

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
SARASOTA NATIONAL  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

The Board of Supervisors of the Sarasota National Community Development District held a Regular Meeting on April 13, 2021, at 2:00 p.m., at the Sarasota National Clubhouse, 25500 National Boulevard, Venice, Florida 34293.

**Present were:**

Gerald Bergmoser	Chair
Cary Leuschner	Vice Chair
Terry Kirschner	Assistant Secretary
Richard (Dick) Smith	Assistant Secretary

**Also present were:**

Chuck Adams	District Manager
Lindsay Whelan (via telephone)	District Counsel
Patrick Healy	District Engineer
Joan Charishchak	Resident
Faye Graham	Resident
Monica Fuller	Resident
Mark Hughes	Resident
Chip Campbell	Resident
John Istwan	Resident

**FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Call to Order/Roll Call**

Mr. Adams called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Supervisors Bergmoser, Kirschner, Leuschner and Richard Smith were present. Supervisor Russell Smith was not present.

**SECOND ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Public Comments: *Agenda Items* [3-Minute Time Limit]**

Resident Joan Charishchak submitted photographs and read a letter expressing dissatisfaction with the deterioration of the common area lawn between the property lines of the homes on Copper Leaf Drive and the scrub brush preserve. Mr. Adams stated, while the property in question is owned by the CDD, the HOA is responsible for the maintaining the grass and landscaping around the ponds; he would share these concerns with the HOA.

Mr. Bergmoser discussed the scope of the CDD’s responsibilities, which include pond and lake management; quarterly inspections and maintenance were performed to prevent exotic weeds from growing. Mr. Adams stated, from the waterline up, the adjacent property owner is responsible for maintenance; if the adjacent property owner is not a resident, the Neighborhood Association, Condo Association or Master Association is responsible. Discussion ensued regarding maintenance of bahia grass and floritan and the limitations in utilizing herbicides, given the lack of irrigation.

Resident Faye Graham complained that the lake has a serious problem with midges. She observed SOLitude treating the lake and asked for the District to take action, such as safe environmental treatments or adding aeration or predatory fish and maintaining a healthy shoreline, to promote oxygenation, as described on the SOLitude website.

Mr. Adams stated that midge flies were an issue on this lake in the past; funds were not currently budgeted and spraying would likely be the cheapest and most effective means of treatment. Discussion ensued regarding the extent of the problem and the availability of treatments to kill larvae without harming fish or wildlife. Mr. Adams stated that there were sufficient excess funds available in the Fiscal Year 2021 budget to fund this work. The Board authorized the District Manager to proceed with a treatment program and asked to be advised of the cost; SOLitude would develop a treatment plan.

Resident Monica Fuller reported that, since October, Lennar subcontractors were net fishing and removing fish in coolers, despite the catch and release regulations; it was reported but to no avail. She and other residents called and sent pictures to Erica, at the HOA, and called the front gate. Mr. Adams stated Mr. Kirschner would discuss it with Lennar. Mr. Kirschner stated he would address it with the Management Team and also speak with the person who runs the HOAs. Discussion ensued regarding signage, liability and trespassing.

Mr. Bergmoser suggested residents continue sending their concerns to the HOA and stated, as the community grows, security may be needed but that would be an HOA issue.

**THIRD ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Administration of Oath of Office to Newly Appointed Supervisor, Richard Smith (*the following to be provided in a separate package*)**

Mr. Adams stated the Oath of Office was administered to Mr. Smith prior to the meeting.

- I. **Guide to Sunshine Amendment and Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees**
- II. **Membership, Obligations and Responsibilities**
- III. **Financial Disclosure Forms**
  - a. **Form 1: Statement of Financial Interests**
  - b. **Form 1X: Amendment to Form 1, Statement of Financial Interests**
  - c. **Form 1F: Final Statement of Financial Interests**
- IV. **Form 8B – Memorandum of Voting Conflict**

**FOURTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Consider Appointment of Qualified Elector Candidate to Fill Vacancy in Seat 3 (*term expires November 2024*)**

- A. **Scott J. Cietek**
- B. **John Istwan**

Mr. Istwan discussed his interest in serving on the Board, his experience working with the group responsible for lagoon and fish and plant life maintenance and his years in his previous golf community in Georgia. In Mr. Cietek’s absence, the Board reviewed his resume.

**On MOTION by Mr. Kirschner and seconded by Mr. Smith, with all in favor, the appointment of Mr. John Istwan to Seat 3, term expires November 2024, was approved.**

**FIFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Administration of Oath of Office to Newly Appointed Supervisor**

Mr. Adams, a Notary of the State of Florida and duly authorized, administered the Oath of Office to Mr. John Istwan. The new Supervisor packet was provided to Mr. Istwan and Mr. Smith. Ms. Whelan encouraged the new Board Members to call her office with any questions and noted that each would receive a binder of documents in the mail.

**SIXTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Consideration of Resolution 2021-04, Designating a Chair, a Vice Chair, a Secretary, Assistant Secretaries, a Treasurer and an Assistant Treasurer of the Sarasota National Community Development District, and Providing for an Effective Date**

Mr. Adams presented Resolution 2021-04. Mr. Bergmoser nominated the following slate of officers:

Chair	Gerald Bergmoser
Vice Chair	Carlton Leuschner
Secretary	Chesley (Chuck) E. Adams, Jr.
Assistant Secretary	Russell Smith
Assistant Secretary	Richard Smith
Assistant Secretary	John Istwan
Assistant Secretary	Craig Wrathell
Treasurer	Craig Wrathell
Assistant Secretary	Jeff Pinder

No other nominations were made.

**On MOTION by Mr. Bergmoser and seconded by Mr. Leuschner, with all in favor, Resolution 2021-04, Designating a Chair, a Vice Chair, a Secretary, Assistant Secretaries, a Treasurer and an Assistant Treasurer of the Sarasota National Community Development District, as nominated, and Providing for an Effective Date, was adopted.**

**SEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Consideration of Resolution 2021-05, Approving Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2021/2022 and Setting a Public Hearing Thereon Pursuant to Florida Law; Addressing Transmittal, Posting and Publication Requirements; Addressing Severability; and Providing an Effective Date**

Mr. Adams presented Resolution 2021-05. He explained the annual budget preparation, deliberation, public hearing and adoption process and reviewed the proposed Fiscal Year 2022

budget, highlighting any line item increases, decreases and adjustments, compared to the Fiscal Year 2021 budget, and explained the reasons for any adjustments. The proposed Fiscal Year 2022 assessments were slightly lower compared to the Fiscal Year 2021 assessments.

A Board Member requested a map of the ponds. Mr. Adams stated he had copies and digital copies could be emailed; a GIS map program was also available on the Property Appraiser’s website. Resident Chip Campbell noted the insurance line item increase and asked if other estimates could be obtained. Mr. Adams stated there are a limited number of carriers for governmental insurance; the amount provided was an estimate for budgeting purposes only.

**On MOTION by Mr. Bergmoser and seconded by Mr. Leuschner, with all in favor, Resolution 2021-05, Approving Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2021/2022 and Setting a Public Hearing Thereon Pursuant to Florida Law for August 10, 2021 at 2:00 p.m., at Sarasota National Clubhouse, 25500 National Boulevard, Venice, Florida 34293; Addressing Transmittal, Posting and Publication Requirements; Addressing Severability; and Providing an Effective Date, was adopted.**

**EIGHTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Consideration of Resolution 2021-06, Designating Dates, Times and Locations for Regular Meetings of the Board of Supervisors of the District for Fiscal Year 2021/2022 and Providing for an Effective Date**

Mr. Adams presented Resolution 2021-06.

**On MOTION by Mr. Bergmoser and seconded by Mr. Smith, with all in favor, Resolution 2021-06, Designating Dates, Times and Locations for Regular Meetings of the Board of Supervisors of the District for Fiscal Year 2021/2022 and Providing for an Effective Date, was adopted.**

**NINTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Ratification of Deed of Conservation Easement to Sarasota County**

Ms. Whelan presented the Deed of Conservation Easement to Sarasota County, which granted easement rights to the County, as required by the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) and Army Corps of Engineers Permits. The easement applies

only to dedicated wetlands and conservation area property. Mr. Leuschner asked why all the wetlands were not included. The consensus was that easements were signed as the properties were platted and these represented the last of the easements.

**On MOTION by Mr. Bergmoser and seconded by Mr. Leuschner, with all in favor, the Deed of Conservation Easement to Sarasota County, was ratified.**

**TENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Consideration of Hopping Green & Sams, P.A., Fee Increase**

Ms. Whelan presented the Hopping Green & Sams, P.A., request for a fee increase. She noted that the firm had not increased its rates since 2019. Barring any litigation, the fee increase was not expected to negatively affect the District’s Fiscal Year 2022 budget.

**On MOTION by Mr. Bergmoser and seconded by Mr. Leuschner, with all in favor, the of Hopping Green & Sams, P.A., fee increase, was approved.**

**ELEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Acceptance of Unaudited Financial Statements as of February 28, 2021**

Mr. Adams presented the Unaudited Financial Statements as of February 28, 2021. Mr. Bergmoser asked if the District could utilize CDs or a money market account to earn more interest. Mr. Adams stated it might be feasible for surplus fund balance; an alternative would be a cash sweep account. He discussed the limitations on CDD investments; options would be presented. Off-roll assessment revenues were low due to a billing delay; he expected they would be caught up the following month.

A Board Member asked if supplemental plants, such as canna, could be added to the periphery of the wetlands. Discussion ensued regarding the types of plants permitted and the goal of budgeting to support the littoral shelf plantings to help reduce erosion.

The financials were accepted.

**TWELFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Approval of January 12, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes**

Mr. Adams presented the January 12, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes.

**On MOTION by Mr. Bergmoser and seconded by Mr. Leuschner, with all in favor, the January 12, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes, as presented, were approved.**

**THIRTEENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Staff Reports**

**A. District Counsel: *Hopping Green & Sams, P.A.***

There being nothing further to report, the next item followed.

**B. District Engineer: *Kimley Horn and Associates, Inc.***

There being no report, the next item followed.

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

- **NEXT MEETING DATE: July 13, 2021 at 2:00 P.M.**
  - **QUORUM CHECK**

The next meeting will be held July 13, 2021.

**FOURTEENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Supervisors' Requests**

Mr. Leuschner asked for each Board Member to receive an updated map of the wetlands. Mr. Adams noted that adding street names and golf holes to the map would be helpful.

**FIFTEENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned.

**On MOTION by Mr. Bergmoser and seconded by Mr. Smith, with all in favor, the meeting adjourned at 3:11 p.m.**

[SIGNATURES APPEAR ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE]

COSAL:  
Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Paul Byrnes  
Chair/Vice Chair