was so well done. We raised just under \$500 with our raffles for one of our rescue dogs’ eye surgery. We had such a great time, and one of our dogs got adopted. We would love to go to the same spot again next year. Numerous texts and emails were received complimenting SLID on the festival.

SIXTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Approval of Minutes

The Board received copies of the minutes from the October 11, 2023, meeting. There being no further questions.

ON MOTION by Phil Gentry, seconded by Butch Copeland with in favor the minutes from October 11, 2023 meeting were approved.

SEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Approval of Financials

The Board received copies of the October 2023 financials.

ON MOTION by Tim Roland, seconded by Phil Gentry with all in favor the October 2023 Financials were approved.

Phil Gentry asked when the District would receive most of their funds. Diane responded that we start getting deposits towards the end of November and receive most of the funds by June when the tax deed sales are held.

EIGHTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Treasurer’s Report

The District received \$8,129.02 in Excess Fees from the Highlands County Tax Collector.

- A. Resolution 2023-03 FY 2024 Budget Amendment

A resolution moving funds from operating reserves to the FY 2024 General Fund budget for the purchase of 2023 Ford Explorer was presented to the Board.

ON MOTION by Butch Copeland, seconded by Tim Roland
With all in favor Resolution 2023-03 FY 2024 Budget
Amendment was approved.

The District will be contracting with Southern Corrosion to perform annual inspections on all the tanks located at the District's two water plants. A line item will be created in the budget to reflect this annual cost.

ON MOTION by Butch Copeland, seconded by Tim Roland
to move \$6,200 from Renewal and Replacement to Tank
Maintenance was approved.

NINETH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Manager

Joe thanked the Supervisors for meeting him and reviewing the 2024 guide. There were no questions on all the updates that were sent out. Guardian will assist in closing out the current SRF at no cost. Joe explained how the November 16th Parks meeting was to be conducted.

TENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Attorney

Bill Nielander updated the Board on Ethics and said he would be happy to meet with anyone individually if anyone had any questions.

ELEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Supervisor Requests

Butch Copeland thanked Phil and the staff for all their hard work on the Festival.

Phil Gentry presented a picture of an entrance sign he would like to see this sign say Spring Lake a Parks and Recreation Community.

Tim Roland thanked Sue for her time on the Board and everything she has done for Spring Lake.

Kay Gorham thanked the staff for all their hard work on getting the park ready for the Festival.

Clay Shrum updated the Board on all the ongoing development projects in the District.

TWELVTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Public Comments

There being none.

THIRTEENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Wednesday December 13, 2023 @ 10:00 a.m. Joe reminded the Board to wear their District shirts for an updated Board photo.

FOURTEENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Motion to Adjourn

ON MOTION by Butch Copeland, seconded by Tim Roland with all in favor the meeting was adjourned at 10:38 a.m.

Kay Gorham, Board Chair

Tim Roland, Secretary