

**St. Lucie West Services District**  
**Regular Board Meeting Minutes**  
July 13, 2021, at 9:00 a.m.  
**VIA TELEPHONIC COMMUNICATIONS**  
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**(Please note: This is not verbatim. A CD recording of the Regular Board Meeting is available on file.)**

**Board Members Present**

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

**Staff Present**

Bill Hayden, Public Works Director/Assistant District Manager, St. Lucie West Services District ("SLWSD") – in-person  
Maddie Maldonado, Director of Office Administration, SLWSD – in-person  
Josh Miller, Utilities Director/Assistant District Manager, SLWSD – in-person  
Gerard Rouse, Assistant Public Works Director, SLWSD – in-person  
Thomas Bayer, Assistant Utilities Director, SLWSD – in-person  
WD Cannon, Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator, Class B, SLWSD – in-person  
Bob Lawson, District Engineer, ARCADIS-US, Inc. – in-person  
Fairborz Zanganeh, District Engineer, ARCADIS-US, Inc. – in-person  
Jason Pierman, Secretary/Treasurer, Special District Services, Inc. ("SDS") – via phone  
Laura Archer, Recording Secretary, SDS – in-person

**Guests Present (Sign-In Sheet Attached)**

**A. Call to Order**

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

**B. Pledge of Allegiance**

**C. Roll Call**

It was noted that all 5 Supervisors were in attendance.

**D. Approval of Minutes**

- 1. June 7, 2021, Workshop**
- 2. June 8, 2021, Regular Board Meeting**

The minutes of the June 7, 2021, Workshop and the June 8, 2021, Regular Board Meeting were presented for consideration.

A **MOTION** was made by Secretary Doughney, seconded by Supervisor Graci and unanimously passed approving the minutes of the June 7, 2021, Workshop, as amended, and the June 8, 2021, Regular Board Meeting, as amended.

**E. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

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

There were no further updates from Mr. Harrell.

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

There were no specific updates at this time.

**H. District Manager  
Action Items**

**DM 1 – Consider Acceptance of Annual Engineering Certification of the Utility Systems**

Mr. Miller presented the item, indicating that staff was recommending acceptance.

A **MOTION** was made by Secretary Doughney, seconded by Supervisor Mocuta and passed unanimously accepting the Annual Engineering Certification of the Utility Systems, as presented.

**DM 2 – District Manager and Staff Goals and Objectives for Fiscal Year 2022**

Mr. Hayden presented the item. Chairman D'Amico noted that it was about the same as last year's.

A **MOTION** was made by Secretary Doughney, seconded by Supervisor Graci and passed unanimously accepting the District Manager and Staff Goals and Objectives for Fiscal Year 2022, as presented.

At this point, District Manager Dennis Pickle joined the meeting by conference call.

### **DM 3 – Consider District Manager Contract**

Mr. Hayden presented the item and recommended approval.

Secretary Doughney clarified that it was a part-time management position and that he would be onsite 20 hours per week. He also noted that he would make himself available by phone and computer, when not in the office.

Discussion then ensued regarding the timing of Secretary Doughney's resignation from the Board and when the contract would take effect. It was noted that there would be a vacancy in Seat #5 for the October meeting. Vice Chairman Ney suggested soliciting for Board applicants in September and appointing someone to Seat #5 at the October meeting.

A **MOTION** was made by Supervisor Graci, seconded by Vice Chairman Ney approving the District Manager contract with John Doughney, III, as presented. Upon being put to a vote, the **MOTION** carried 4 to 0 with Secretary Doughney abstaining.

Mr. Pickle then pointed out that in addition to the District Manager's contract was a Third Amendment to Employment Agreement regarding himself. Mr. Pickle noted that this amendment was due to the new contract with Mr. Doughney and briefly went over the terms. Mr. Pickle requested that the Board vote on this amendment separately.

A **MOTION** was made by Vice Chairman Ney, seconded by Supervisor Graci and passed unanimously approving the Third Amendment to Employment Contract for Dennis Pickle, as presented.

### **DM 4 – Wastewater Treatment Plant Chief Operator Position**

Mr. Miller presented the item, indicating that it was discussed the day before. Mr. Cannon was asked how he will move forward in the position. Mr. Cannon responded that the plant is very well run and professional and maybe they should look into having solar energy replace electric in the future.

A **MOTION** was then made by Vice Chairman Ney, seconded by Supervisor Mocuta and passed unanimously approving the District Manager's nomination of WD Cannon for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Chief Operator position at an hourly rate of \$27.82, effective July 13, 2021.

The Board Members congratulated Mr. Cannon on his promotion.

### **DM 5 – Consider Special District Services, Inc. Agreement for Methodology Preparation**

Mr. Hayden presented the item, recommending approval.

Secretary Doughney noted that only certain people will be assessed for these projects.

Mr. Lawson explained the post office project and noted that the District would only assess those who directly benefit from the projects.

Vice Chairman Ney asked the definition of "benefit". Mr. Lawson indicated that was a better question for the attorney.

A **MOTION** was then made by Supervisor Graci, seconded by Secretary Doughney and passed unanimously approving the Special District Services, Inc. Agreement for Methodology, as presented.

**DM 6 (A) – Authorization to Approve Blue Cross and Blue Shield Health Insurance Provider**

Mr. Hayden presented the item, indicating that it was a minor increase.

A **MOTION** was made by Secretary Doughney, seconded by Supervisor Graci and passed unanimously approving the negotiated renewal of Health Insurance Plan 5467 and the negotiated renewal of Health Insurance Plan 5462 Step-Up from Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Florida, as presented.

**I. Consent Agenda**

Mr. Pickle presented Consent Agenda items CA 1 through CA 6 and recommended approval.

**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 May, 2021**

**CA 6 – Consider Approval to Transfer Funds for the R&R Account Requisitions for Fiscal Year 2021**

A **MOTION** was made by Secretary Doughney, seconded by Supervisor Mocuta and passed unanimously approving Consent Agenda items CA 1 through CA 6, as presented.

**J. Supervisor Requests**

Supervisor Mocuta had no requests.

Vice Chairman Ney wished Mr. Pickle a complete and rapid recovery.

Mr. Pickle gave a quick update on his situation.

Supervisor Graci told Mr. Pickle to take his time and noted that they were in good hands with Josh and the rest of the team.

Secretary Doughney thanked the other Board Members for their support and noted he was looking forward to taking the position. He also wished Mr. Pickle well.

That concluded the Supervisor Requests.

**K. Adjournment**

There being no further items to be addressed, the Regular Board Meeting was adjourned at 9:27 a.m. There were no objections.

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Chairman/Vice Chairman

  
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Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Date Approved 08/03/21