

**MINUTES OF MEETING
SPRING LAKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT**

The Regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Spring Lake Improvement District was held Wednesday, January 12, 2022, at the District Office, 115 Spring Lake Boulevard, Sebring, Florida.

Present were:

Tim McKenna	Chairman
Bill Lawens	Vice Chairman
Kay Gorham	Secretary
Brian Acker	Asst. Secretary
Sue Dean	Asst. Secretary

Also present were:

Bill Nielander	District Attorney
Joe DeCerbo	District Manager
Diane Angell	District Administrator
Israel Serrano	Utility Superintendent

Absent: Clay Shrum, Director of Operations and Randy Nelson, Drainage Superintendent

Residents & Guests

“See Sign in Sheet”

FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS

Call to Order

Chairman McKenna called the meeting to order and led the pledge.

SECOND ORDER OF BUSINESS

Upcoming Meetings/Events/Correspondence

- A. January 12th - Pre-Bid meeting for Fiber Optic Project @ 2:00 p.m.
- B. January 17th - Martin Luther King BD, Office Closed
- C. January 19th - LMS @ 8:00 a.m.
- D. January 27th - Fiber Optic Bid Opening @ 11:00 a.m.

The district received a note from Senator Albritton “Please let Joe at Spring Lake know that I will always be looking out for them not to worry. And thank him for his kind words about me. He is welcome to reach out to us with his thoughts and needs. They are our people and always will be.”

The District Board received a thank you card from the District Staff thanking the Board for the staff Christmas Bonus.

THIRD ORDER OF BUSINESS

Supervisor Requests

There being none.

FOURTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Corrected Minutes

The Board received copies of corrected minutes from November 10, 2021, Board meeting. There being no further questions.

ON MOTION by Brian Acker, seconded by Kay Gorham with all in favor the minutes from November 12, 2021 were approved.

FIFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Approval of Minutes

The Board received copies of the minutes from December 8, 2021, for review. There being no further questions.

ON MOTION by Brian Acker, seconded by Sue Dean with all in favor the minutes from December 8, 2021 were approved.

SIXTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Approval of Financials

The Board received copies of the December 2021 Financials for review. There being no further questions.

ON MOTION by Bill Lawens, seconded by Kay Gorham with all in favor the financials from December 2021 were approved.

SEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Treasurer Report

A. Update

Deposits totaling \$195,527 were received in November. Collections for the year are General Fund 52%, Lot Mowing Fund 68%, Village I Parks 73%.

EIGHTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Manager

A. Updates

Joe included several updates in the Board Packets and there were no questions.

B. Fiber Optic Grant Management Task Order and Engineering

The Board approved the future expenses, and a Resolution will be prepared for the February meeting.

Brian Acker asked questions about where the Fiber Optic Plan will originate from, and Joe explained more details would be available after the bids come in.

C. New Florida Statute, 20 Year Stormwater and Wastewater needs analysis

Joe can do a lot of it but will need help from Gene. The Rural Water Studies will provide a lot of answers for the report.

D. Pickleball Project

County Board formally approved the 90K at their January 18th meeting.

NINTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Attorney

A. Updates

The surplus land closing has been scheduled to close around January 24th.

B. Public Use of Levee

Bill Nielander said the Board needed to decide what it wants to do about public use of the Levee. Horses, dogs, and people on the levee create a liability and he supported no public use. Discussion followed.

ON MOTION BY Brian Acker, seconded by Bill Lawens with all in favor to direct staff to secure the levee from public access.

TENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Utility Rates and Fees

District Staff have been working with FRWA (Florida Rural Water Association) in gathering data for developing water and wastewater rates and fees. Israel Serrano explained the need for Commercial Rates, as well as fire protection and out of District rates. Bill Nielander explained that the District Charter requires the district establish classes of users. Staff will develop a packet for the February Board meeting and a Public Hearing on utility rates and fees will be held at the March meeting.

ELEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Public Comments

Karen Palino asked for a clarification about the Fiber Optic grant regarding developers coming in. Joe responded the fiber comes to property boundaries, and the connection cost is theirs.

Phil Gentry thanked the Board and staff for all they do and the time it takes to have the transparency on your website. He appreciates our openness and access.

TWELVTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Wednesday February 9, 2022 @ 10:00 a.m.

THIRTEENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Motion to Adjourn

ON MOTION by Bill Lawens, seconded by Kay Gorham with all in favor the meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Tim McKenna, Chairman

Kay Gorham, Secretary