

**MINUTES OF MEETING
SPRING LAKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT**

A public hearing on Water Meter setting fees, and a public hearing on Arbuckle Creek Park no wake zones were held Wednesday, April 8, 2026, at the District Office, 115 Spring Lake Boulevard, Sebring, Florida. The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors immediately followed.

Present were:

Butch Copeland
Tim Roland
Phil Gentry
Troy Marsh

Vice Chair
Secretary
Asst. Secretary
Asst. Secretary

Absent: Kay Gorham

Also, present were:

Bill Nielander
Joe DeCerbo
Israel Serrano
Diane Angell
Joseph Sliva

District Attorney
District Manager
Deputy Manager
District Administrator
Utility Superintendent

Residents & Guests

“See Sign in Sheet”

FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS

Call to Order

Butch Copeland called the meeting to order and led the pledge.

SECOND ORDER OF BUSINESS

Public Hearing – Water Meter setting fees

Joseph Sliva reviewed the current fees with the Board and the need to raise fees associated with new water and wastewater connections to allow the District to at least break even on the costs to install.

There were no questions or comments from the Public.

THIRD ORDER OF BUSINESS

Public Hearing – Arbuckle Creek Park No Wake Zone

Israel Serrano stated regulations required a public hearing for establishing a “No Wake Zone” at the Arbuckle Creek Park boat ramp. After the Public hearing, the District can upload the request to the County website and request “No Wake Zone” signs from FWC.

There were no questions or comments from the Public.

FOURTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Upcoming meetings, events, correspondence

- A. April 22nd, Fire Station groundbreaking, 10:00 a.m.
- B. May 4th – 5th, Preferred Insurance Seminar, Lake Mary

FIFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Approval of Minutes

The Board received copies of the minutes from March 11, 2026, for review. There being no further questions.

ON MOTION by Tim Roland, seconded by Troy Marsh with all in favor the minutes from March 11, 2026, Board meeting were approved.

SIXTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Approval of Financials

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

ON MOTION by Tim Roland, seconded by Troy Marsh with all in favor the financials from March 2026 were approved.

SEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Treasurer Report

- A. Update

The District received a deposit of \$123,744 and collections for the year are General Fund 79%, Lot Mowing 70%, and Village I 90%.

- B. Resolution 2026-09 Meter Setting Fees

A public hearing was held, and Resolution 2026-09 Meter Setting Fees was presented to the Board.

ON MOTION by Tim Roland, seconded by Phil Gentry with all in Favor Resolution 2026-09 Meter Setting Fees was approved.

EIGHTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Manager

A. Updates

There were no questions about any of the updates.

B. SRF

Joe reviewed the status of the ECO World project and outlined the strategy to secure funding.

ON MOTION by Tim Roland, seconded by Troy Marsh with all in favor of contracting Daniel Magro to create a facilities plan. for wastewater, to revise the current retainer with Lee Hale, and to secure David Ramba as our lobbyist was approved.

C. FASD Conference

Board members were informed to let Diane know who was attending the upcoming conference in June so that registrations could be confirmed.

NINTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Personnel

Israel updated the Board on personnel requests that will be included in the upcoming FY 2027 budget. He explained the need to add a full-time field position for Parks, as well as an additional full-time utility position to ease after-hours call duties and help with maintenance of the utilities.

TENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Parks Master Plan update

Tim Roland reported the following updates on Parks.

Bark Park

- Three pavilions were erected, working on installing barbecue grills.
- Hydration stations are installed at three pavilions.
- Concrete trail connector complete.
- Two semi loads of grass were installed.
- Playground equipment installed.

The last item to install at the Bark Park is concrete benches around playground. Benches are currently being made. We will now seek reimbursement from FRDAP and RPAC

Arbuckle Creek Park

- Playground equipment is installed with hydration stations.
- Water line installed from Hwy 98.
- Pavilions installed.
- Dock totally renovated.

Currently waiting for environmental study as required by the county to build restroom, and the fence still needs to be installed.

ELEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

What is planned for The Parc

Richard Paul-Hus gave the Board an update on what is planned for The Parc and the school.

TWELFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Attorney

There has been no news on the Airport litigation. A new lawsuit regarding assessments was filed by a property owner. The Attorney General’s office has been informed and is willing to represent the District.

ON MOTION by Phil Gentry, seconded by Troy Marsh with all in favor of having the Attorney General’s office represent Joe DeCerbo, Israel Serrano, Diane Angell, and Spring Lake Improvement District in the lawsuit.

THIRTEENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Supervisor Requests

Phil Gentry was upset that the Airport is expanding which will add more flow into our drainage system, yet the citizens of Spring Lake are still the only ones paying for this system.

Phil Gentry asked if we could add “Any cash donation to the Festival fund in any amount is appreciated” to the festival flyer for vendors.

Butch complimented the staff on the recent lot mowing being done on 98 and would like the staff to keep the grass at the current height all the time, it looks nice.

Butch asked staff to consider replacing all board fences in the District with White vinyl fencing for easier upkeep.

FOURTEENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Public Comments

There being none.

FIFTEENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Wednesday May 13, 2026 @ 10:00 a.m.

- Field Services

SIXTEENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Motion to Adjourn

ON MOTION by Tim Roland, seconded by Troy Marsh
with all in favor the meeting adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

Butch Copeland, Vice Chair

Tim Roland, Secretary