

St. Lucie West Services District
Workshop Meeting
December 2, 2024, 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

Dominick Graci – Vice Chairman – in-person
Gregg Ney – Secretary – in-person
Diane Haseltine – Supervisor – in-person
Rose Carvelli – Supervisor – in-person
Kevin Dolan – Supervisor – in-person

Staff Present

Josh Miller, District Manager, St. Lucie West Services District (“SLWSD”) – in-person
Maddie Maldonado, Director of Office Administration – in-person
Gerard Rouse, Public Works Director/Assistant District Manager, SLWSD – in-person
Anderson “Andy” Bomjardim, Public Information Officer, SLWSD – in-person
Jason Pierman, Special District Services, Inc. (“SDS”) – in-person
Laura Archer, Recording Secretary, SDS – in-person
Stephanie Brown, SDS – in-person

Also present were Ms. Renais, Jack Doughney, Ryan Smith of Ryper Water Analytics and Nathan Nason (via phone) of Nason, Yeager, Gerson, Harris & Fumero, P.A.

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. Seat New Board Members

Rose Carvelli and Kevin Dolan, the newly elected Board Members were welcomed to the Board and took their seats on the dais.

D. Administer Oath of Office and Review Board Member Responsibilities & Duties

Ms. Archer administered the Oaths of Office to Ms. Carvelli and Mr. Dolan and gave them the New Board Member information packet for their perusal.

E. Roll Call

It was noted that all 5 Supervisors were in attendance.

F. Election of Officers

The Board was advised that the official election of officers would take place at tomorrow's meeting.

G. Approval of Minutes

- 1. November 4, 2024, Workshop**
- 2. November 5, 2024, Public Hearing & Regular Board Meeting**

There were no revisions to either set of minutes.

H. Public Comment

There was no public comment at this time.

I. District Attorney

DA 1 – Status Report/Updates

Mr. Miller noted that Ms. Holmes' report was provided in the meeting materials and that she would go over it at tomorrow's meeting.

Mr. Miller then distributed an internal Memo from himself to Rick Rinolo, the District's Chief Water Plant Operator, regarding the discontinuation of fluoride feed. Mr. Miller noted that the U.S. District Court had recently found that feeding fluoride at levels above 0.7 mg/l creates an "unreasonable risk of injury to health or the environment, without consideration of costs or other non-risk factors, including an unreasonable risk to a potentially exposed or susceptible subpopulation under the conditions of use."

Because of this ruling, the Florida Surgeon General has recommended municipalities to discontinue using chemical fluoride feed systems.

A lengthy discussion ensued. Vice Chairman Graci noted that this issue would not end any time soon and further indicated that it was prudent that the District hold off until we receive additional information from the State regarding this matter.

J. District Engineer

DE 1 – Status Report/Updates

It was noted that Mr. Zanganeh's report was provided in the meeting materials and was up to date.

Mr. Miller advised that Infrastructure Solution Services would make their formal Reserve CDD Utilities Engineering Evaluation presentation at tomorrow's meeting.

**K. District Manager
Actions Items**

DM 1 – Consider Reserve CDD Engineering Evaluation Acceptance and Consider Authorization to Negotiate with the Reserve CDD

Mr. Miller noted that this item had been ongoing for 2 years now. He also gave an overview of the situation for the benefit of the new Board Members. Mr. Miller also noted that Infrastructure Solution Services would make a formal presentation at tomorrow's meeting, but that the Board had previously been provided with their November 2024 Reserve CDD Utilities Engineering Evaluation.

On that note, Vice Chairman Graci provided his written concerns and a lengthy discussion ensued.

DM 2 – Consider Resolution No. 2024-21 – Authorizing Electronic Approvals and Check Signers

Resolution No. 2024-21 was presented, entitled:

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-21

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE ST. LUCIE WEST SERVICES DISTRICT, AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A DISTRICT CHECKING/OPERATING ACCOUNT, DESIGNATING DISTRICT OFFICIALS AND/OR AUTHORIZED STAFF TO REVIEW, APPROVE AND ISSUE PAYMENT OF EXPENDITURES, SELECTING THE SIGNATORIES THEREOF; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. Pierman noted, due to the recent change in the District Manager and the Board Chairman, it is necessary to update the list of authorized check signers. He indicated that this was an administrative matter that needed to be addressed.

There was no discussion regarding this item.

DM 3 – Other Items

Mr. Miller indicated that the most recent edition of the District's newsletter was provided in the meeting materials and went over the updates. He requested that the Board advise him of any comments regarding this matter.

Discussion ensued regarding the District's social media presence.

Mr. Miller then introduced Ryan Smith of Ryper Water Analytics who advised that he was a financial analyst that specializes in water and wastewater facilities and has worked with the District for approximately 10 years. He made the Final Bond Feasibility Presentation. Mr. Smith went over the purpose of the study, key

assumptions, modifications to the trust indenture, historical debt service coverage, projected debt service coverage, recommended rate adjustments and rate comparisons of similar utilities.

Vice Chairman Graci noted that the last slide (Rate Comparisons) was very telling.

The Board thanked Mr. Smith for his in-depth presentation.

Mr. Miller indicated that Infrastructure Solution Services would make their presentation on the Reserve CDD Utilities Engineering Evaluation at tomorrow's meeting.

Mr. Miller reminded the Board that the Annual Staff Meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, December 11, 2024, at 11:30 a.m.

Mr. Rouse then made a slide presentation on the Lake Harvey Improvements intended to beautify the corner of St. Lucie West and Cashmere Boulevards, as this was the main entrance into community. Mr. Rouse indicated that a sign would be installed welcoming those to St. Lucie West and that spotlights would be installed at each royal palm which lights would change colors according to the time of year, i.e., red, white and blue for Independence Day and green for St. Patrick's Day. Mr. Rouse furthered that wildlife in the area was flourishing and that this information will be published in an upcoming newsletter as well as on the District's website.

The Board thanked Mr. Rouse for his presentation.

Vice Chairman Graci asked Mr. Miller if there had been any update on the Peacock Boulevard issue to which Mr. Miller indicated that there had been no reply from the City as of late.

L. 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 October, 2024

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

CA 7 - Surplus Items

There were no questions regarding Consent Agenda Items CA 1 through CA 7.

M. Supervisor Requests

Supervisor Dolan indicated he was happy to be here.

Secretary Ney expressed his concerns with providing service to the Reserve CDD and not having District residents pay for it.

Supervisor Carvelli thanked all those who voted for her.


Vice Chairman Graci reminded those in attendance of the District's toy box in the lobby for those less fortunate and asked for contributions.

K. Adjournment

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

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Chairman/Vice Chairman


Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Date Approved 01/07/25