# MINUTES OF MEETING SARASOTA NATIONAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

The Board of Supervisors of the Sarasota National Community Development District held a Regular Meeting and Audit Committee Meeting on February 11, 2025 at 1:00 p.m., in person at the Sarasota National Clubhouse, 25500 National Boulevard, Venice, Florida 34293.

#### **Present:**

Gerald Bergmoser Chair
Carlton (Cary) Leuschner Vice Chair

John IstwanAssistant SecretaryDouglas KaslAssistant SecretaryDick SmithAssistant Secretary

### Also present:

Chuck Adams (via telephone)

Cleo Adams

Shane Willis (via telephone)

Lindsay Whelan (via telephone)

Chris Beers

District Manager

Operations Manager

Kutak Rock LLP

District Engineer

Bill Kurth Premier Lakes, Inc. (Premier)

Jerrilyn Schulze Resident Eric Buck Resident

# DUE TO TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES, AUDIO WAS NOT AVAILABLE MINUTES TRANSCRIBED FROM THE MEETING NOTES

#### FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS

Call to Order/Roll Call

Mr. Bergmoser called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. All Supervisors were present.

#### **SECOND ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Public Comments: Agenda Items [3-Minute

Time Limit]

Resident Eric Buck discussed lake bank erosion concerns adjacent to Lake 32.

Resident Jerrilyn Schulze also discussed lake bank erosion at Lake 32.

THIRD ORDER OF BUSINESS Update: Premier Lakes, Inc. (Bill Kurth)

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Referencing a handout of emailed correspondence between Supervisor Smith and Mrs.

Adams, Mr. Kurth discussed ongoing efforts to treat the planktonic algae bloom in Pond 41.

He stated Staff will obtain a water quality test and report the findings at the next meeting.

**FOURTH ORDER OF BUSINESS** 

Discussion: Letter from Resident RE Land

Erosion [23387 Waverly Circle]

Mrs. Adams presented a letter from Mr. Buck regarding the encroachment of a CDD pond

and its erosion of the land/embankment on the south property line, including a copy of the plat

and photographs of the area. She stated Staff met with MRI to discuss the scope of work.

Discussion ensued regarding the erosion issues at Lakes #32 and #56.

Staff will obtain the cost to repair the lake bank on the CDD side.

It was noted that Premier Lakes offers this service and will submit a proposal.

The remediation work at Lake #32 is anticipated to be completed within 10 days, upon

Board approval at the next meeting.

Mr. Beers will inspect both lakes after the meeting and report his findings at the April

meeting.

FIFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Discussion: Lake Bank Issues Related to Golf

**Course Renovation** 

Mrs. Adams presented correspondence from Ms. Sally Krause regarding golf course

renovations slated for 2026. It was noted that the Golf Course Architect needs clarification of the

following two questions to begin construction:

1. The Architect would like to have the ability to perform limited grading on the slopes of

the lake banks within the SNCDD property to be able to transition the new golf course grading

onto the lake bank slopes. None of the grading work will impact the lake surface area or the

runoff storage volume of the lakes. the work would include turf removal and minor adjustments

to limited areas of the surface grades of the lake banks. after the grading operation is completed,

any lake banks that were disturbed will be re-grassed with Bermuda grass sod. Please advise if

this is acceptable.

2. The current bulkheads on the 7<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> holes have been assessed structurally and

determined to need replacement in two to four years. The decision to address this during the

larger construction project was made since it makes sense financially and to avoid disrupting golf

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again in just a few years. These are planned to be rebuilt in the current location but are situated adjacent to the lakes.

SIXTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Discussion: Review of Lake Boundary (Tract 739) Adjacent to Number 7 Hole

Mrs. Adams presented a letter and photographs of the #7 Tee Box from Golf & Greens Committee Chairperson Marty Quinn regarding the Committee's request to define the lake boundary along hole #7. It was noted that necessary repairs will be made.

Mr. Beers will inspect and define the boundary for the golf course and report his findings.

**SEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS** 

Discussion/Consideration: Installation of Four (4) Floating Targets at Golf Driving Range

Mrs. Adams presented correspondence from Mr. Quinn about the Golf Committee's plans to install four 10' floating targets on the golf course driving range at Sarasota National.

Discussion ensued regarding the proposed improvements, Lake 76 and the need for a license agreement.

Staff will include the license agreement on the next agenda, for Board consideration.

**EIGHTH ORDER OF BUSINESS** 

Recess Regular Meeting/Commencement of Audit Selection Committee Meeting

The Regular meeting recessed and the Audit Selection Committee meeting commenced.

**NINTH ORDER OF BUSINESS** 

Review of Responses to Request for Proposals (RFP) for Annual Audit Services

- A. Affidavit of Publication
- B. RFP Package
- C. Respondents
  - I. Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines & Frank
  - II. DiBartolomeo, McBee, Hartley & Barnes, P.A.
  - III. Grau & Associates
  - IV. Carr, Riggs & Ingram

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The Audit Selection Committee reviewed the responses and completed the Auditor Evaluation Matrix/ranking sheet.

# D. Auditor Evaluation Matrix/Ranking

Mrs. Adams tabulated the scores and ranking, as follows:

#1	DiBartolomeo, McBee, Hartley & Barnes, P.A.	490 points
#2	Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines & Frank	454 points
#3	Grau & Associates	435 points
#4	Carr, Riggs & Ingram	415 points

#### TENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Termination of Audit Selection Committee Meeting/Reconvene Regular Meeting

The Audit Selection Committee meeting terminated and the Regular meeting reconvened.

### **ELEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Consider Recommendation of Audit Selection Committee

### Award of Contract

On MOTION by Mr. Bergmoser and seconded by Mr. Istwan, with all in favor, accepting the scores, ranking and recommendation of the Audit Selection Committee as the Board's own, and awarding the contract for Annual Audit Services to DiBartolomeo, McBee, Hartley & Barnes, P.A., the #1 ranked respondent to the RFP for Audit Services, was approved.

#### TWELFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Acceptance of Unaudited Financial Statements as of December 31, 2024

### Financial Highlights Report

The financials were accepted.

#### THIRTEENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Approval of January 7, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes

The following changes were made:

Line 32: Change "2:00" to "1:00"

Lines 39 through 40: Insert a period after "shelf" and delete remainder of sentence

Line 43: Change "of" to "off"

Line 92: Delete "7th" and change "tee" to "tees"

On MOTION by Mr. Bergmoser and seconded by Mr. Leuschner, with all in favor, the January 7, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes, as amended, were approved.

#### FOURTEENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

## **Staff Reports**

A. District Counsel: Kutak Rock LLP

Ms. Whelan stated the Legislative Session will soon commence. Staff will keep the Board updated on any matters potentially affecting the CDD.

B. District Engineer: Johnson Engineering Inc.

There was no report.

- C. District Manager: Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC
  - NEXT MEETING DATE: April 8, 2025 at 1:00 PM
    - QUORUM CHECK
- D. Operations Manager: Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC

The following items were discussed and will be included on the next agenda:

- Lake bank restoration projects.
- Lake #32 and Lake #56.

Mr. Willis to share specifications with the Board Members.

# FIFTEENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

**Supervisors' Requests** 

There were no Supervisors' requests.

# SIXTEENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Adjournment

On MOTION by Mr. Bergmoser and seconded by Mr. Istwan, with all in favor, the meeting adjourned at 2:37 p.m.

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chair/Vice Chair