

**MINUTES OF MEETING
SPRING LAKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT**

The Regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Spring Lake Improvement District was held Wednesday, March 13, 2024, at the District Office, 115 Spring Lake Boulevard, Sebring, Florida.

Present were:

Kay Gorham
Butch Copeland
Tim Roland
Phil Gentry

Board Chair
Vice Chair
Secretary
Asst. Secretary

Ken Kirk: via telephone

Also present were:

Bill Nielander
Joe DeCerbo
Israel Serrano
Diane Angell
Clay Shrum
Randy Nelson

District Attorney
District Manager
Deputy Manager
District Administrator
Director of Planning & Development
Drainage Supervisor

Residents & Guests

“See Sign in Sheet”

FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS

Call to Order

Kay Gorham called the meeting to order and led the pledge.

SECOND ORDER OF BUSINESS

Upcoming Meetings/Events

- A. March 13th, McKenna St Pat’s Luncheon and Memorial, noon @Speakeasy
- B. March 21st, Developer meeting, here @ 2:00 p.m.
- C. March 29th, Good Friday, Office closed.

We received a letter from Troy Marsh, President of the Oak Leafe HOA thanking the District for the rapid response to enclosing a visual screening fence around the lift station.

THIRD ORDER OF BUSINESS

Approval of Minutes

The Board received copies of the minutes from February 14, 2024, for review. There being no further questions.

ON MOTION by Butch Copeland, seconded by Phil Gentry with all in favor the minutes from the February 14, 2024, Board meeting were approved.

FOURTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Approval of Financials

The Board received copies of the February 2024 Financials for review. There being no further questions.

ON MOTION by Tim Roland, seconded by Butch Copeland with all in favor the financials from February 2024 were approved.

FIFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Treasurer Report

A. Update

The District received deposits of \$96,444 and \$77,847. Assessment collections for the year are General Fund 66%, Lot Mowing 61%, and Village I 77%.

Diane requested a motion to move budgeted line items in the FY 2024 Budget

ON MOTION by Butch Copeland, seconded by Phil Gentry with all in favor to move budgeted line items in the FY 2024 budget was approved.

B. FY 2023 Audited Financial Statements

The Board received copies of the FY 2023 Audited Financial Statements from Grau and Associates for review.

ON MOTION by Tim Roland, seconded by Butch Copeland with all in favor the FY 2023 Audited Financial Statements were approved.

SIXTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Manager

A. Updates

Butch questioned Joe on the damage done to the drainage structures and how staff could not have seen the issues. Randy responded he has asked Lamar to monitor any future damage. There were no other questions on the updates in the Board Packets.

B. Audit Committee

Grau and Associates have been the District Auditors for the last five years. The District will be preparing a "Request for Proposal" for Auditing firms. The RFP will be advertised legally per Florida Statutes. CPA advisor Julie Fowler and John Shoop, President of First Southern Bank will serve as advisors for the audit committee. Board members Phil Gentry, Kay Gorham, and Tim Roland will serve on the Audit Committee.

C. FASD (June 9-12)

The FASD Conference is June 9th – 12th in Orlando. The District will be making all reservations. Everyone was directed to let Diane know who would be attending.

SEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Equipment, Vehicles, Capital Projects

Israel reviewed the vehicle and equipment evaluation schedule. After discussion it was decided to use lot mowing reserves to purchase a Batwing mower. The \$5,000 cost for an a/c recovery unit will be shared among all departments. The pump station needs a new roof. Costs for refurbishing the Excavator and some new trailers for the parks department will be addressed during the upcoming budget process.

EIGHTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Attorney

Bill updated the Board on the status of the litigation and answered several questions.

NINTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Supervisor Requests

Phil reported we received a response back from Duke Energy on the poles that are leaning. They do not pose a security issue, and Duke will not be making any repairs. Phil said he will continue to work on getting the repairs made.

Butch Copeland asked who was responsible for requesting new streetlights on County Roads. Joe explained the process and the costs involved. The District is looking at alternative street light options through a company called Streetleaf.

Kay Gorham asked Israel to provide a new Operational Chart when he discusses Personnel next month, and let the Board know how he sees the transition.

TENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Public Comments

Arlene Klingbiel asked several questions regarding the wastewater budget.

Arlene asked about the pond being built behind Jon Browers' house. Joe DeCerbo said this is the last pond that needed to be built on our conceptual permit and the current owners of the golf course finally gave us permission to construct the pond.

ELEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Wednesday April 10, 2024 @ 10:00 a.m.

- Personnel
- Executive Session follows Board Meeting

TWELVTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Motion to Adjourn

ON MOTION by Phil Gentry, seconded by Butch Copeland with all in favor the meeting adjourned at 10:46 a.m.

Kay Gorham, Board Chair

Tim Roland, Secretary