

**St. Lucie West Services District**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
December 3, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.

**(Please note: These minutes are not verbatim. A CD recording of the Regular Board 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, Assistant Public Works Director, SLWSD – in-person  
Thomas Bayer, Assistant Utilities Director, SLWSD – in-person  
Searg Davidian, Assistant Public Works Director – in-person  
Lisa-Marie Beans, Human Resources Specialist, SLWSD – in-person  
Anderson “Andy” Bomjardim, Public Information Officer, SLWSD – in-person  
Ruth Holmes, District Counsel, Torcivia, Donlon, Goddeau & Ansay, P.A. – in-person  
Brian Stahl, District Engineer, Infrastructure Solution Services. – in-person  
Jason Pierman, Secretary/Treasurer, Special District Services, Inc. (“SDS”) – in-person  
person  
Laura Archer, Recording Secretary, SDS – in-person  
Stephanie Brown, SDS – in-person

Also present were District residents Deane Piekara, Ms. Renais, Joanne Graci and Jack Doughney; and Donna Rhoden of the City of Port St. Lucie.

**Guests Present (Sign-In Sheet Attached)**

**A. Call to Order**

Vice Chairman Graci 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.

It was also noted that Ms. Carvelli and Mr. Dolan were both sworn in at yesterday's Workshop.

#### **D. Election of Officers**

Supervisor Haseltine nominated Dominick Graci as Chairman, seconded by Supervisor Dolan.

Supervisor Carvelli nominated Diane Haseltine as Vice Chairperson. There was not a second.

Vice Chairman Graci nominated Gregg Ney as Vice Chairman, seconded by Supervisor Haseltine.

Vice Chairman Graci nominated Daine Haseltine as Secretary, seconded by Supervisor Dolan.

A **MOTION** was made by Gregg Ney, seconded by Diane Haseltine and passed unanimously electing the following slate of officers:

Chairman – Dominick Graci  
Vice Chairman – Gregg Ney  
Secretary – Diane Haseltine  
Treasurer – Jason Pierman  
Alternate Secretaries – Rose Carvelli and Kevin Dolan

#### **E. Approval of Minutes**

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

The minutes of the November 4, 2024, Workshop and the November 5, 2024, Public Hearing & Regular Board Meeting were presented for consideration.

A **MOTION** was made by Vice Chairman Ney, seconded by Secretary Haseltine approving the minutes of the November 4, 2024, Workshop, as presented and the minutes of the November 5, 2024, Public Hearing & Regular Board Meeting, as presented. Upon being put to a vote, the **MOTION** carried 5 to 0.

#### **F. Public Comment**

Mr. Piekara referenced the Reserve CDD study and noted that he felt it was unfair for existing District customers to bear the cost of the Reserve CDD when it was poorly managed. He indicated it was a lot of money and he is very concerned about where the funds will come from if the Board approves providing them with District services. He feels the Reserve should be the only ones being assessed for these upgrades.

Chairman Graci agreed with Mr. Piekara's comments, noting that the Reserve needs to make an investment in their future with the District.

That concluded the public comment portion of the meeting.

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

Ms. Holmes gave a synopsis of the items she had worked on and indicated that she was looking into fluoride in water requirements.

A brief discussion ensued.

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

Mr. Stahl presented the Infrastructure Solutions Services' (ISS) Reserve Community Development District Utilities Engineering Evaluation, first going over their service area and the engineering evaluation approach, pointing out their secondary interconnects and ISS's water and sewer recommendations along with an improvements cost summary and a conversions cost summary. Mr. Stahl then noted that the upgrades were broken down into 3 phases with Phase 1 requiring immediate attention; Phase 2 being investment upgrades; and Phase 3 being lifecycle replacements.

Mr. Stahl was thanked for his presentation and Chairman Graci noted that all the information provided would be used for negotiation purposes.

**I. District Manager**  
**Action Items**

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

Mr. Miller presented the item and suggested forming a Negotiation Team.

A **MOTION** was made by Vice Chairman Ney, seconded by Supervisor Dolan and passed unanimously accepting the Infrastructure Solution Services' Reserve Community Development District Utilities Engineering Evaluation and moving forward with negotiations with the Reserve CDD by forming a committee for those purposes.

Discussion then ensued regarding who the committee should be made up of.

A **MOTION** was then made by Vice Chairman Ney, seconded by Secretary Haseltine and passed unanimously appointing a Negotiation Team made up of Mr. Miller, Chairman Graci and Jack Doughney, the District's Intergovernmental Liaison.

**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 that the resolution had been revised to reflect “Joshua Miller” instead of “Josh Miller.” He further noted that the blank within the document would reflect “Dominick Graci” as he had been nominated to the position of Chairman.

A **MOTION** was made by Vice Chairman Ney, seconded by Supervisor Dolan and passed unanimously adopting Resolution No. 2024-21, as amended.

**DM 3 – Other Items**

Mr. Miller referred to the fluoride memo stating that it was in the District’s best interest to follow the Florida Surgeon General’s recommendations.

Mr. Miller reminded everyone of the Annual Staff Meeting on December 11, 2024, at 11:30 am.

Mr. Miller noted that the Lake Harvey Improvement costs were approximately \$30,000 and mainly involved the lighting improvements.

That concluded Mr. Miller’s updates.

**J. 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**

A **MOTION** was made by Secretary Haseltine, seconded by Vice Chairman Ney approving Consent Agenda items CA 1 through CA 7, as presented. Upon being put to a vote, the **MOTION** carried unanimously.

**K. Supervisor Requests**

Supervisor Dolan had nothing at this time.

Secretary Haseltine congratulated all for a successful 2024 and indicated she was looking forward to the Annual Meeting.

Vice Chairman Ney thanked staff and management for a great 2024.

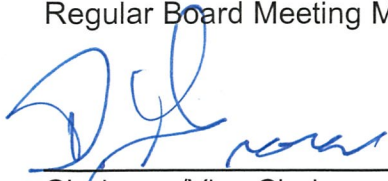
Ms. Carvelli noted, as the “new kid,” that she was listening, learning and hoped to be prudent to the District.

Chairman Graci praised the staff and indicated he was looking forward to 2025.

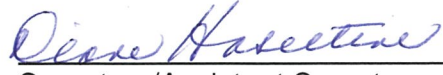
**L. Adjournment**

There being no further items to be addressed, the Regular Board Meeting was adjourned at 9:42 a.m. by Chairman Graci. There were no objections.

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Chairman/Vice Chairman



Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Date Approved 01/07/25