

**MINUTES OF MEETING
SPRING LAKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT**

The Regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Spring Lake Improvement District was held Wednesday, October 12, 2022, at the District Office, 115 Spring Lake Boulevard, Sebring, Florida.

Present were:

Tim McKenna
Bill Lawens
Kay Gorham
Sue Dean

Chairman
Vice Chairman
Secretary
Asst. Secretary

Absent: Brian Acker, Asst. Secretary

Also present were:

Joe DeCerbo
Diane Angell
Clay Shrum
Israel Serrano

District Manager
District Administrator
Director of Planning and Development
Utilities Superintendent

Absent: Bill Nielander, District Attorney

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. October 19th, LMS @ 8:00 a.m. Agri Center
- B. October 29th, Festival 10-4
- C. November 8th, Election Day
- D. November 9th, Landowner’s Meeting

THIRD ORDER OF BUSINESS

Approval of Minutes

The Board received copies of the minutes from September 14, 2022, for review. There being no further questions.

ON MOTION by Kay Gorham, seconded by Sue Dean with all in favor the minutes from September 14, 2022, Board meeting was approved.

FOURTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Approval of Financials

The Board received copies of the September 2022 Financials for review. There being no further questions.

ON MOTION by Bill Lawens, seconded by Sue Dean with all in favor the financials from September 2022 were approved.

FIFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Treasurer Report

A. Update

Fiscal year 2022 Audit preparations have begun. There were no questions for Diane, so she left the meeting to meet with Julie Fowler about the upcoming Audit.

SIXTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Manager

- A. Joe presented a drone video of what Spring Lake looked like after IAN
- B. There were no questions to Joe on the updates that were included in the Board Packets
- C. The Village X owners have sent in a payment of \$75,000 and the balance is now \$150,000
- D. Joe requested a motion to continue our participating in the LMS Committee, with Clay as our representative, and Joe the alternate.

ON MOTION by Bill Lawens, seconded by Kay Gorham with all in favor to participate in the LMS Committee was approved.

E. The Board agreed that the Draft Resolution regarding utilities and the FRWA recommendations be discussed at a public hearing on November 9th. Joe informed the Board that Brian Acker was in favor of the public hearing.

F. Joe explained the opportunity the District has to participate in an innovative wastewater treatment process. Gene and Joe have been meeting with ECO Works since April, and after a site visit and meeting at the District on October 6th the company is choosing Spring Lake for its field testing. There is no cost for the equipment and process, but several staff will be asked to assist at certain times. After a 6-month field test it will be up to the DEP to permit the new technology. If it is not permitted, we remain with the same system we have. If it is permitted, we can purchase units and save several millions of dollars. The new technology allows for the effluent to be released into a water body (in our case a canal) as a result of the purity of the water. The equipment can be installed the second quarter of 2023. Chairman McKenna asked Clay and Israel for their opinions on the field testing and they both supported the project. There was no other discussion.

Joe requested a motion from the Board to approve the field testing and direct Joe and Gene to develop a Letter of Intent with ECO Works to present to the Board at its November meeting.

ON MOTION by Kay Gorham seconded by Bill Lawens with all in favor to approve field testing with Eco Works was approved.

SEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Succession Planning

Bill Lawens reported that a staff luncheon meeting has been set for November 1st to review the succession plan. He stated that he would like to continue finalizing this plan after he leaves office next month with the Board member who will be overseeing the plan as it moves forward. Chairman McKenna thanked Bill for his work on the project.

EIGHTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Attorney

Bill Nielander was not present, no report.

NINTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Supervisor Requests

Bill Lawens asked about mosquito spraying at the STA. Joe said that Randy was meeting with our supplier to determine if it would be allowed.

Chairman McKenna noted the heart operation mechanic Jackie Deese had, and other staff stepping forward to share their sick days with Jackie so he would not lose any money. Joe stated that Jackie has a disability plan that will commence soon, and before he returns to work his doctor will sign off on his job functions. This is needed to protect both Jackie and the District.

TENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Public Comments

Sandy Tyrell mentioned the need for a fence from the current gate west to the pump station. Kay Gorham is going to work with Randy and have the golf course install the fence.

ELEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Wednesday November 9, 2022 @ 10:00 a.m.

- A. Public Hearing on Utility Rates and Fees Resolution
- B. Landowners Meeting
- C. Board Meeting

TWELFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Motion to Adjourn

ON MOTION by Bill Lawens, seconded by Sue Dean
with all in favor the meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Tim McKenna, Chairman

Kay Gorham, Secretary