MINUTES OF MEETING
SPRING LAKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors was held Wednesday, July 8, 2026, at the District Office, 115 Spring Lake Boulevard, Sebring, Florida.

Present were:

Kay Gorham	Board Chair
Butch Copeland	Vice Chair
Tim Roland	Secretary
Phil Gentry	Asst. Secretary
Troy Marsh	Asst. Secretary

Also, present were:

Joe DeCerbo	District Manager
Bill Nielander	District Attorney
Diane Angell	District Administrator

Absent: Israel Serrano, Deputy Manager

Residents & Guests	"See Sign in Sheet"

FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS **Call to Order**

Kay Gorham called the meeting to order and led the pledge. A moment of silence was held in memory of Monica Griffith.

SECOND ORDER OF BUSINESS **Upcoming meetings, events, correspondence**

There were no upcoming meetings or correspondence to report.

THIRD ORDER OF BUSINESS **Approval of Minutes**

The Board received copies of the minutes from June 17, 2026, for review. There being no further questions.

> ON MOTION by Butch Copeland, seconded by Troy Marsh with all in favor the minutes from June 17, 2026, Board meeting was approved.

FOURTH ORDER OF BUSINESS **Approval of Financials**

The Board received copies of the June 2026 Financials for review. There being no further questions.

ON MOTION by Tim Roland, seconded by Butch Copeland with all in favor the financials from June 2026 were approved.

FIFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS **Treasurer Report**

A. Update

The District received a deposit of $242,982 and collections for the year are General Fund 101%, Lot Mowing 98%, and Village I 97%.

The District received payment of $179,500 from the County for RPAC grants for the Bark Park and Arbuckle Creek Park projects.

B. Resolution 2026-12 Budget Amendment FY 2026

A resolution amending the FY 2026 Budget was presented to the Board.

ON MOTION by Butch Copeland, seconded by Troy Marsh with all in favor Resolution 2026-12 amending FY 2026 budget was approved.

C. TIPS Award, Preferred Insurance, Lauren Quinto

Diane Angell introduced Lauren Quinto with Preferred Insurance. She was at the meeting to present the Board with a check in the amount of $1,973.31. Preferred Insurance sponsors a training incentive program where the District gets reimbursed 50% of safety training and safety supplies, up to a maximum of $5,000. The Board thanked Lauren for coming.

SIXTH ORDER OF BUSINESS **Manager**

A. Updates

There were no questions about the updates in the Board Packets. Joe pointed out we were just under 20,000 page views on the web site for the month of June. Also mentioned the new signage at Bark Park is in process.

B. Resolution 2026-13 Digital Sign Advertising

Joe explained that because the Digital Sign advertising is a Public Records program, a Resolution is needed to establish rates and policies.

> ON MOTION by Tim Roland, seconded by Phil Gentry with all in favor Resolution 2026-13 Digital Sign advertising was. approved.

C. ECO Park 10th Anniversary “Sunset Celebration”

After discussion, the Board agreed the event would be held on Friday, October 23, 5:30-7:30, the night before the Festival. It will be handled by staff.

D. Second Draft FY ’27 Budget

After Board comments and discussion Joe and Diane were directed to review the categories mentioned and establish an assessment of approximately $348 for the August public hearing.

SEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS **Advisory Referendum**

Joe reviewed the Advisory Referendum Briefing that the Board had received. All Board members, as well as members of the public who were in attendance, supported the concept. There were several questions from the public regarding the process and clarification on who can vote. A Resolution to conduct an Advisory Referendum will be presented at the August meeting.

> ON MOTION by Butch Copeland, seconded by Troy Marsh With all in favor of having District Manager Joe DeCerbo prepare information to move forward with the Advisory Referendum

EIGHTH ORDER OF BUSINESS **Attorney**

Bill Nielander gave an update on the two lawsuits. The Airport brief has not been filed, and they have asked for an extension. The AG’s office filed a motion to dismiss the other lawsuit, and there has been no response from the other side.

NINTH ORDER OF BUSINESS **Parks Master Plan update**

Tim Roland reported that as-builts have been ordered for the Bark Park and Arbuckle Creek Park. The environmental study was done at Arbuckle Creek Park, and the County is now requesting a Height Study for the Bathroom. A survey has been scheduled. We have filed an application for No Wake Zone signs, and the Boat Ramp and Dock have been completed.

TENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS **Festival update**

Phil Gentry reported that we are ahead of schedule compared to last year. There are 93 vendor spaces, and 3 food trucks. The DJ has been booked, and the bounce houses have been ordered. Jan Wheeler has agreed to run the first aid tent.

ELEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS **Supervisor Requests**

Tim Roland said that Tony II Pizza has opened in the Spring Lake Market at the shopping center.

Kay Gorham congratulated the District on the safety award we received at the FASD Conference. She thanked the staff for all their hard work.

Butch Copeland said that the FRWA report said the standard in Florida suggest an unrestricted reserve balance between 180 to 360 days of O&M expenses and currently we have 939 days. We are in good shape and will not have to raise utility rates.

TWELFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS **Public Comments**

David Kasinof gave the Board an update on his role with the Spring Lake Property Association and informed the Board of information he had received from the HCSO on speed limits in the District.

Sally Grant thanked the Board and asked several questions on the process used for deciding on Parks and different projects in the District.

Jim Foote said he wanted to see a group formed called Spring Lake Cares to get residents to come together for the District and he had information he wanted to leave.

County Commissioner Don Elwell apologized for not being able to attend the meetings as often as he would like. He has many other commitments, but if we need him, he asked us to please give him a call. He reported that the Resolution for the District's speed limit request has been moved up to the July 21st meeting.

THIRTEENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be on Wednesday August 12, 2026 @ 10:00 a.m.

- Public Hearing FY'27 Budget and Utility Rates and Fees

FOURTEENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS **Motion to Adjourn**

ON MOTION by Tim Roland, seconded by Phil Gentry with all in favor the meeting adjourned at 11:07 p.m.

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Kay Gorham, Board Chair

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Tim Roland, Secretary