

MINUTES

PORT LABELLE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MEETING

September 29, 2014

A meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Port LaBelle Community Development District was called to order at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, September 29, 2014 by the Chair, Jason Martinez who verified that a quorum was present and that the meeting had been legally advertised.

Those present at the meeting were:

Jason Martinez – Chair & Board Member
Jeff Perry – Vice Chair & Board Member
Jeff McGirt – Treasurer & Board Member
Mike Jordan – Board Member
Nancy Imhoff – Board Member
Robert Pritt – Attorney for the District
Jeff Daniels – Field Superintendent
Debora Simicich – District Secretary
Other Interested Parties

Andy Higginbotham, accountant for the District, was absent from the meeting.

Mr. Martinez led with Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag followed by a prayer led by Mr. Pritt.

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

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the last Board of Supervisors' meeting held on September 17, 2014, be approved as individually read.

Mr. Martinez announced that the Public Hearing to make a final decision on the budget and taxes, as advertised, was open.

Mr. Martinez asked for comments from the public. Ms. Carol Partain asked what the money generated by the increase in millage rate was going to be used for.

Mr. Baird responded that it was simply to make up for loss of revenue sources that would not be available next year. The District has again experienced a shortfall in the collection of tax revenues and the rental of the District's office building is coming to an end. Although the budget has actually decreased from the previous year, an increase was necessary to make up for the revenues being lost.

Mr. Jordan commented that the Board had retained a percentage which was added to the rate last year to cover expenses for the District's road repairs. A certain percentage of the taxes were designated last year and that amount was retained for the upcoming fiscal year.

Mr. Baird publicly announced that the final millage rate is 4.4200.

Mr. Pritt commented that as a rule of order the Board would vote on the final millage rate which Mr. Baird had announced and that the vote for the final budget would come next and the amounts needed to be announced to the public, just to make sure that the Board is in compliance with Florida Statutes. He confirmed with Mr. Baird that the final millage rate of 4.4200 is 6.74% over the Roll Back Rate.

Mr. Baird announced that the final millage rate is 4.4200, the final Operations budget is \$811,087 and the final CPF budget is \$2,143,612.

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

RESOLVED, that in accordance with Resolution 2014-5 the final millage rate levy of 4.4200 mils per \$1,000 of tax year 2014 gross taxable value, be approved and adopted.

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Martinez, seconded by Mr. McGirt and unanimously carried by a roll call vote, it was

RESOLVED, that in accordance with Resolution 2014-6 that the final Operations budget for fiscal year 2014-2015 shall be \$811,087 and a Capital Projects Fund budget for fiscal year 2014-2015 shall be \$2,153,612, be approved and adopted.

The Public Hearing was adjourned.

Mr. Baird asked the Board to consider the renewal of the Hendry County Mowing Contract.

Mr. Mouthan asked, "What is the annual income from the Hendry County mowing contract?"

Ms. Imhoff replied that it is \$50,408 for 2014-2015 and \$54,019 for 2015-2016.

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

RESOLVED, that the contract between Hendry County and the District for mowing for 2014 – 2016, be approved.

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

RESOLVED, that the contract between Glades County and the District for mowing for 2014 – 2016, be approved.

Mr. Baird welcomed Judi Kennington-Korf and announced that she had been chosen as the new General Manager for the two Districts.

Jeff Daniels gave an update on the road paving project. It is getting off to a rough start. He called the asphalt contractor and was told that the work would start today but he has yet to see any equipment moved into the area.

Mr. Baird commented that the rain everyday might have something to do with that.

Mr. Daniels stated that he will call again and see what the holdup is.

Mr. Mouthan asked what would happen with the Glades County mowing contract if they did not want to sign a two year contract.

Mr. Baird stated that if that turns out to be the case, he will change the term to one year and have the Board ratify the action at the November meeting.

Mr. Pritt brought up the upcoming vacant Board Member position. He stated that the Board will need to declare a vacancy after the November elections and then make arrangements to fill the vacancy. Historically, this Board has advertised a vacant seat and asked interested residents to submit a letter of interest. Although the vacancy will not occur until November, he noted that the Board could instruct Mr. Baird to advertise the upcoming vacancy to see if any residents are interested in serving.

Mr. Baird noted that in the past there has not been a great deal of interest from the residents to serve on the Board.

The Board authorized Mr. Baird to place an ad in the local papers for the upcoming Board Member vacancy.

Mr. Pritt noted that he is the District's lobbyist and, as such, is authorized to present to the Legislature any concerns or special needs the District is experiencing. On that note, he found out that the State Legislative Committee for Glades County will be meeting this coming Friday, October 3, 2014 at the Glades County Courthouse. Although the published deadline to sign up for a place on the agenda was September 24, 2014, he

feels that the District could still get on the agenda if the Board feels it to be beneficial to address the Legislature at this time.

Ms. Imhoff stated that the District's greatest concern is the repair of the roads. She wanted to know if there is grant money or something available to help the District with this big expense. The District has not grown as large as anticipated and is growing very slowly. The money is just not available from current tax revenue for the repairs.

Mr. Pritt noted that since there is some money available, but that it would need to be reclassified, the District should approach the Legislature and offer to match any monies granted to the District. He suggested asking for a small amount like \$50,000 which is more likely to be approved.

Mr. Martinez asked that Mr. Baird and Mr. Pritt put their heads together and see if they could come up with something to present to the Legislative Committee on behalf of the Board.

Mr. Daniels asked if submitting the five year study and road condition survey he did would be helpful.

Mr. Pritt replied, send me a picture of the 5 worst roads in the District, no more.

Mr. Mouthan asked about the upcoming Board Member vacancy, whether the person chosen to fill the position had to be approved by somebody at the State level since the position is an elected position.

Mr. Pritt is pretty sure that the Board can appoint whoever they want but he will check the Statutes and send the answer to Mr. Baird.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.



ATTEST:


Debora Simicich, Recording Secretary



Jason Martinez, Chairman