

St. Lucie West Services District
Workshop Meeting Minutes
October 3, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.

(Please note: These minutes are 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 – via phone
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
Josh Miller, Utilities Director/Assistant District Manager, SLWSD – in-person
Lisa-Marie Beans, Human Resources Specialist, SLWSD – in-person
Gerard Rouse, Assistant Public Works Director, SLWSD – in-person
Dan Harrell, District Counsel, Gonano & Harrell – in-person
Jason Pierman, Secretary/Treasurer, Special District Services, Inc. (“SDS”) – in-person
Laura Archer, Recording Secretary, SDS – via phone

Guests Present (Sign-In Sheet Attached)

A. Call to Order

The Workshop Meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Roll Call

It was noted that all Supervisors were present, whether in-person or via phone.

D. Approval of Minutes

- 1. August 29, 2022, Workshop**
- 2. August 30, 2022, Public Hearings & 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. Harrell handed out information regarding the City's discussion regarding the Community Development District Stormwater Fee Rebate 2022 Update. Mr. Harrell explained how the stormwater fees work and how the money is distributed. Mr. Harrell indicated that the City was concerned the districts do not spend the money on stormwater matters, but his experience is that districts spend more than what is given for stormwater. He suggested possibly engaging a consultant to determine how much money is actually spent on stormwater because the City is thinking of reducing the percentage returned to the District from 75% to 25%.

Discussion ensued regarding joining other districts in engaging a consultant because of the similar interests and cost savings.

There was a Board consensus to join other districts to engage a consultant.

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

Mr. Hayden was not aware of any updates from Mr. Zanganeh.

**H. District Manager
Action Items**

DM 1 – Consider Agreement with Odyssey Manufacturing Company

Mr. Miller presented the item, indicating that Odyssey Manufacturing Company provides sodium hypochlorite for the Water & Wastewater plants, which is vital in order to keep the treatment plants in compliance with State guidelines. He noted that Odyssey had been providing these services since 2010 and have offered to the District to piggy-back the City of Lake Wales, Bid No. 21-488. The contract would be for a period of twelve (12) months with twelve (12) month renewals thereafter. The cost to deliver the liquid sodium hypochlorite is \$1.08 per gallon. Mr. Miller indicated that the current price was \$0.762 per gallon, but would be increased by \$0.318 per gallon.

A question arose as to how much sodium hypochlorite the District uses over the period of one year to which Mr. Miller indicated approximately 50,000 gallons per year.

There was no further discussion regarding this item.

DM 2 – Other Items

Tiffany Jackson of the St. Lucie West Commercial Association then introduced herself and made a presentation to the Board regarding the request for the District to take over right-of-ways along NW Bethany Drive.

Ms. Jackson went over the history of the road and advised of the City's requirements to take it over. She also presented cost estimates from 2018.

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the legalities and how to accomplish this turnover. Mr. Hayden indicated he would coordinate a meeting of all those entities who would be involved in this undertaking and would report back to the Board at a future 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 August, 2022

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

Mr. Hayden reported that the community had recently received between 4 and 5 inches of rainfall, which was kept off the roads.

There was no further discussion regarding Consent Agenda items CA 1 through CA 6.

J. Supervisor Requests

Vice Chairman Ney and Supervisor Graci noted that the District had done a great job with the recent heavy rains.

That concluded Supervisor Requests.

K. Adjournment

There being no further items to be addressed, the Workshop Meeting was adjourned at 10:12 a.m. There were no objections.

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Chairman/Vice Chairman

Date Approved 11/08/22


Secretary/Assistant Secretary