

MINUTES

PORT LABELLE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MEETING

May 22, 2014

A meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Port LaBelle Community Development District was called to order at 6:00 P.M. on Thursday, May 22, 2014, by Chairman, Jason Martinez, who verified that a quorum was present.

Those present at the meeting were:

Jason Martinez – Chairman & Board Member
Jeff Perry – Vice-Chairman & Board Member
Jeffrey McGirt – Treasurer & Board Member
Nancy Imhoff – Board Member
Mike Jordan – Board Member
Lester Baird, Sr. - General Manager for the District
Jeff Daniels - Field Superintendent
Debora Simicich – Secretary for the District
Robert Pritt – Attorney for the District
Andy Higginbotham – Accountant for the District

The meeting opened with a prayer from Mr. Pritt followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Jordan, seconded by Mr. McGirt and unanimously carried, it was

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the last Board of Supervisors meeting held on March 27, 2014, be approved as individually read.

Mr. Martinez asked Mr. Baird to present the General Manager's report.

Mr. Baird began by presenting Resolution Number 2014-3 which adjusts the FY 2014 Budget by creating a line item for the Barron Water Control District's Health Insurance payments to be shown as a payable and a receivable.

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Jordan, seconded by Mr. Perry and unanimously carried, it was

RESOLVED, that Resolution Number 2014-3, amending the 2013- 2014 annual budget for receipt and disbursement of Barron Water Control District's health insurance, be approved.

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Tommy Perry presented the results of the Road Overlay bidding for E. Carnation and Maywood Circle. These were the two populated roads in most need of repair. The two bids came in at \$109,500 and \$98,550. Both bids were higher than anticipated but were deemed to be fair bids by Tommy Perry due to a recent jump in the price of asphalt. It has gone up 25¢ per square yard.

Tommy Perry pointed out that both companies added an additional bid for overlay of a geo-textile fabric. He pointed out that it pushes the project way beyond the funds available and it is not necessary for the integrity of the road.

Tommy Perry recommended that the District accept the Community Asphalt bid of \$98,550, which is the lowest. Depending on the proceeds from the tax certificate sale next week, he will adjust the scope of the work to bring it into line with the budget approved by the Board. If the tax certificate sale proceeds are not high enough to cover the entire project, the balance could be taken out of the Reserves.

Mr. Baird pointed out that the District does not spend the whole budget and there should be funds available to do the entire project as planned.

Mr. Jordan voiced his concerns regarding the length of use of an overlay.

Tommy Perry replied that overlays last longer than 5 years. The road is actually the material under the asphalt. The asphalt serves as a roof to protect the road. A binding agent is applied to ensure that the new asphalt adheres to the old asphalt.

Mr. Mouthan asked what makes the asphalt material fill in the cracks and does it fill them all the way down?

Tommy Perry responded that the contractors use a firm asphalt that will fill in the cracks, but it will not be pushed all the way to the bottom. A concrete road like the District roads will always have the crack in it and they will show through the asphalt eventually.

Mr. Daniels pointed out that traffic on the road actually helps to keep the cracking to a minimum. The more a road is used, the less the cracking will show through.

Mr. Jordan inquired about the condition of the current asphalt. If it is so bad, how can we pave over it without removing any of it?

Mr. Daniels replied that there is not much asphalt left on the roads. They have been worn down to the base concrete.

Tommy Perry pointed out that by covering the old asphalt with the new it makes it all good. The old asphalt is not slipping; it is still well attached to the road base.

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Mr. Pritt advised awarding the bid with a budget contingency in it. The District will be getting money from the state due to the purchase of property for widening Highway 80.

Jeff Perry stated that he can't see cutting anything from the project, considering how bad the roads conditions in the District are.

Ms. Imhoff asked how the District will replenish the money spent for the roads.

Mr. Baird responded that the 50¢ added to the tax rate last year and will remain in place until repealed. This will allow the road account to build up and be used every other year. If the Board wants to totally replenish the account every year, the rate will have to increase to \$1.00.

Tommy Perry stated that keeping the 50¢ rate and re-paving every other year is a solid plan for now.

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Jeff Perry, seconded by Mr. McGirt and unanimously carried, it was

RESOLVED, that the 2014 Overlay Paving Project be awarded to Community Asphalt Corporation in the amount of \$98,550.00, including authorization for contracting the work, be approved.

Ms. Lupe Taylor from Hendry County Emergency Services gave an update on the E-911 coordination of addressing. Banyan Village with 3,400 lots has been the biggest challenge from a 911 safety point of view. It has multiple addresses and multiple street names that are the same. She brought the proposed changes to the Board for approval. Once the District Board approves the changes, she will submit them to the Hendry County Board of County Commissioners and once they approve them to the Hendry County Property Appraiser where they will finally be changed.

Mr. Baird read the proposal to the Board.

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Jordan, seconded by Ms. Imhoff and unanimously carried, it was

RESOLVED, that the street names proposed by the Hendry County E911 for Banyan Village, and authorizing the District Manager to sign on behalf of the Board, be approved.

Mr. McGirt asked about signage for the new road names.

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Mr. Daniels responded that new signs would be installed as homes go up in the area. The District is not going to spend \$100,000 putting up new signs in uninhabited areas. As the homes go in, the tax revenues will increase to offset the cost of the signs.

Mr. Pritt is still looking into the matter of changing the designation for Capital Projects Funds. It will definitely need Board approval and might even require voter action to change the designation. We will cross that bridge if it comes up.

Mr. Baird confirmed that he will retire in November, 2014. He is scheduling a joint meeting between Barron Water Control District and the Pt. LaBelle Community Development District to discuss the General Manager position.

Mr. Martinez asked for any further public comments. None were given.

There being no more business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 P.M.



Jason Martinez, Chair

ATTEST:



Debora Simicich, Corporate Secretary

