

St. Lucie West Services District
Regular Board Meeting
January 7, 2025, 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 – Chairman – in-person
Gregg Ney – Vice Chairman – in-person
Diane Haseltine- Secretary – 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
Thomas Bayer, Assistant Utilities Director, SLWSD – 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”) – via telephone
Laura Archer, Recording Secretary, SDS – in-person
Stephanie Brown, SDS – in-person

Also present were District residents Deane Piekara and Ms. Renais 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.

D. Approval of Minutes

1. December 2, 2024, Workshop

2. December 3, 2024, Regular Board Meeting

The minutes of the December 2, 2024, Workshop and the December 3, 2024, Public Hearing & Regular Board Meeting were presented for consideration.

A **MOTION** was made by Secretary Haseltine, seconded by Vice Chairman Ney approving the minutes of the December 2, 2024, Workshop, as presented and the minutes of the December 3, 2024, Regular Board Meeting, as presented. Upon being put to a vote, the **MOTION** carried 5 to 0.

E. Public Comment

Mr. Piekara referenced Agenda Item DM 1 – Consider Piggyback Agreement with Shamrock Restoration Services, Inc. and indicated he had had experience with Munyun Painting, Roofing and Restoration and recommended considering them as a possible vendor.

That concluded the public comment portion of the meeting.

Chairman Graci thanked Ms. Rhoden for attending today's meeting.

F. District Attorney DA 1 – Status Report/Updates

Ms. Holmes went over her report provided in the meeting materials. There were no questions from the Board Members.

G. District Engineer DE 1 – Status Report/Updates

Mr. Stahl presented the report provided in the meeting materials indicating that he believed that they were done with the preliminary engineering information regarding the Reserve CDD. Chairman Graci noted that the report was clear and concise and that the Reserve CDD had taken it well.

H. District Manager Action Items

DM 1 – Consider Piggyback Agreement with Shamrock Restoration Services, Inc.

Mr. Miller presented the item indicating that this piggyback agreement would speed things up because it had already been approved. He also noted that the District could seek other vendors that perform the same services and that it was not an exclusive contract.

A **MOTION** was made by Vice Chairman Ney, seconded by Secretary Haseltine and passed unanimously approving the piggyback the City of Naples' contract with Shamrock Restoration Services, Inc., as presented.

DM 2 – Consider Piggyback Agreement with Cintas Corporation

Mr. Miller presented the item indicating that Cintas Corporation would replace the current vendor, Unifirst.

Vice Chairman Ney asked if the pricing was any different from Unifirst. Mr. Miller indicated it was a little higher, but within budget.

A **MOTION** was made by Secretary Haseltine, seconded by Vice Chairman Ney and passed unanimously approving the University of Nebraska piggyback agreement with Cintas Corporation, as presented.

DM 3 – Consider Advertisement for District Legal Services

Mr. Miller presented the item recommending approval.

Vice Chairman Ney indicated he was in favor of going out to bid for legal services. He further noted that he was not dissatisfied with the services but would like to see what else was available.

Chairman Graci agreed with Vice Chairman Ney's comments. He furthered that it was the conflicts that were the problem where the District had to hire special counsel.

A **MOTION** was made by Vice Chairman Ney, seconded by Secretary Haseltine and passed unanimously approving the advertisement for District legal services, as presented.

DM 4 – Other Items

Mr. Miller gave an update on the negotiations with the Reserve CDD by stating that the District had provided them with a list of guidelines pursuant to the evaluation, the costs for the improvements and how to fund the improvements. Mr. Miller's goal is to come up with an agreement for both parties at the March meeting and then move forward. He reiterated that it was an aggressive timeline but could be met.

Discussion ensued regarding a service incorporation agreement/interlocal agreement for service, land sales and the legal documents required.

Mr. Miller indicated that the new District logos had already been implemented and were being integrated into the District's administrative items.

The Board was advised that a new website would be implemented in the next 9 to 12 months and would have a fresh look.

Messrs. Miller and Bomjardim again explained the misinformation with TC Palm and the ceasing of chemical fluoride feed system.

Discussion ensued regarding the lack of media presence at District meetings regarding community matters.

I. Consent Agenda

CA 1 – Monthly Report on Public Works

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 – Public Information Officer Monthly Report

CA 6 – Financial Statements for November 2024

CA 7 – Consider Approval to Transfer Funds for the R&R Account

CA 8 - Surplus Items

Mr. Miller presented the Consent Agenda items and recommended approval.

A **MOTION** was made by Secretary Haseltine, seconded by Vice Chairman Ney approving Consent Agenda items CA 1 through CA 8, as presented. Upon being put to a vote, the **MOTION** carried unanimously.

J. Supervisor Requests

Supervisor Carvelli had nothing at this time.

Vice Chairman Ney apologized for his absence from yesterday's Workshop.

Supervisor Dolan noted that issuing a press release was an effective way to inform the public at no cost.

Chairman Graci expressed his wishes for Jack Doughney to feel better soon.

K. Adjournment

There being no further items to be addressed, the Regular Board Meeting was adjourned at 9:25 a.m. by Chairman Graci. There were no objections.

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Chairman/Vice Chairman



Secretary/Assistant Secretary

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