# St. Lucie West Services District
## Regular Board Meeting
### October 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
Kevin Dolan – Supervisor – in-person

**Staff Present**

Josh Miller, District Manager, St. Lucie West Services District ("SLWSD") – in-person
Gerard Rouse, Public Works Director/Assistant District Manager, SLWSD – in-person
TJ Bayer – Assistant Utilities Director, SLWSD – in-person
Maddie Maldonado – Director of Office Administration, SLWSD – in-person
Lisa-Marie Beans, Human Resources Specialist, SLWSD – in-person
Searg Davidian, Assistant Public Works Director – SLWSD
Anderson "Andy" Bomjardim, Public Information Officer, SLWSD – in-person
Stephen Conteaguero, General Counsel, Nason, Yeager, Gerson, Harris & Fumero, P.A. – in-person
Neako Villamil, District Engineer, Infrastructure Solution Services. – in-person
Jason Pierman, Secretary/Treasurer, Special District Services, Inc. ("SDS") – in-person
Laura Archer, Recording Secretary, SDS – in-person
Stephanie Brown, SDS – in-person

Also present were the following:

Deane Piekara, Jack & Marianne Doughney, Thomas Wolek, George Umansky and Bill Davidson.

**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 4 Members of the Board were present.

Chairman Graci advised that we were going to take several items out of order from the agenda.

### DM 1 – Consider Letter of Resignation from Supervisor Rose Carvelli

A **MOTION** was made by Supervisor Haseltine, seconded by Vice Chairman Ney and passed unanimously accepting Rose Carvelli's resignation from Seat #4, effective October 7, 2025, as presented.

### DM 5A – Consider Appointment to Board Vacancy

Chairman Graci thanked those candidates who had submitted resumes for consideration of the Board vacancy, noting that this was the most interest the District had seen in a long time. He indicated that although all of the candidates had great qualifications, the Board was unanimous in its decision in appointing Jack Doughney to the unexpired term of office in Seat #4, which expires in November 2028.

Mr. Doughney was congratulated on his appointment and Mr. Pierman then swore him in and reminded him of his responsibilities and duties as a Board Member.

Mr. Pierman then noted that it would be appropriate to elect officers of the District.

Supervisor Haseltine **NOMINATED** Dominick Graci as Chairman, seconded by Supervisor Doughney. The **NOMINATION** passed unanimously.

Supervisor Dolan **NOMINATED** Gregg Ney as Vice Chairman, seconded by Supervisor Doughney and that **NOMINATION** passed unanimously.

Supervisor Dolan **NOMINATED** Jack Doughney as Secretary, seconded by Supervisor Ney and that **NOMINATION** passed unanimously.

It was noted that Supervisors Haseltine and Dolan would be designated as Assistant Secretaries.

It was noted that it would be appropriate that Jason Pierman to be designated as Assistant Secretary/Treasurer.

A **MOTION** was made by Vice Chairman Ney, seconded by Supervisor Dolan and passed unanimously accepting the above slate of officers of the St. Lucie West Services District, as nominated.

Chairman Graci again thanked the candidates for their submissions.

## D. Approval of Minutes

1. **August 25, 2025, Workshop**
2. **August 26, 2025, Public Hearings & Regular Board Meeting**

The minutes of August 25, 2025, Workshop and the August 26, 2025, Public Hearings & Regular Board Meeting were presented for consideration.

A **MOTION** was made by Vice Chairman Ney, seconded by Supervisor Haseltine approving the minutes of the August 25, 2025, Workshop, as presented, and the minutes of the August 26, 2025, Public Hearings & Regular Board Meeting, as presented. Upon being put to a vote, the **MOTION** carried 5 to 0.

## E. Public Comment

There was no public comment at this time.

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

Mr. Conteaguero presented the monthly report and went over several items. He noted that his firm was currently working on an easement agreement with the City of Port St. Lucie, which he believes will be finalized and brought to the Board for consideration at next month's meeting.

That concluded the District Attorney's monthly update.

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

Mr. Villamil presented the report, noting that his office was currently working on stormwater reviews. He expects to have additional work authorizations for new projects.

Discussion ensued regarding the recent heavy rains and how the District fared.

There was no further discussion regarding the monthly Engineer's Report.

## H. District Manager
### Action Items

**DM 2 – Consider Interlocal Agreement for Stormwater Maintenance between St. Lucie West Services District and the School Board of St. Lucie County (SBSLC)**

Mr. Miller presented agreement with the school board to maintain areas the District has been maintaining. This agreement will compensate the District for the maintenance of these areas.

Discussion ensued regarding providing the Commercial Association with a similar drainage maintenance agreement since they have water issues that are not the responsibility of the District. Mr. Miller indicated because this was private property it would require some "hoops" but he will approach legal counsel on how and if we can pursue this.

Secretary Doughney thanked Mr. Miller and staff for re-analyzing these matters.

A **MOTION** was made by Secretary Doughney, seconded by Supervisor Haseltine and passed unanimously approving the Interlocal Agreement for Stormwater Maintenance between the District and the School Board of St. Lucie County, as presented.

**DM 3 – Consider Designation of an Auditor Selection Committee and Accept Audit Criteria**

A **MOTION** was made by Vice Chairman Ney, seconded by Supervisor Haseltine and passed unanimously appointing the entire District Board as the Auditor Selection Committee.

As the Auditor Selection Committee, a **MOTION** was made then by Vice Chairman Ney, seconded by Supervisor Dolan and passed unanimously accepting the audit criteria, as presented.

**DM 4 – Board of Supervisors' Ethics Training**

Mr. Miller noted that the Board had completed their ethics training after yesterday's Workshop.

**DM 5 – Other Items**

Mr. Miller advised that the lift station evaluations were done by District staff and were presented to the Reserve CDD, indicating that most need improvements to meet the District's standards.

Discussion ensued regarding timelines for the Reserve CDD.

Mr. Miller advised that the 2 lines under I-95 were still in the design phase and he is hoping to see those designs in December.

Vice Chairman Ney requested that someone from the Reserve CDD attend our District meetings to which Mr. Miller indicated he would reach out to them.

Mr. Miller indicated that the injection well project was a little behind schedule. It is his hope that it is completed by Christmas.

Mr. Miller reminded the Board that they would have their professional portraits taken after the December meeting. Discussion ensued. Mr. Miller indicated the date could be changed to November, if necessary.

Mr. Miller presented the Retention Pond flyer, noting that Mr. Rouse had met with representatives from the University of Florida's IFAS (Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences) Extension who suggested that he make a presentation.

Discussion ensued regarding Mr. Rouse making more presentations to educate the public.

Mr. Miller advised of an event to be held at Lake Harvey and the fact that people will park at the Walmart across the street in order to attend. It was noted that police should be brought in to help patrol for any events where people have to cross the street.

Discussion then ensued regarding the selling of green space for park purposes.

Mr. Miller then asked for a consensus from the Board to have the attorney present for every meeting. Discussion ensued regarding the costs involved with the attorney having to travel to/from and attend each meeting. It was the Board consensus to have the attorney attend meetings by telephone unless it is determined that they are needed in person.

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 August 2025

### CA 7 – Consider Transfer of Funds for the R&R & UC Accounts

### CA 8 – Surplus Items

Consent Agenda Items CA-1 through CA-8 were presented for Board consideration.

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

## J. Supervisor Requests

Secretary Doughney thanked the Board for their support in his filling the Board vacancy and he appreciates the opportunity to serve the community again.

Supervisor Dolan commended Gerard Rouse on his initiatives, indicating that he has gone above and beyond. He also expressed his sorrow in Ms. Carvelli's resignation from the Board and thanked her for her service to the community.

Supervisor Haseltine noted her happiness with Mr. Doughney being back on the Board.

Vice Chairman Ney welcomed Mr. Doughney back to the Board and thanked staff for their work.

Chairman Graci echoed the sentiments and expressed his gratitude to Josh Miller, Gerard Rouse and Andy Bomjardim, adding that they were assets to the District.

Chairman Graci noted that a lot had been accomplished today; he welcomed Mr. Doughney back to the Board and expressed his gratitude to Rose Carvelli for her service to the District, noting that she was a smart lady and he was glad that she had the opportunity to serve.

That concluded Supervisor Requests.

## K. Adjournment

There being no further items to be addressed, the Regular Board Meeting was adjourned at 10:01 a.m. by Chairman Graci. There were no objections.

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Chairman/Vice Chairman

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Date Approved 11/04/25