

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
SPRING LAKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT**

The Regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Spring Lake Improvement District was held Wednesday, September 13, 2023, at the District Office, 115 Spring Lake Boulevard, Sebring, Florida.

Present were:

Kay Gorham  
Butch Copeland  
Sue Dean  
Ken Kirk  
Phil Gentry

Board Chair  
Vice Chair (Via Telephone)  
Secretary  
Asst. Secretary  
Asst. Secretary (Via Telephone)

Also present were:

Bill Nielander  
Joe DeCerbo  
Israel Serrano  
Diane Angell

District Attorney  
District Manager  
Deputy Manager  
District Administrator

Absent: Clay Shrum, Director of Planning and Development

Residents & Guests

“See Sign in Sheet”

**FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Call to Order**

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

**SECOND ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Upcoming Meetings/Events/Correspondence**

- A. Festival Reception, October 27<sup>th</sup>, 5-7
- B. Festival, October 28<sup>th</sup>, 10-6

**THIRD ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Approval of Minutes**

The Board received copies of the minutes from August 9, 2023, for review. There being no further questions.

<p>ON MOTION by Sue Dean, seconded by Ken Kirk with all in favor the minutes from August 19, 2023, Board meeting was approved.</p>
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**FOURTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Approval of Financials**

The Board received copies of the August 2023 Financials for review. There being no further questions.

ON MOTION by Ken Kirk, seconded by Butch Copeland with all in favor the financials from August 2023 were approved.

**FIFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Treasurer Report**

**A. Update**

Fiscal Year 2023 closes on September 30<sup>th</sup> and audit preparations will begin.

**B. Resolutions**

Various resolutions were presented to the Board for approval.

ON MOTION by Ken Kirk, seconded by Butch Copeland with all in favor, Resolution 2023-15 adopting out of District Utility rates and fees were approved.

Kay noted that the Board has discussed this issue at the last several meetings, and each Supervisor met with the Manager and reviewed the packet of information. Bill Nielander asked if all the Supervisors understand the Resolution and are there any questions directed at our Engineer, Gene Schriener. No one had any questions.

ON MOTION by Ken Kirk, seconded by Butch Copeland with all in favor, Resolution 2023-16 adopting out of District Stormwater Operation and Maintenance Fees were approved.

ON MOTION by Ken Kirk, seconded by Butch Copeland with all in favor, Resolution 2023-17 adopting Budgets for Fiscal Year 2024 was approved.

ON MOTION by Sue Dean, seconded by Ken Kirk with all in favor, Resolution 2023-18 adopting FY 2024 Utility rates and fees were approved.

ON MOTION by Butch Copeland, seconded by Ken Kirk with all in favor, Resolution 2023-19 Levying a GF Maintenance Assessment of \$289.96 per acre was approved.

ON MOTION by Ken Kirk, seconded by Butch Copeland with all in favor, Resolution 2023-20 Levying a Village I Assessment of \$91.96 per acre was approved.

ON MOTION by Sue Dean, seconded by Ken Kirk with all in favor, Resolution 2023-21 Levying a Lot Mowing Assessment of \$170.00 per lot, and \$200 per commercial acre was approved.

ON MOTION by Butch Copeland, seconded by Ken Kirk with all in favor, Resolution 2023-22 approving the Water System Asset Management and Fiscal Sustainability Plan was approved.

ON MOTION by Ken Kirk, seconded by Butch Copeland with all in favor, Resolution 2023-23 amending the FY 2023 Budget was approved.

## **SIXTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

### **Manager**

#### A. Update

County Commissioner Don Elwell was present at the meeting and Joe thanked Don and the County Board for the donation of 22 acres of County surplus land west of the ECO Park. A letter has been drafted to submit to the County.

Joe announced and thanked the SLPA for their \$2,500 contribution to the Festival. A letter of thanks will be sent.

We were unsuccessful in getting the \$75,000 planning grant for a long-range wastewater plan, but the letter strongly encouraged us to apply again during the next funding cycle.

B. Resolution 2023-24 Designation of certain “District” lands as surplus

Joe presented a Resolution declaring the old WWTP land as surplus.

ON MOTION by Butch Copeland, seconded by Sue Dean with all in favor but Ken Kirk who abstained, Resolution 2023-24 Designation of certain District lands as surplus were approved.

C. Landowners Election – Seat 3

Joe announced that Seat#3, currently being held by Sue Dean, is up for election at the November Landowners meeting.

**SEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Attorney**

Bill noted that Joe’s contract ends in October. In past years he and the Board Chair met with Joe to develop the contract and bring it back to the Board for a vote. There was no objection to using the same process.

**EIGHTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Supervisor Requests**

Phil Gentry said that he is getting better, and everyone wished him well on his recovery.

Butch Copeland thanked Randy for his help on the drainage problem on Concord and Duane Palmer Boulevard. He urged everyone who had drainage issues to contact Randy, he has some good contacts and did a very nice job.

**NINTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Public Comments**

There being none.

**TENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be on Wednesday October 11, 2023 @ 10:00 a.m.

**ELEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Motion to Adjourn**

ON MOTION by Ken Kirk, seconded by Butch Copeland  
with all in favor the meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

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Kay Gorham, Board Chair

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Sue Dean, Secretary