

St. Lucie West Services District
Workshop Meeting Minutes
May 3, 2021, at 9:00 a.m.
VIA TELEPHONIC COMMUNICATIONS
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(Please note: This is not verbatim. A CD recording of the Workshop Meeting is available on file.)

Board Members Present

Vincent D'Amico, Chairman – in-person
Gregg Ney – Vice Chairman – in-person
Dominick Graci, Supervisor – in-person
Viorel Mocuta, Supervisor – in-person

Staff Present

Dennis Pickle, District Manager, St. Lucie West Services District (“SLWSD”) – in-person
Bill Hayden, Public Works Director/Assistant District Manager, SLWSD – via phone
Maddie Maldonado, Director of Office Administration, SLWSD – in-person
Josh Miller, Utilities Director/Assistant District Manager, SLWSD – in-person
Jason Pierman, Secretary/Treasurer, Special District Services, Inc. (“SDS”) – in-person

Guests Present (Sign-In Sheet Attached)

A. Call to Order

Chairman D'Amico called the Workshop Meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Roll Call

It was noted that all Supervisors were in attendance except for John Doughney.

D. Approval of Minutes

- 1. April 5, 2021, Workshop**
- 2. April 6, 2021, Regular Board Meeting**

There were no revisions to either set of minutes.

E. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

**F. District Attorney
DA 1 – Status Report/Updates**

Mr. Pickle was not aware of any updates from Mr. Harrell.

**G. District Engineer
DE 1 – Status Report/Updates**

Mr. Pickle was not aware of any updates from Mr. Lawson.

**H. District Manager
Action Items**

DM 1 – Consider MBS Capital Markets, LLC Agreement for Underwriting Services

Mr. Pickle presented the agreement for bond financing, noting that it was similar to the previous agreements with new rates. He indicated that the District was trying to tie this into the water management bond and financing under 5 years in order to avoid another validation process. Mr. Pickle also noted that this was for 2 projects: the first in the amount of \$1.2 Million for the post office ditch; and 780,000 for the Country Club Estates basins, which includes the school property.

There was a brief discussion regarding this item.

DM 2 – 2020 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

Mr. Pickle presented the report, indicating that it was a standard report and nothing can be changed. He further noted that a copy of the report would be included in the next mailing of bills.

Mr. Miller advised that the report included a testing for cyanide, which came up in a very small amount, which may alarm residents.

There was no discussion regarding this item.

DM 3 – Status Report/Updates

Mr. Pickle suggested extending the FFCRA (Families First Coronavirus Response Act) at least another month by keeping the office closed to visitors. He noted there had been no complaints from residents concerning this item.

Mr. Pickle also advised that staff had brought the harvester out to the parking lot and the new harvester is a barge rather than a pontoon style.

That concluded Mr. Pickle's updates.

DM 4 – Fiscal Year Ending 2022 Budget Workshop

Mr. Pickle highlighted the projects completed in 2021. He also indicated that they would have to shop health insurance plans this year in order to stay within the 7% budgeted increase target. Mr. Pickle also went over assessments, indicating they have no intention of increasing them. He also noted that the District was making arrangements for his retirement and would need to overlap training for approximately 3 months.

A brief discussion took place after which the Board was advised that the budget would be brought back for consideration at the June meeting.

I. Consent Agenda

CA 1 – Monthly Report on Public Works Department

CA 2 – Monthly Report on Utilities Operations

CA 3 – Monthly Report on Capital Improvement Projects

CA 4 – Monthly Report on Billing and Customer Service

CA 5 – Financial Statements for March, 2021

CA 6 – Consider Approval to Transfer Funds for the R&R Account Requisitions for Fiscal Year 2022

There was no discussion regarding the Consent Agenda items.

J. Supervisor Requests

Vice Chairman Ney indicated it would be an interesting year and that he would be sorry to see Mr. Pickle retire.

Supervisor Graci agreed with Vice Chairman Ney's comments.

Chairman D'Amico noted that Mr. Pickle has done an outstanding job for the District.


There were no further Supervisor Requests.

K. Adjournment

There being no further items to be addressed, the Workshop Meeting was adjourned at 10:09 a.m. There were no objections.

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Chairman/Vice Chairman


Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Date Approved 6/8/21