

**MINUTES OF MEETING
RIVER RIDGE
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

The Board of Supervisors of the River Ridge Community Development District held a Regular Meeting on October 27, 2020 at 1:00 p.m., via Zoom, at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89481350560> and 1-929-205-6099, Meeting ID 894 8135 0560 for both.

Present were:

Bob Schultz	Chair
Terry Mountford	Vice Chair
Larry Fiesel	Assistant Secretary
Kurt Blumenthal	Assistant Secretary
James Gilman	Assistant Secretary

Also present were:

Chuck Adams	District Manager
Cleo Adams	Assistant District Manager
Tammie Smith	Operations Manager
Tony Pires	District Counsel
Charlie Krebs	District Engineer
Eric Long	PSGRC General Manager
Travis Childers	PSGRC Assistant General Manager
David Willems	Village of Estero Public Works Director
Brent Burford	Johnson Engineering
John Graft	Resident/PSGRC Board President
Arthur Stein	Resident

FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS

Call to Order/Roll Call

Mrs. Adams called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m. Supervisors Schultz, Mountford, Gilman and Blumenthal were present. Supervisor Fiesel was not present at roll call due to a technical error. In consideration of the COVID-19 pandemic, this meeting was being held virtually, via Zoom, and telephonically, as permitted under the Florida Governor's Executive Orders, which allow local governmental public meetings to occur virtually and telephonically.

SECOND ORDER OF BUSINESS

Public Comments: Agenda Items (5 minutes per speaker)

Resident Arthur Stein, on behalf of himself and others, requested maintenance of the overgrown plants in the narrow waterway encroaching behind homes and Golf Course River #8. He suggested implementing a maintenance plan for those areas to avoid future issues. Mr. Schultz explained that the area is designated a dry retention area (DRA) and is under certain maintenance constraints. A DRA Maintenance Plan would commence in the new fiscal year.

Mr. Fiesel joined the meeting at 1:09 p.m.

THIRD ORDER OF BUSINESS

Presentation by David Willems, Village of Estero Public Works Director: Possible Preliminary Water Quality Program at Outflows

Mr. Long discussed meetings with Mr. Willems, the Pelican Sound Water River Committee and the Pelican Sound Board regarding the water quality in the Estero River. Mr. Willems would propose implementing a Water Quality Program with the Village of Estero (The Village), at the outflows in the community and other potential outflows, to improve the overall water quality exiting the Estero River. The Village was also addressing septic areas of concern.

Mr. Willems stated that the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) identified the Estero River and Estero Bay as impaired by bacteria and nutrient levels, respectively. The Village wanted to collaborate with River Ridge to implement a water quality program in Pelican Sound, as it was the first gated community to express interest in water quality; other communities would follow. The Village was also working with Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU) to identify organisms, suspected to have originated from the septic tanks and wastewater treatment plants, and was working towards converting them to central sewer. Implementing a water quality program, with volunteers collecting water samples, was needed. The Village would fund the analysis costs. He, Mr. Krebs and others would work on a management program to present in the future.

Board Members agreed to a partnership with The Village. Mr. Willems was asked to remain in contact with District Staff, as the Board must discuss this further to delegate responsibilities. Mr. Blumenthal volunteered. Mr. Long knew of several residents with a background in collecting water samples. Mr. Graft stated that the PSGRC Board was supportive of this endeavor and noted that the Watercraft and River Committee was very active in various things, in cooperation with The Village and FGCU.

FOURTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Updates: SOLitude Lake Management

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

FIFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Discussion/Consideration: NPDES Cycle 4 Year 3 Report

Mr. Burford presented the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Annual Report and attachments and discussed the information on each page. The County reported no instances of illicit or suspected discharges during inspections; overall water quality pollutant trends were decreasing.

SIXTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Acceptance of Unaudited Financial Statements as of September 30, 2020

Mrs. Adams presented the Unaudited Financial Statements as of September 30, 2020. She responded to questions about the over budget General Fund NPDES and Engineering line items and was asked to verify if the costs were due to two NPDES Reports being completed in the same year and to ensure that the Engineering costs were coded correctly. A Budget Amendment for Fiscal Year 2020 would be presented soon. The financials were accepted.

SEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Approval of the September 22, 2020 Virtual Public Meeting Minutes

Mrs. Adams presented the September 22, 2020 Virtual Public Meeting Minutes. The following changes were made:

Line 68: Change "Wilhelms" to "Willems"

Line 146: Change "Mountford" to "Blumenthal"

On MOTION by Mr. Fiesel and seconded by Mr. Blumenthal, with all in favor, the September 22, 2020 Virtual Public Meeting Minutes, as amended, were approved.

Mr. Blumenthal asked for an update on the items referenced in Lines 50, 62 and 164. Mrs. Adams stated that she would confer with SOLitude Lake Management about repairing the nano-bubbler in Lake H1-B and preparing the grass carp study. Mr. Krebs stated that the

walkthrough with Collier Paving was completed and the proposal for asphalt repairs included the two locations Mr. Fiesel reported, as well as 21250 Pelican Sound Drive. The agreement would be executed immediately in order to place it on the schedule. The additional work in front of the Clubhouse would be submitted via a change order.

• **Active Action and Agenda Items**

Items 5 and 6 were completed.

Items 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 were ongoing.

Item 7: The sidewalk repair project would commence immediately.

Item 9: Add “Under the lead of Mr. Pires, District Staff would set up meetings with the City Attorney, Estero River and Village Staff to discuss lists of concerns and report their initial conversations to the Board in determining what they envision for this process. A Letter of Understanding would be presented for consideration.”

Item 10: Pipe cleaning projects were expected to be completed this week; however, due to an unexpected sinkhole repair and re-inspection scheduled for the spring, costs were expected to exceed this year’s budget. Staff was obtaining cost estimates to repair the embankment adjacent to the weir, located at the River #7T box adjacent to the DRA.

EIGHTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Staff Reports

A. District Counsel: *Woodward Pires & Lombardo, P.A.*

Mr. Pires stated a physical quorum would likely be required at the next meeting, unless the Governor’s Executive Order is extended. Most local governments were continuing with hybrid meetings allowing non-Board Members to participate remotely. Mr. Long was asked to provide the social distancing requirements to members of the public who attend in person.

B. District Engineer: *Hole Montes, Inc.*

There being no report, the next item followed.

C. District Manager: *Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC*

I. Key Activity Dates

The October 2020 Key Activity Dates were provided for informational purposes.

Mrs. Adams reviewed the October Field Operations Report.

➤ The possibility of renewing the lake and wetland contract with SOLitude would be discussed at the next meeting, as the contract expires December 31, 2020.

Mr. Long confirmed that the nano-bubbler in Lake H1-B was repaired.

Mr. Mountford asked Staff to review the culvert along the FPL easement, which may require sediment removal.

II. NEXT MEETING DATE: November 17, 2020 at 1:00 P.M.

○ **QUORUM CHECK**

All Supervisors confirmed their attendance at the November 17, 2020 meeting.

NINTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Supervisors' Requests and Public Comments (5 minutes per speaker)

Mr. Schultz asked for a review of the long-term plans to be included on the January or February agenda, in preparation for the proposed Fiscal Year 2022 budget discussions. He wanted the dry retention projects added to those plans. Mr. Blumenthal concurred and stated that he emailed Mr. Adams to discuss financing and starting certain projects in the spring.

Mr. Blumenthal stated that Pelican Sound formed a Committee to discuss removing and/or replacing trees to restore the canopy; however, the CDD and the Master Homeowners Association documents did not mirror language to allow removal and replacement of trees in the CDD-owned right-of-way (ROW). The Board agreed with Mr. Pires preparing a memorandum for the next meeting that would explain the process for replacing or planting trees and include a courtesy notice to avoid possible issues. It would be attached to Resolution 2018-03 and in correspondence to the PSGRC, as the language did not include any mechanism directing an entity to request removal and replacement of trees in the CDD-owned ROW.

Mr. Long asked if there was interest in the CDD and Pelican Sound sharing the purchase expense for a One-Pass Mold Blaster, for \$100,000 to \$110,000. This would significantly reduce labor costs. Discussion ensued regarding having an Interlocal Agreement. He would contact other communities to gauge interest in sharing the expense and report his findings.

TENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Adjournment

There being nothing further to discuss, the meeting adjourned.

On MOTION by Mr. Fiesel and seconded by Mr. Blumenthal, with all in favor, the meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.



Secretary/Assistant Secretary



Chair/Vice Chair