

**MINUTES OF MEETING
SPRING LAKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT**

The Regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Spring Lake Improvement District was held Wednesday, May 11, 2022, at the District Office, 115 Spring Lake Boulevard, Sebring, Florida.

Present were:

Tim McKenna
Brian Acker
Sue Dean

Chairman
Asst. Secretary
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Absent: Bill Lawens, Vice Chairman and Kay Gorham, Secretary

Also present were:

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

District Attorney
District Engineer
District Manager
District Administrator
Director of Operations
Utility Superintendent
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.

Joe introduced three County Staff in attendance: Melony Culpepper, Planning and Development; Jonathan Harrison, Road and Bridge Director; Henry High, Road and Bridge coordinator for Spring Lake.

SECOND ORDER OF BUSINESS

Upcoming Meetings/Events/Correspondence

- A. May 19th, RPAC @ 2:00 p.m.
- B. May 30th, Memorial Day, Office closed

THIRD ORDER OF BUSINESS

Approval of Minutes

The Board received copies of the minutes from April 13, 2022, for review. There being no further questions.

ON MOTION by Sue Dean, seconded by Brian Acker with all in favor the minutes from April 13, 2022 were approved.

FOURTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Approval of Financials

The Board received copies of the April 2022 Financials for review. Brian Acker asked that staff change the wording on the financial reports from Impact Fees to Capacity Fees.

ON MOTION by Brian Acker, seconded by Sue Dean with all in favor the financials from April 2022 were approved.

FIFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Treasurer Report

A. Update

Assessment Deposit in the amount of \$37,630 was received in May. Collections for the year are General Fund 91%, Lot Mowing 112%, and Village I Parks 92%.

The District is now being charged for water service. The April billing was for \$611.30.

B. Resolution 2022-05 Budget Amendment Wastewater Permit

Florida Rural Water Association assisted the District in the renewal of the District Wastewater Permit with FDEP. The cost of this service was a \$4,750 contribution. Funds need to be moved from Operating Reserves to the FY 2022 budget.

ON MOTION by Sue Dean, seconded by Brian Acker with all in favor Resolution 2022-05 amending the FY 22 Wastewater Operating Budget was approved.

C. FY 2021 Audit

The Board received copies of the FY 2021 Audit for review. Brian Acker had several questions that were addressed. Racquel McIntosh will be at the FASD conference and will be available to meet with Joe and Board members in attendance.

ON MOTION by Brian Acker, seconded by Sue Dean with all in favor to approve the FY 2021 Audited Financial Statements.

D. Resolution 2022-06 Budget Amendment Parks and Lot Mowing Mowers

Staff presented quotes and state contract pricing for two parks mowers and a lot mowing batwing mower.

ON MOTION by Sue Dean, seconded by Brian Acker With all in favor Resolution 2022-06 amending the FY 22 Parks and Lot Mowing budgets was approved.

SIXTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Manager

A. Updates

The Craig A. Smith sponsored Legislation that would provide funding to benefit the pump station did not get approved.

The 32 lots behind Annett have closed with developer Bruce LeDoux. He has a pre application meeting set up with the County and will be getting with our staff for utilities and drainage work.

Joe explained to the Board the relationship that Gene Schriener will have with the District after he officially leaves CAS. Gene will remain as our District Engineer on a \$1500 month retainer, and CAS will continue to oversee our SRF projects. In the future, Gene will coordinate all engineering activities and project bidding.

B. Breeze options in future

With the number of people registered for our e-mail blasts, it may be time to rethink how we publish The Breeze. The June issue must remain as is because of the annual water report that is required to be published and mailed to residents. There are options to put it on the website

and use the blasts instead of mailing. The Board will be given options during the budget process.

C. Pickleball Courts

Gene and Joe will be meeting with the NIDY Company at the FASD Conference to review plans. Gene will develop a scope of work and we should be able to COOP/Piggyback the contract. Construction may not start until the Fall.

D. Fiber Optic status

Fiber Optic continues to be installed by COMCAST and they stay in touch with our office on a regular basis. To date, all is on schedule. The County is reimbursing us for the legal ads and Guardian invoices, and once we pay engineering, we will get that reimbursement. When all funds have been sent to us, we will be signing a form releasing the County from its ARPA obligation to us.

SEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Attorney

Nothing to report.

EIGHTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Supervisor Requests

Brian Acker asked regarding Land Development regulations how the control of debris is enforced? Melony Culpepper with Highlands County said that complaints should be directed to County Code Enforcement. Joe added that he had sent the information to the SLPA for their code enforcement people.

Brian Acker asked about what the cost will be for the 20-year stormwater and wastewater report that must go to the State. Joe completed 75% of the report and Gene is finishing it up at a cost of \$3,000 or less.

Brian Acker asked about the weed control at the STA. Joe responded to the individual that wrote negative comments on Next Door, and also did an explanation for the SLPA newsletter. Brian suggested an article in The Breeze, and Joe agreed.

Tim McKenna thanked the Palino's for the debris that they pick up most every day in their golf cart. Joe also acknowledged the debris pick up that Phil Gentry does in Village One.

NINTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Public Comments

Karen Palino said she wanted the Board to know how much she appreciates AI for all his help in cleaning up Spring Lake.

Phil Gentry said he heard that the budget for the Fire Department will most likely be signed in June.

TENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Wednesday June 8, 2022 @ 10:00 a.m.

- First draft of the FY 2023 Budget

ELEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Motion to Adjourn

ON MOTION by Brian Acker seconded by Sue Dean
with all in favor the meeting adjourned at 10:22 a.m.

Tim McKenna, Chairman

Kay Gorham, Secretary