

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
SPRING LAKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT**

The Regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Spring Lake Improvement District was held Wednesday, March 8, 2023, at the District Office, 115 Spring Lake Boulevard, Sebring, Florida.

Present were:

Kay Gorham  
Sue Dean  
Butch Copeland  
Ken Kirk

Vice Chair  
Secretary  
Asst. Secretary  
Asst. Secretary

Also present were:

Bill Nielander  
Gene Schriener  
Joe DeCerbo  
Diane Angell  
Clay Shrum  
Randy Nelson

District Attorney  
District Engineer  
District Manager  
District Administrator  
Director of Planning and Development  
Drainage Superintendent

Residents & Guests

“See Sign in Sheet”

**FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Call to Order**

Vice Chair Kay Gorham called the meeting to order and led the pledge.

**SECOND ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Appointment for Supervisor Vacancy**

A. Nomination and approval

Joe read a brief background on Phil and his many contributions to the Community.

<p>ON MOTION by Sue Dean, seconded by Butch Copeland with all in favor to nominate Phil Gentry to fill the remainder of Tim McKenna’s term of office.</p>
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B. Oath of Office

Phil Gentry recited the Oath of Office and took a seat at the Board table.

**THIRD ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Election of Officers**

Board Chair

ON MOTION by Butch Copeland, seconded by Ken Kirk, with all in favor Kay Gorham was elected as Board Chair.

Vice Chair

ON MOTION by Ken Kirk, seconded by Sue Dean, with all in favor Butch Copeland was elected as Vice Chair.

Secretary

ON MOTION by Butch Copeland, seconded by Ken Kirk, with all in favor Sue Dean was elected as Secretary.

**FOURTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Upcoming Meetings/Events/Correspondence**

- A. McKenna St. Patrick's Day Lunch @ Community Center, immediately following meeting.
- B. March 12<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup>, Race Week
- C. March 21<sup>st</sup>, HCBOCC @ 9:00 a.m.
- D. April 7, Good Friday, Office Closed

Doris Sherrick thanked Joe and Randy for having the drainage ditch fixed by her house.

Grace Hitt said she loved the article in the newspaper about Spring Lake. She thanked the staff for all they do and said moving to Spring Lake was the best decision she had ever made.

**FIFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Approval of Minutes**

The Board received copies of the February 8, 2023, Minutes for review. There being no further questions.

ON MOTION by Ken Kirk, seconded by Butch Copeland with all in favor the February 8, 2023, Minutes were approved.

**SIXTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Approval of Financials**

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

ON MOTION by Ken Kirk, second by Butch Copeland with all in favor the February 2023 Financials were approved.

**SEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Treasurer**

A. Resolution 2023-08 Budget Amendment (Festival Account)

ON MOTION by Ken Kirk, seconded by Butch Copeland with all in favor Resolution 2023-08 Budget Amendment for the Festival Account was approved.

B. McKenna Memorial Fund

Joe explained the reasons for establishing this fund and the effort to perpetuate Tim's legacy.

ON MOTION by Sue Dean, seconded by Butch Copeland to establish a McKenna Memorial Fund was approved.

## **EIGHTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

### **Manager**

#### **A. Working Groups**

Joe gave a history of working groups and why he is resurrecting them. Ken has agreed to work with Joe on the Vision project; Phil with current and future development; Kay with personnel; Butch with Field; and Sue with Parks.

#### **B. FASD**

Joe reminded everyone to get their room reservations and that Diane will make our Conference reservations. After polling the board there will be 12 people attending. We hope to get four registration scholarships for our four first time attendees.

#### **C. Force Main Update**

A review of all the costs from previously funded projects was reviewed to confirm why we are doing this project with our own funds. It will eliminate tens of thousands of dollars of unneeded overhead. Butch asked about the pipe being ordered, and it has not. Staff will consider this a priority item and Clay will get with KDL to get this taken care of. We want the pipe on hand so when the engineering and permitting is complete we are ready to go.

#### **D. Equipment & Vehicle Evaluation**

Butch had several questions regarding staff who take vehicles home and if they are logging their mileage and how often they must come back for emergencies. He is in favor of selling the Hydrema and the Board agreed. Staff will determine if we need a new dump truck or backhoe and prepare a briefing for the first draft of the budget.

#### **E. Professional Development Strategy**

Joe explained the history of this program and that it is being resurrected on the Utility side with the Diamond Maps program. Israel will oversee this updated job function system and more active oversight on the Field side will be needed.

Kay said she has reviewed the materials that Bill Lawens left behind, and coupled with her own professional background, felt that Joe should consider a Deputy Manager to handle all aspects of personnel and get involved in tasks usually reserved to the District Manager. Joe had no objection to the concept and said that he and Kay would meet to discuss in more detail and report back to the board in April

## F. Central Florida Regional Planning Council Report

Joe distributed the Draft report for the Board to review and the Priority Planning sheet that determines the level one, two, and three projects. Ken Kirk suggested the Board review it as a group in April, and everyone agreed

### **NINTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

#### **Attorney**

Bill Nielander informed the new Board members he would be happy to meet with them anytime to discuss any questions that they had.

### **TENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

#### **Supervisor Requests**

Butch Copeland said he would like to get business cards. Diane will be ordering cards for all Board Members.

Sue Dean said the new fishing piers at the ECO Park are a wonderful addition to the park and are already getting used. The park is a nice place to gather.

Kay Gorham thanked the staff for doing preventative maintenance on the lift stations prior to race week. She also thanked Matt for help in getting the lift station on Clubhouse Lane to safe levels while awaiting repairs.

### **ELEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

#### **Public Comments**

Arlene Klingbiel asked for clarification on why the Festival Account was being created. Joe responded that the SLPA only represents certain homeowners and SLID represents everyone. It needs to be with us.

Ben Markham asked about doing something about the trees that are blown over on vacant lots. Joe responded that the District cannot go on vacant land without permission. We have offered to cut down trees that we can handle, but the lot owner has said no.

Bob Rider asked if members of the public could get a copy of the Priority Projects questionnaire that was handed out to the Board Members. Joe said yes, now that it was discussed at the Board meeting it becomes a matter of public record.

### **TWELVTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

#### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be on Wednesday April 12, 2023 @ 10:00 a.m.

- Parks, Lot Mowing and Aquatics

ON MOTION by Butch Copeland, seconded by Ken Kirk  
with all in favor the meeting adjourned at 11:47 a.m.

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Kay Gorham, Board Chair

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Sue Dean, Secretary