

## MINUTES

### PORT LABELLE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

### BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MEETING

May 28, 2015

A meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Port LaBelle Community Development District was called to order at 5:30 P.M. on Thursday, May 28, 2015, by Vice-Chairman, Jeff Perry, who verified that a quorum was present.

Those present at the meeting were:

Jeff Perry – Vice-Chairman & Board Member  
Nancy Imhoff – Board Member  
Mike Jordan – Treasurer & Board Member  
Judi Kennington-Korf - 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

Absent from the meeting was Jason Martinez – Chairman & Board Member

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

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

RESOLVED AND APPROVED, the minutes of the last Board of Supervisors meeting held on April 23, 2015, as individually read.

Ms. Kennington-Korf urged to the Board to continue the process for filling seat #3, which was declared vacant at the previous Board Meeting. She noted that the vacancy had been advertised and that the only response has been from Nick Tanner. Mr. Jordan replied that he felt it was the Board's responsibility to practice due diligence in the selection process. He believes that interested parties should submit a brief resume with their letter of interest. He would like the Board to meet with each candidate before making a selection. Since this is a selection by the Board, not a person chosen by the voters at large, he feels it is most important to choose carefully. The Board agreed that an interview of any candidate for a vacant seat should be the final step of the process before making a selection.

Ms. Imhoff asked about the District's hurricane readiness. Mr. Daniels replied that we are as ready as we can be.

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Mr. Perry thanked Mr. Daniels for the timely mowing of the right-of-way in front of the high school; graduation is this Saturday.

Mr. Jordan raised concern that the Board might receive some radical backlash from raising the millage for the roads. He proposed that the District send a notification to landowners explaining the situation. A discussion ensued and it was decided that the required notice which will appear in the local newspaper and word of mouth was the best way to get the word out. In order for the public to have maximum input into the process, the Board decided to schedule a Budget Workshop before proposing a budget. The workshop is scheduled for Thursday, July 16, 2015 at 5:30 PM.

Ms. Kennington-Korf informed the Board that the Barron Water Control District (BWCD) has decided to sell the district's car and pay employees the current federal rate for mileage while running errands and attending meetings for the District. This will eliminate the \$150 month charge from BWCD to Pt. LaBelle for use of the vehicle while on PLCDD business. Mr. Pritt advised the Board they have the option of acquiring the vehicle from BWCD. Mr. Jordan would like to see some hard numbers on the annual cost of owning the vehicle and asked how it would be paid for out of the current year's budget. Ms. Kennington-Korf replied that the PLCDD currently pays \$150 a month to BWCD and that this money could be used to pay for vehicle expenses. Mr. Pritt noted that it is permissible for the BWCD to gift the car to another government agency or to charge a portion of the automobiles value. Mr. Perry would like staff to contact the BWCD Board of Supervisors and see what they would be willing to do.

Mr. Pritt presented the Board with a draft of two letters he had prepared in regard to trespassing issues, which have not abated. The first letter is a warning to the offender stating that the Board has a duty to the landowners in the District to stop the trespass from occurring. The second letter is a notice that the District is seeking payment from the offender for damages incurred to District property. Mr. Pritt proposed that the District's Attorney and General Manager meet with the Hendry and Glades Counties' Attorneys and County Managers to discuss the issue further and to seek their assistance with enforcement of the District's resolutions. If all else fails the District can take the offender to court and sue them for damages. Mr. Pritt noted that going to court is costly and the District could not afford to sue every person who trespasses and/or damages District property; but sometimes all you have to do is sue one person and the rest will fall into line. Ms. Kennington-Korf stated that it is hard to prove trespass in court. Mr. Pritt stated that the District needs to be sure of who is trespassing and causing the damage and must be able to show this in court. Mr. Jordan stated that he feels the District has no choice but to take action and asked that staff meet with County officials from each county to get the process started.

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

There being no more business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 P.M.



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Jeff Perry, Vice-Chairman

ATTEST:



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~~Debora Simicich, Corporate Secretary~~

Nancy V. Buchoff