

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
SPRING LAKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT**

The Regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Spring Lake Improvement District was held Wednesday, April 10, 2019, at the District Office, 115 Spring Lake Boulevard, Sebring, Florida.

Present were:

Gary Behrendt  
Leon Van  
Brian Acker  
Bill Lawens

Chairman  
Vice Chairman  
Asst. Secretary  
Asst. Secretary

Absent: Tim McKenna, Secretary

Also, present were:

Bill Nielander  
Joe DeCerbo  
Clay Shrum  
Diane Angell

District Attorney  
District Manager  
Director of Operations  
District Administrator

Residents & Guests

“See Sign in Sheet”

**FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Roll Call and Pledge**

Chairman Behrendt called the meeting to order and led the Pledge.

**SECOND ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Upcoming Meetings/Events/Correspondence**

- A. April 16<sup>th</sup>, HCBOCC Meeting @ 9:00 a.m.
- B. April 19<sup>th</sup>, Good Friday, Office Closed

**THIRD ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Presentation of FY '18 Audit**

Racquel McIntosh with Grau & Associates presented the FY 2018 Audit to the Board and answered questions. Staff will be reviewing and updating Personnel and Financial policies and procedures to address the findings in the audit during the upcoming budget process.

Brian Acker questioned the reason for the loss in the Water Fund and staff responded it was due to the purchase of the secondary water plant.

**FOURTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Approval of Minutes**

The Board received copies of the minutes from March 20, 2019 for review. There being no further questions.

ON MOTION by Leon Van, seconded by Bill Lawens with all in favor the minutes from the March 20, 2019 Board Meeting were approved.

**FIFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Approval of Financials**

The Board received copies of the March 2019 Financials for review. There being no further questions.

ON MOTION by Brian Acker seconded by Leon Van with all in favor the financials from March 2019 were approved.

**SIXTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Treasurer Report**

Diane asked for a motion to approve the Fiscal Year 2018 Audit.

ON MOTION by Bill Lawens, seconded by Brian Acker with all in favor to approve the Fiscal Year 2019 Audit as presented by Grau and Associates.

**SEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Attorney**

Road easement is completed and Airport Board will be reviewing it next week; no problems anticipated.

ON MOTION BY Brian Acker, seconded by Bill Lawens with all in favor to enter into an easement agreement with Sebring Airport Authority.

**EIGHTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Manager**

A. Legislative Update

Still positive feedback from Representative Pigman, should know results by late May/early June.

B. Assessment Methodology Public Hearing and invitation letters

At the December 2018 Board meeting it was determined to hold a Public Hearing in May and send letters to potential affected landowners.

Brian Acker addressed the following: The consultant's report did not classify improved non residential property less than one acre however when Mr. McDonald met with the Board, he indicated they should be classified at 2.5 ELUs. Improved residential properties are listed in the appendix at 1 ELU when one is a duplex and the other has two residences on a single lot which indicates the necessity for District staff to independently verify County assessor records utilizing other public records. Brian also questioned what constitutes an improved property questioning the use of vacant land for the storage of vehicles for a fee. Staff will contact the County to determine if the utilization of the property was appropriate. Brian also stated he was in favor of assessing churches at 1 ELU per acre and inquired as to the methodology to reduce the assessment.

C. E-Mail and Website Changes

Conversion to Streamline and Rackspace is in process.

D. Gentry Memorial

Everything in place except actual monument. Sheriff will let us know when it is ready. Goal is dedication in June.

**NINTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Utilities and Operational Update**

Clay had a meeting March 27<sup>th</sup> with engineers and identified projects that are to be considered in the scope of projects. He provided a list of the projects to the Board and answered several questions. (See attached list)

**TENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Supervisor Requests**

Brian Acker asked staff to prepare a final profit and loss statement by fund and department for fiscal year 2018.

Brian asked if we could legally require residences and businesses to utilize the sewer system if they had an existing system in place. Staff responded that research to date indicated we could not require them to utilize the sewer system.

**ELEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Public Comments**

There being none.

**TWELFTY ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 10, 2019 @ 10:00 a.m. following a Public Hearing.

**THIRTEENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Motion to Adjourn**

ON MOTION by Bill Lawens, seconded by Brian Acker  
with all in favor the meeting adjourned at 11:16 a.m.

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Gary Behrendt, Chairman

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Leon Van, Vice Chairman