## St. Lucie West Services District Regular Board Meeting February 4, 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 – via phone until arriving in-person at 9:09 a.m. 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 Fairborz Zanganeh, District Engineer, Infrastructure Solution Services. – in-person Jason Pierman, Secretary/Treasurer, 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 and Jack Doughney.

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

### A. Call to Order

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

The minutes of the January 6, 2025, Workshop and the January 7, 2025, Regular Board Meeting were presented for consideration.

A **MOTION** was made by Secretary Haseltine, seconded by Supervisor Dolan approving the minutes of the January 6, 2025, Workshop, as amended and the minutes of the January 7, 2025, Regular Board Meeting, as amended. Upon being put to a vote, the **MOTION** carried unanimously.

### E. Public Comment

There was no public comment at this time.

# F. District Attorney DA 1 – Status Report/Updates

Ms. Holmes went over her report provided in the meeting materials, nothing that she had worked on the editing of various District contracts regarding the E-Verify verbiage and human trafficking affidavit.

# G. District Engineer DE 1 – Status Report/Updates

Mr. Zanganeh presented his report provided in the meeting materials indicating that the information was up to date and he had nothing further to report.

# H. District Manager Action 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 in the process of turning over NW Bethany Drive to the City of Port St. Lucie. He furthered that since the stormwater infrastructure on the road was already part of the SLW Master Drainage System, the District has agreed to purchase and maintain the infrastructure for a not to exceed price of \$10.00.

As agreed by both parties, prior to the transfer of assets, all stormwater structures were inspected and any damaged/broken/separated pipes were repaired by SLWCA and brought to the District's standards.

A **MOTION** was made by Vice Chairman Ney, seconded by Secretary Haseltine and passed unanimously accepting the Partial Assignment of Dedication and Bill of Sale for the Stormwater Infrastructure on NW Bethany Drive for the not to exceed price of \$10.00, as presented.

## DM 2 - Consider Acoustic Inspection Proposal from InfoSense, Inc.

Mr. Miller presented the item indicating that this was a new requirement of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and he recommended approval.

Discussion ensued regarding the project timeline and it was noted that the proposed cost may be subject to change due to unforeseen field conditions.

A **MOTION** was made by Vice Chairman Ney, seconded by Secretary Haseltine and passed unanimously approving the InfoSense, Inc. proposal in the not to exceed amount of \$85,585. The Available Project Budget being \$150,000; This Project cost being \$85,585; leaving an Available Balance of \$64,415, as presented.

#### DM 3 - Other Items

Mr. Miller advised that the Construction and Testing of a Class I Injection Well had gone out for bid and he had received 4 responses thus far.

The Lake Harvey lights had been installed and there were a few that were still out. Staff was working on getting those repaired.

## 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 the Consent Agenda items and recommended approval.

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

Vice Chairman Ney suggested pulling CA 5 – Public Information Officer Monthly Report from the Consent Agenda items and giving it its own section. Chairman Graci

agreed indicating that it was important enough to have its own section on the meeting agenda.

## J. Supervisor Requests

Supervisor Carvelli had nothing further.

Supervisor Dolan had nothing further.

Vice Chairman Ney indicated that SLW was not immune to wildfires and asked what could be done or is being done to avoid a similar situation as in Los Angeles.

Mr. Rouse responded that staff was constantly maintaining preserves (vines/exotics) and keeping them at least 30-feet away from structures.

Secretary Haseltine asked if there were any fire drills for potential events to which She was advised that the SLC ISO programs perform fire hydrant flow testing.

Discussion ensued regarding the water supply and how to supplement it with area pools and lakes.

Chairman Graci noted that the District was currently in negotiations with the Reserve CDD and that Messrs. Doughney and Miller were earning their keep. It is Chairman Graci's hope that they will have more information to share with the Board at the March meeting. He further noted that members of the Reserve CDD Board had been invited to attend the March Workshop.

### K. Adjournment

There being no further items to be addressed, the Regular Board Meeting was adjourned at 9:29 a.m. by Chairman Graci. There were no objections.

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Chairman/Vice Chairman

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Date Approved