

St. Lucie West Services District
Public Hearing & Regular Board Meeting Minutes
August 2, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.
VIA TELEPHONIC COMMUNICATIONS
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(Please note: This is not verbatim. A CD recording of the Public Hearing & 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, District Manager, St. Lucie West Services District ("SLWSD") – in-person
Maddie Maldonado, Director of Office Administration, SLWSD – in-person
Gerard Rouse, Assistant Public Works Director, SLWSD – in-person
Thomas Bayer, Assistant Utilities Director, SLWSD – in-person
Dan Harrell, District Counsel, Gonano & Harrell – in-person
Fairborz Zanganeh, District Engineer, Infrastructure Solution Services ("ISS"). – In-person
Laura Archer, Recording Secretary, Special District Services, Inc. ("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. July 11, 2022, Workshop**
- 2. July 12, 2022, Public Hearings & Regular Board Meeting**

The minutes of the July 11, 2022, Workshop and the July 12, 2022, Public Hearings & 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 July 11, 2022, Workshop and the July 12 2022, Public Hearings & Regular Board Meeting, as presented.

The Regular Board Meeting was recessed and Public Hearing 1 was opened.

E. PUBLIC HEARING 1

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

It was noted that all 5 Supervisors were present.

3. Receive Public Comment on Amending the St. Lucie West Services District Employee Pay Grade Schedule

There was no public comment on Amending the St. Lucie West Services District Employee Pay Grade Schedule.

- **PH 1 – Consider Resolution No. 2022-04 – Amending the St. Lucie West Services District Employee Pay Grade Schedule**

Resolution No. 2022-04 was presented, entitled:

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-04

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE ST. LUCIE WEST SERVICES DISTRICT AMENDING THE EMPLOYEE PAY GRADE SCHEDULE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

A **MOTION** was then made by Secretary Doughney, seconded by Supervisor Graci and passed unanimously adopting Resolution No. 2022-04, as presented.

Public Hearing 1 was closed and the Regular Board Meeting was reconvened.

F. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

G. District Attorney

DA 1 – Status Report/Updates

Mr. Harrell had no updates at this time.

H. District Engineer

DE 1 - Status Report/Updates

Mr. Zanganeh indicated that the application for a dewatering permit had been submitted to South Florida Water Management District several weeks ago and we were awaiting a response, as it was under review.

Discussion ensued regarding federal money being available and the possibility of obtaining a grant to cover some of the costs associated with the post office project. Mr. Zanganeh indicated there was someone at ISS who could look for some money for this project.

Supervisor Graci suggested soliciting for bids to be ready once the permit has been approved. There was a consensus of the Board to advertise for this project.

That concluded Mr. Zanganeh's updates.

I. District Manager Action Items

DM 1 – Consider District's Holiday Schedule for the 2023 Calendar Year

Mr. Hayden presented the item and recommended approval.

Discussion ensued regarding the newly designated federal holidays and maybe trading one of the floating holidays for a federal holiday.

After further consideration, the Board decided to table this item until further research could be done.

DM 2 – Consider Cigna Insurance Provider

Mr. Hayden presented the item, indicating that staff had thoroughly reviewed the proposals received for health insurance coverage and were recommending approval of the Cigna proposal.

A brief discussion ensued regarding the contract period of the coverage not being in line with the District's fiscal year. This is something that staff will ask about in the future.

A **MOTION** was then made by Vice Chairman Ney, seconded by Supervisor Graci and passed unanimously approving signing with Cigna Insurance and adopting the Open Access Base Plan and the Open Access Plus Buy Up Plan for Fiscal Year 2023, as presented.

J. Consent Agenda

Consent Agenda items CA 1 through CA 6 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 June, 2022

CA 6 – Consider Approval to Transfer Funds for the R&R Account, WCF Account, WWCF 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.

K. Supervisor Requests

Vice Chairman Ney brought up PFAS chemicals and the fact that they do not breakdown. He asked if it was a District concern.

Mr. Hayden indicated he would have to look into it.

Vice Chairman Ney than asked if sewage was sampled for COVID to which Mr. Hayden replied that he did not believe so, but he would check with Mr. Miller. Mr. Thomas interjected, indicating that they did not sample sewage for COVID.

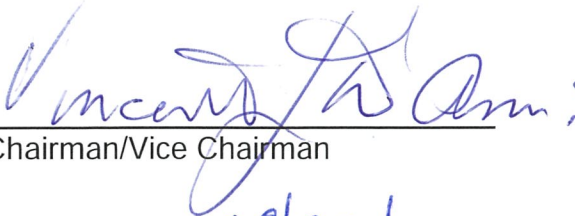
Secretary Doughney asked about publishing the Fiscal Year 2023 Meeting Schedule. He was advised that it would be brought to the Board for consideration at the next meeting.

That concluded Supervisor Requests.

L. Adjournment

There being no further items to be addressed, the Regular Board Meeting was adjourned at 9:14 a.m. There were no objections.

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Chairman/Vice Chairman


Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Date Approved 08/30/22