

**St. Lucie West Services District
Workshop Meeting
February 3, 2025, 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 – 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
Searg Davidian, Assistant Public Works Director, SLWSD – in-person
Anderson "Andy" Bomjardim, Public Information Officer, SLWSD – in-person
Jason Pierman, Special District Services, Inc. ("SDS") -- via phone
Laura Archer, Recording Secretary, SDS – in-person
Stephanie Brown, SDS – in-person

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

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 Gregg Ney was the only absent Supervisor.

D. Approval of Minutes

- 1. January 6, 2025, Workshop**
- 2. January 7, 2025, Regular Board Meeting**

Chairman Graci noted that the titles of the Supervisors were wrong. Ms. Archer apologized and indicated she would make the necessary revisions.

E. Public Comment

Mr. Piekara noted that he had a cousin in PGA who has dealt with water in front of his home for a while. He indicated that it took someone putting in a cable to figure out that there was a leak at the main line. He suggested that staff might want to take a deeper look at the groundwork since there may be other infrastructure issues.

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

F. District Attorney DA 1 – Status Report/Updates

Mr. Miller noted that it was Ms. Holmes' standard report and indicated that she would go over the details at tomorrow's meeting.

G. District Engineer DE 1 – Status Report/Updates

Mr. Miller noted that Mr. Zanganeh's report was provided in the meeting materials and indicated that there was one new project, Item 8h – the Stormwater Control Structures Evaluation. He also noted that a lot of the projects were coming to a close and would be removed from the monthly report.

H. District Manager Actions Items

DM 1 – Consider Partial Assignment of Dedication and Bill of Sale for the Storm Water Infrastructure on NW Bethany Drive

Mr. Miller presented the item indicating that the St. Lucie West Commercial Association (SLWCA) was turning over NW Bethany to the City and the District would be taking over the stormwater pipes. Discussion ensued regarding necessary repairs. It was noted that any damaged/broken/separated pipes were repaired by SLWCA. Mr. Rouse assured the Board that staff had inspected the stormwater line and it had met the required standards.

DM 2 – Consider Acoustic Inspection Proposal from InfoSense, Inc.

Mr. Miller noted that there was only one company that offered this type of inspection for sanitary sewer systems, which was now a requirement of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP). Mr. Miller further noted that FDEP also required systems to "track" expenditures for such inspections and improvements, for which a new budget expense code had been created and would be reflected in the next Budget Workshop: 5-32008 Collections Systems Maintenance.

The Available Project Budget is \$150,000.00; this Project Cost is \$85,585.00; leaving an Available Balance of \$64,415.00.

DM 3 – Other Items

- **Injection Well #2 Update**

Mr. Miller indicated that the Invitation to Bid for this project had been posted on the District's website on February 3, 2025, and would appear in the *St. Lucie News Tribune* on February 4, 2025. He anticipates receiving approximately 3 bids with the intention of presenting a proposal for Board consideration at the April meeting.

- **Lake Harvey Update**

It was noted that the lights were installed and there were a couple that were not working. Mr. Rouse was working on getting a vendor to repair those lights, getting them ready to shine red for Valentine's Day.

- **SLC Ordinance Update**

It was noted that the County had removed the fluoridation requirement.

Mr. Miller advised that the RFQ for Legal Services was out and that he had received 7 requests for packages thus far. It is his hope to have a recommendation for the Board in a month or so.

That concluded Mr. Miller's updates.

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 December 2024

CA 7 – Consider Approval to Transfer Funds for the R&R Account Requisition for Fiscal Year 2024

Mr. Miller presented Consent Agenda Items CA 1 through CA 6 and asked if there were any questions.

Supervisor Dolan referred to Pages 62 and 63 of the meeting booklet, asking about all the negative numbers. Mr. Miller explained that these were due to needed end of year carryovers of open purchase orders.

Chairman Graci referred to Consent Agenda Item CA 5, Public Information Officer Monthly Report, suggesting holding a public meeting regarding water meters and how the District detected leaks.

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

J. Supervisor Requests

Supervisor Carvelli was pleased with the newsletter provided with the most recent bill. She also noted that recently there had been a water leak that was corrected by staff within 24 hours. She applauded staff for the quick response.

Supervisor Dolan echoed Supervisor Carvelli's sentiments, noting that the District was transparent and accessible.

Secretary Haseltine agreed with Supervisor Dolan's comments, as did Chairman Graci who also noted that it was important to educate the public why the District has to implement a 9% increase.

Mr. Miller responded, noting that the 9% increase press release was announced and was featured on the local CBS and NBC affiliates.

There were no further Supervisor Requests.

K. Adjournment

There being no further items to be addressed, the Workshop Meeting was adjourned at 9:27 a.m. There were no objections.

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Chairman/Vice Chairman


Secretary/Assistant Secretary

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