

St. Lucie West Services District
Special Board Meeting Minutes
April 14, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.

(Please note: These minutes are not verbatim. A CD recording of the Special Board Meeting is available on file.)

Board Members Present

John Doughney – Chairman – in-person
Dominick Graci – Vice Chairman – in-person
Gregg Ney – Secretary – in-person
Diane Haseltine- 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 – 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
Jason Pierman, Secretary/Treasurer, Special District Services, Inc. (“SDS”) – in-person

Guests Present (Sign-In Sheet Attached)

A. Call to Order

The Special Board Meeting was called 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. Proof of Publication

Mr. Pierman noted that the meeting notice had been published.

E. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

F. District Manager

Action Items

DM 1 – Discussion Regarding Plant Expansion(s) to Meet Future Capacity

Mr. Miller explained that the District sells the Reserve water and also receives their wastewater. The Reserve has now exceeded their ERCs. There was a water leak since 2021, which was just recently repaired, but the District is still feeding them a lot of water. Mr. Miller noted that we are at 90% well capacity now, which will slightly go down with the recent repair of the leak and rainy season. The District is now in a position where it needs to either expand, limit the amount of water given or stop altogether. An expansion would cost approximately \$30 Million which includes an injection well expansion. The agreement ends in 2024. There is a 3-year notice clause for termination.

Discussion ensued regarding the options open to the District and the routes needed to be taken.

Discussion then ensued regarding Torcivia, Donlon, Goddeau & Ansay, P.A. also representing the Reserve and the possibility of having to hire separate firms on both sides for this issue.

It was noted the capacity could be reached in the very near future and it needs to be monitored closely in the coming months. Mr. Miller also pointed out that the agreement states that the Reserve can get another optional 1,000 ERCs, for which the District does not have the capacity.

It was suggested that the attorney draft a letter notifying the Reserve that we intend to terminate the contract and the District reserves the right to lower the amount provided.

A **MOTION** was made by Secretary Ney, seconded by Vice Chairman Graci directing the attorney to draft a letter notifying the Reserve that the District intends to terminate the contract and reserves the right to lower the amount of water provided.

Discussion ensued regarding the fact that the letter should be factual and should come from the District Manager stating that the agreement is being terminated based on our projections and the needs of the District.

A **MOTION** was then made by Secretary Ney, seconded by Supervisor Haseltine and passed unanimously directing the District Manager to draft a letter to the Reserve District Manager stating that the District intends to terminate the agreement after 3 years unless the current issues can be resolved, which should be reviewed by the attorney prior to mailing and request that they attend the District's May Workshop and Board Meeting.

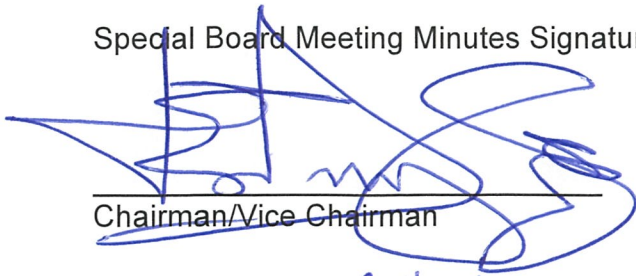
G. Supervisor Requests

Vice Chairman Graci expressed his congratulations to Gerard Rouse.

H. Adjournment

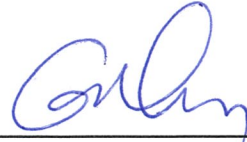
There being no further items to be addressed, the Workshop Meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m. There were no objections.

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Chairman/Vice Chairman



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Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Date Approved

05/02/23