

**MINUTES OF MEETING
SPRING LAKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT**

The Regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Spring Lake Improvement District was held Wednesday, February 12, 2025, at the District Office, 115 Spring Lake Boulevard, Sebring, Florida.

Present were:

Kay Gorham
Butch Copeland
Tim Roland
Phil Gentry
Troy Marsh

Board Chair
Vice Chair
Secretary
Asst. Secretary
Asst. Secretary

Also present were:

Bill Nielander
Joe DeCerbo
Israel Serrano
Diane Angell

District Attorney
District Manager
Deputy Manager
District Administrator

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. February 14th – 16th Bike Fest (ECO Park/Duane Palmer Boulevard)

THIRD ORDER OF BUSINESS

Approval of Minutes

The Board received copies of January 8, 2025, Minutes for review. There being no further questions.

ON MOTION by Butch Copeland, seconded by Phil Gentry with all in favor the minutes from January 8, 2025, Board meeting was approved.
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FOURTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Approval of Minutes

The Board received copies of the January 2025 Financials for review. There being no further questions.

ON MOTION by Butch Copeland, seconded by Phil Gentry with all in favor the January 2025 Financials were approved.

FIFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Treasurer

The District received a deposit of \$86,519. Collections for the year are General Fund 68%, Lot Mowing 54%, and Village I 75%.

SIXTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Manager

There were no questions on the updates Joe included in the Board Packets. Joe explained the need to appoint a new District Engineer beginning June 1st. Kay & Joe visited Davidson Engineering and he and Israel will have a follow up meeting on February 26th with Brandon Copper.

SEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Operational Update

A. Utility Operations, fees, and future plans

ECO World Wastewater Phase II will begin February 17th and should be completed by mid-to-late March.

Israel and Diane will be working on entering data into REV Plan and will have a new utility rate and fee schedule by the June meeting.

The District will be advertising for a Utility Superintendent position soon and will look at adding an additional Utility Technician position in October.

EIGHTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Personnel Update/Manager’s Contract

Joe answered several questions and explained the need for several revisions. There is no fiscal impact to the revised contract.

ON MOTION by Phil Gentry, seconded by Butch Copeland With all in favor of accepting Joe DeCerbo’s updated Manager’s Contract effective February 12, 2025.

NINTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Attorney

Judge Estrada will continue presiding over the Summary Judgement and we hope to have an answer by the end of February.

TENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Employee Health Benefits

Melanie Stegall with Brown & Brown reviewed the Districts current Health Insurance program and gave the Board several options to review. The Districts policy renews on August 1st.

ELEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Supervisor Requests

Phil Gentry met with Tiffany Weaver and asked if the Board was favorable as a group to pursue a Nature Center at the ECO Park. She was encouraged to work with The Parc and speak with the Paul-Hus's.

Tim Roland said people were asking him about the missing drop boxes by the Little Free Libraries. Joe said they were being misused, and everyone should just put books back in the libraries.

TWELFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Public Comments

Ron Wesoowski asked several questions about the chemicals being used to treat the water at the District Water plants. Israel said that the water is constantly being tested and meets or exceeds all DEP standards.

Tiffany Weaver asked if there was a plan in place for the problems they are having with the water near her home. Israel said that Water Plant No. One should be up and running in the next few weeks and this should fix the problems in that area of the District.

Sharon Berry said she was not happy with all the trees being cut down in the medians. Israel explained that the trees were in poor condition and that there are plans to clean up the medians and plant new trees.

THIRTEENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Wednesday March 12, 2025 @ 10:00 a.m.

- Equipment and Vehicles Forecast

FOURTEENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Motion to Adjourn

ON MOTION by Tim Roland, seconded by Butch Copeland
with all in favor the meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Kay Gorham, Board Chair

Tim Roland, Secretary