

St. Lucie West Services District
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
January 11, 2022, 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

Dennis Pickle, District Manager, St. Lucie West Services District ("SLWSD") – in-person
Bill Hayden, Chief Assistant District Manager, 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
Dan Harrell, District Counsel, Gonano & Harrell – in-person
Fairborz Zanganeh, District Engineer, Infrastructure Solution Services. – 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. December 6, 2021, Workshop**
- 2. December 7, 2021, Regular Board Meeting**

The minutes of the December 6, 2021, Workshop and the December 7, 2021, Regular Board Meeting were presented for consideration.

A **MOTION** was made by Supervisor Graci, seconded by Secretary Doughney and unanimously passed, approving the minutes of the December 6, 2021, Workshop, as presented, and the December 7, 2021, Regular Board Meeting, as presented.

E. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

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

Mr. Harrell had no updates at this time.

**G. District Engineer
DE 1 – Consider Work Authorization No. 4C-23-2110-SU between
the District and University Boulevard Business Center PSL, LLC**

Mr. Zanganeh presented the item, indicating that it had been discussed at yesterday's Workshop. He recommended approval.

A **MOTION** was made by Supervisor Graci, seconded by Secretary Doughney and passed unanimously approving Work Authorization No. 4C-23-2110-SU between the District and University Boulevard Business Center PSL, LLC, with the following special conditions:

- 1.) All water, sewer and reuse improvements past the points of service on the plans shall be the responsibility of the applicant or subsequent owner; and
- 2.) All on-site drainage facilities, including the proposed control structure, shall remain in private ownership and must be the maintenance responsibility of the applicant or subsequent owner.

**H. District Manager
Action Items**

DM 1 – Consider Resolution No. 2022-01 – Naming of the St. Lucie West Services District Administration Building the Dennis M. Pickle Administration Building

Resolution No. 2022-01 was presented, entitled:

RESOLUTION 2022-01

RESOLUTION OF THE NAMING OF ST. LUCIE WEST SERVICES

**DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION BUILDING TO THE
DENNIS M. PICKLE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING**

A **MOTION** was made by Secretary Doughney, seconded by Supervisor Graci and passed unanimously adopting Resolution No. 2022-01, as presented.

Chairman D'Amico then presented Mr. Pickle with a plaque commemorating the occasion. Mr. Hayden presented Mr. Pickle with a fishing rod and reel. Mr. Pickle thanked the Board Members and staff. All those present congratulated Mr. Pickle.

DM 2 – Other Items/Updates

Mr. Pickle then advised that Covid had been taking a toll on the employees of the District. He indicated that they were still adhering to the FFCRA (Families First Coronavirus Response Act) even though it was no longer in place. Mr. Pickle noted that some employees had tested positive several times and had exhausted their FFCRA time. Four employees were currently out of the office and 7 were out the previous day, according to Ms. Maldonado.

A brief discussion ensued regarding vaccines, boosters and the different variants.

Mr. Pickle then reported that he had received the previous day a letter from the Cascades' President, asserting that the District was not maintaining filters and there were several irrigation water breaks that needed repair. Mr. Pickle and Mr. Harrell advised that the District was not responsible for maintaining the filters of the irrigation lines.

I. Consent Agenda

Consent Agenda items CA 1 through CA 7 were presented for consideration.

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 November, 2021

CA 6 – Consider Approval to Transfer Funds for the R&R Account, WCF Account and WMB Account Requisitions

CA 7 – Surplus Items

A **MOTION** was made by Secretary Doughney, seconded by Supervisor Graci approving Consent Agenda items CA 1 through CA 7, as presented.

J. Supervisor Requests

Supervisor Graci thanked Mr. Pickle for his dedicated service, leadership and the level of service within the communities.

Secretary Doughney congratulated Mr. Pickle on his forthcoming retirement.

Chairman D'Amico noted that he hates to see Mr. Pickle go, but he is glad that Mr. Pickle can go enjoy his retirement and wished him well.

Vice Chairman Ney reminisced about the first time he spoke with Mr. Pickle, noting that he worked his way through the trenches. He also noted that his only disappointment in Mr. Pickle is that he is now leaving the District.

Mr. Pickle thanked the Board Members for their kind words.

Mr. Pickle also brought up the fact that he has received 6 offers for various parcels in the District, which only come to approximately \$12,000 per acre. He did not feel that they were realistic offers, so he did not bring any of them to the Board for review. He went on to state that if the Board so desires, he can formally bring them to the Board.

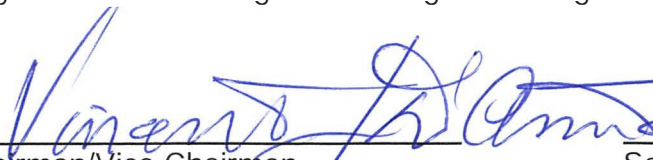
The Board Members agreed that the offers were not even close to fair market value and thanked Mr. Pickle for his due diligence.


That concluded Supervisor Requests.

M. Adjournment

There being no further items to be addressed, the Regular Board Meeting was adjourned at 9:25 a.m. There were no objections.

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Chairman/Vice Chairman


Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Date Approved 02/08/22