

**MINUTES OF MEETING
SPRING LAKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT**

The Regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Spring Lake Improvement District was held Wednesday, December 8, 2021, at the District Office, 115 Spring Lake Boulevard, Sebring, Florida.

Present were:

Tim McKenna
Bill Lawens
Kay Gorham
Brian Acker

Chairman
Vice Chairman
Secretary
Asst. Secretary

Absent: Sue Dean, Asst. Secretary

Also present were:

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

District Attorney
District Manager
Director of Operations
District Administrator
Drainage Superintendent
Utility 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. December 24th, Christmas Eve, Office Closed
- B. December 31st, New Year's Eve, Office Closed

Sam Heede "Here is a small gift in appreciation from me to each of you for all you do to keep our little free library program alive."

Tim McKenna "I would like to thank Karen and Bob Palino for their annual assistance in putting up the entrance lights, and for the display in front of the Community Center. It is very much

appreciated and looks great.” Karen Palino said thank you to SLID and especially staff member Parker for all his help.

Phil Gentry “Congratulations, great front-page article on the Spring Lake 50th Event and celebration of Spring Lake Improvement District. Another awesome event. I don’t have all the Board Members email so please let them know that we appreciate the many successes.”

Text from Debbie Delaney “Congratulations to SLID on the recognition and coverage of the 50th Celebration on the Highlands front page.”

Text from Gary Graves “Heidi and I extend our gratitude to the SLID staff and board from all the past, present, and future accomplishments here in Spring Lake. I am sure we speak for the majority of our community. Today’s newspaper article sums it up well. Thank you.”

Fred Hayes “I just wanted to say thanks for getting the “No Soliciting” signs taken care of. I appreciate your help and concern.”

Tim McKenna “I would like to thank H2 and H3 of the Signature Group for their support of the 50th Anniversary Reception. They provided a lot more food and drink than we budgeted for, and they donated the remaining amount. Thank you also to Kay Gorham and Marge Bates, who oversaw the event. It is good to see progress at the Golf Resort and we appreciate their support.”

THIRD ORDER OF BUSINESS

Supervisor Requests

Kay Gorham thanked all the vendors for the support of the 50th event. Gene Schriener was at the District all day and helped at the event.

Brian Acker asked the Board to give staff a \$300 Christmas Bonus again this year.

ON MOTION by Brian Acker, seconded by Bill Lawens with all in favor to give staff members a \$300 Christmas Bonus utilizing General Fund Personnel reserves was approved.

FOURTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Public Comments

There being none.

FIFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Approval of Minutes

The Board received copies of the minutes from November 10, 2021, for review. Brian Acker asked that the questions regarding the ARPA Fiber Optic grant be made a part of the minutes and a statement saying that the Fiber Optic provided will most likely only serve around 1,000 customers in the District.

The minutes were tabled for corrections and will be presented to the Board for approval at the January meeting.

SIXTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Approval of Financials

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

ON MOTION by Brian Acker, seconded by Bill Lawens with all in favor the financials from November 2021 were approved.

SEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Treasurer Report

A. Update

Deposits totaling \$537,240 were received in November. Collections for the year are General Fund 50%, Lot Mowing Fund 40%, Village I Parks 66%.

Diane requested a motion from the Board to move budgeted funds in the FY 2022 budget to balance Commercial Insurance, Recording Fees, and Line of Credit Interest expense accounts.

ON MOTION by Brian Acker, seconded by Bill Lawens with all in favor to move FY 2022 budgeted expenses to various expense accounts was approved.

Diane presented Resolution 2021-18 to the Board. This resolution amends the FY 2022 budget and closes out the District's 50th Anniversary FL Class account.

ON MOTION by Bill Lawens, seconded by Brian Acker with all in favor Resolution 2021-18 was approved as presented.

EIGHTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Manager

A. Resolution 2021-17, Hours of Work

**ON MOTION by Brian Acker, seconded by Kay Gorham
With all in favor Resolution 2021-17 Hours of Work was
approved.**

B. 2022 Supervisor Guides

Joe distributed the updated guides.

C. County Updates

1. Fire/EMS Legislative Appropriation

The project is moving thru the Legislative Process, the County is overseeing the lobbying. Joe explained the project for the benefit of the residents in attendance.

2. SRF Stormwater project \$1.75 Million

The County is preparing the Preliminary Engineering Report. Total project costs will be close to \$20 million, about \$2 million for Spring Lake.

3. ARPA Fiber Optic Sub Recipient Agreement

Still being developed, should have all documents for our January 12th meeting.

4. RPAC Pickleball Grant

Joe updated the Board on the project and explained the funding.

**ON MOTION by Brian Acker, seconded by Bill Lawens
With all in favor to accept RPAC Pickleball Grant after
Confirming match from Dr. Thacker.**

D. Other Update Questions

Tim McKenna asked if Joe could dispel the rumor mill running on the Next-Door site.

Postings on Next-Door were not based on facts regarding the apartments or independent living campus, and Joe wrote a post clarifying the rumors.

NINTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Attorney

The fieldwork on the surplus land has been completed. Once the report is completed, we can finish the closing fairly quickly.

TENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Utility Rates and Fees Preliminary Briefing

Clay reported that we have an offer from Florida Rural Water Association (FRWA) to work with us in developing a water and wastewater utility rate study. We will be working on our existing rate structure and looking at Commercial Rates, New Construction, and Fire Protection for larger facilities as well as outside District Rates. Staff will be meeting with FRWA to work on some preliminary figures and will bring findings back to the Board. Joe DeCerbo said the Board should look at having a public hearing after the first of the year.

ELEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Public Comments

Sandy Tyrell discussed her current difficulty in using the levee to ride her horses, and the lack of cooperation by her neighbors. After questions and comments, the Board agreed to place Public use of the Levee on the January agenda.

Joe answered questions regarding the Apartment Complex and Internet access.

TWELVTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Wednesday January 12, 2022 @ 10:00 a.m.

THIRTEENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Motion to Adjourn

**ON MOTION by Kay Gorham, seconded by Bill Lawens
with all in favor the meeting adjourned at 11:18 a.m.**

Tim McKenna, Chairman

Kay Gorham, Secretary