

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

The Board of Supervisors of the Sarasota National Community Development District held a Regular Meeting on July 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
John Istwan	Assistant Secretary
Richard (Dick) Smith	Assistant Secretary

**Also present were:**

Chuck Adams	District Manager
Michael Eckert (via telephone)	District Counsel
Patrick Healy (via telephone)	District Engineer
Cindy Calvert (via telephone)	Keefe McCullough
Tom Kelly	Resident

**FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Call to Order/Roll Call**

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

**SECOND ORDER OF BUSINESS**

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

There were no public comments.

**THIRD ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Presentation of Audited Basic Financial Statements for the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2020, Prepared by Keefe McCullough**

Ms. Calvert presented the Audited Basic Financial Statements for the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2020, noting pertinent information. There were no findings, recommendations, deficiencies on internal control or instances of noncompliance; it was a clean audit.

In response to a question regarding insurance, referenced in Note 7, on Page 21, Mr. Adams stated the Board is covered by general liability and Directors and Officers insurance.

Asked for an example of an instance where a Supervisor would need that insurance, Mr. Eckert stated it would be needed if an ethics complaint is filed against the Supervisor. Asked about the insurance coverage if the CDD were sued or went to court, Mr. Eckert stated it would depend on the claim that is being asserted and, absent a breach of contract action, the insurance policy would typically provide coverage, as long as it does not fall under an exclusion.

**FOURTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Consideration of Resolution 2021-07,  
Hereby Accepting the Audited Basic  
Financial Statements for the Fiscal Year  
Ended September 30, 2020**

Mr. Adams presented Resolution 2021-07.

**On MOTION by Mr. Bergmoser and seconded by Mr. Smith, with all in favor,  
Resolution 2021-07, Hereby Accepting the Audited Basic Financial Statements  
for the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2020, was adopted.**

**Ms. Calvert left the call.**

**FIFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Update: Success of Midge Fly Treatment  
and Eradication Efforts**

Mr. Adams stated he conferred with the contractor who indicated that the multi-treatment process did a very good job of eradicating the midge flies and attributed that to why there were no further complaints from residents. He recalled that, at the previous meeting, the consensus was to only slightly reduce the assessments or keep the assessments the same and provide for a “midge fly” budget line item, going forward. He proposed reducing “Other

contractual services” from \$335,000 to \$320,000 and “Lake bank erosion repair” from \$35,000 to \$28,700, to support the midge fly treatment program and keep assessments flat.

Discussion ensued regarding the cost of the treatments, reducing costs, a new product and whether residents were informed of the treatments in advance and, if so, what method of contact was used. A Board member asked for the vendor to email information to the Board regarding the new product that would eventually be used to treat the midge flies.

**SIXTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Discussion: Education of Residents Regarding “Do’s and Don’ts” In and Around CDD Lakes and Conservation Areas**

Mr. Adams stated this item was added to address the actions of two property owners who misused the ponds and one who entered the conservation area. After conferring with the Chair, Staff sent a letter informing the property owners that their actions were inappropriate, along with educational data taken from the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) website. The information would be emailed to residents. Regarding conservation areas, Mr. Adams stated oftentimes the areas are breached by individuals who relocate to Florida from other states and think the wooded area is an extension of their backyard, that they can enter and do not realize those areas are environmentally sensitive and off limits.

Asked about the penalties that could be imposed on property owners who routinely damage the conservation areas, Mr. Eckert stated, as the conservation area permit holder, the CDD is responsible and could receive a Notice of Violation or Noncompliance from the SFWMD or the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and face penalties and fines, which the CDD could pass onto the property owner.

Discussion ensued regarding a photograph showing cut down trees and bushes, who has responsibility for restoration, the CDD having no fining authority, the recovery process, sending demand letters, ordering a survey and a restoration/replanting plan.

Mr. Adams would ask the District Engineer to stake the property line and frontage of the individual who was photographed cutting down trees in the conservation area and have a biologist evaluate the impact and give an update at the next meeting.

**SEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Acceptance of Unaudited Financial Statements as of May 31, 2021**

Mr. Adams presented the Unaudited Financial Statements as of May 31, 2021.

A Board Member questioned the \$44” in interest income for Fiscal Year 2021. Mr. Adams would investigate, obtain the general ledgers and email his findings to the Board.

The financials were accepted.

**EIGHTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Approval of April 13, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes**

Mr. Adams presented the April 13, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes. The following change was made:

Line 38: Change “Lake” to “Leaf”

**On MOTION by Mr. Bergmoser and seconded by Mr. Leuschner, with all in favor, the April 13, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes, as amended, were approved.**

**NINTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Staff Reports**

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

Mr. Eckert introduced himself and stated he was filling in for Ms. Whelan.

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

There being no report, the next item followed.

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

**I. 1,510 Registered Voters in District as of April 15, 2021**

There were 1,510 registered voters residing within the District as of April 15, 2021.

**II. NEXT MEETING DATE: August 10, 2021 at 2:00 P.M.**

**o QUORUM CHECK**

The next meeting will be held August 10, 2021.

**TENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Supervisors' Requests**

Asked about the District's policy regarding property owners who do not pay their "fees", Mr. Adams stated that, because the CDD assessments are on the tax bill, the County seeks recovery from delinquent property owners through tax certificate sales.

**ELEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Adjournment**

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

**On MOTION by Mr. Bergmoser and seconded by Mr. Leuschner, with all in favor, the meeting adjourned at 2:44 p.m.**

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Secretary/Assistant Secretary

  
Chair/Vice Chair