

# IMMOKALEE WATER & SEWER DISTRICT

1020 SANITATION ROAD

IMMOKALEE, FLORIDA 34142

(239) 658-3630

---

REGULAR MEETING  
December 19, 2007

## **Call to Order:**

Mrs. Goodnight called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m. Mrs. Goodnight asked for a roll call.

(CALL TO  
ORDER)

*Directors present:*

Mr. Fred Thomas, Mr. Raymond Holland, Mr. Everett Loukonen, and Mrs. Anne Goodnight.

(ROLL CALL)

*Staff present:*

Mr. Kenneth Thompson, Mrs. Norma Ramirez, Mrs. Eva Deyo, Ms. Joann Ramey, Mr. Doug Eckmann and Mr. Gary Ferrante.

*Others present:*

Please see sign in sheet.

## **Adoption of Agenda:**

Mrs. Deyo asked to move 3.F. Engineers Report-LBFH to 4.A. under Action Agenda. Mrs. Deyo asked to change the name on 3.B. from Bill Sundstrom to Jack Burgel.

(MOTION TO  
APPROVE THE  
AGENDA)

Mr. Loukonen made a motion to approve the agenda as it has been submitted with the additions.

Mr. Thomas seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Employee recognition:**

Mrs. Deyo asked to move the employee recognition for next month.

Mr. Thomas made a motion to move the Employee of the month for next month.

Mr. Holland seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously.

(MOTION TO MOVE EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH TO NEXT MONTH)

**Public Concerns:**

Mr. Jay Whidden spoke for the property owners and asked the Board if they could come up with some type of solution or even have someone from the District to sit with the property owners and work out some form of restructuring the policy, so that the property owners not get charged for any monies owed on the property by the tenant.

Mrs. Deyo stated that there was a letter sent out to all the property owners asking if they would like to receive a notice their tenant was past due. She indicated that the District received some phone calls from the property owners, but, it was only to see what the letter was about. The property owners never called to enlist.

The Board and the property owners discussed the issue in detail and came up with selecting property owners to represent all the property owners at the meeting, they are Mr. Jay Whidden, Mr. Jerry Blocker, Mr. Max Griffin, Mr. Robert Davenport and Mr. Eddie Frost. The property owners and Mrs. Deyo will sit with the property owners representatives and come up with a solution.

Mr. Thomas made a motion to authorize the Executive Director to get alternate legal counsel and sit with the property owners representatives and work this out and bring back a report to the Board.

Mr. Holland seconded the motion.

Mr. Thompson recommended to the Board that they set an amount for the alternate counsel.

Mr. Thomas amended his motion for the costs of an alternate legal counsel not to exceed \$3,000.00. Also the Executive Director may choose whatever Attorney she chooses.

Mr. Holland seconded the motion.

(MOTION TO AUTHORIZE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO GET ALTERNATE LEGAL COUNSEL)

(AMENDMENT TO MOTION FOR LEGAL COUNSEL NOT TO EXCEED \$3, 000.00)

Motion carried 3 to 1.

Mr. Thomas made a motion to authorize the Executive Director to publicly announce the five property owners that will be representing all the property owners as a committee and will get with Mrs. Eva Deyo with any questions.

(MOTION TO  
AUTHORIZE  
EXECUTIVE  
DIRECTOR TO  
PUBLICIZE  
PROPERTY  
OWNERS  
COMMITTEE)

Mrs. Deyo stated that if any of the property owners would like to start receiving the final notices, to leave their addresses.

Mr. Holland seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously.

**STAFF GOOD CAUSE ITEMS:**

There were none.

**BOARD CONCERNS:**

Mr. Thomas asked if Mr. Jim Jack had an update on the masterplan.

Mr. Eckmann stated that Boyle acquired LBFH and that just recently the name was changed and that Mr. Jim Jack was no longer with Boyle but that they do have Mr. Jack as a sub consultant to participate in the master plan.

Mr. Thomas asked if Mr. Jack was going to finish the master plan.

Mr. Eckmann stated that he would not and that he and Mr. Gary Ferrante will be taking over the primary responsibility with Mr. Jack advising them. Mr. Eckmann stated that Mr. Ferrante will be the project manager.

Mr. Holland asked what the time frame was.

Mr. Ferrante stated that they would have an update by the February meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

There were none.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

There were none.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Mr. Thomas made a motion to approve the consent agenda.

(MOTION TO  
APPROVE  
CONSENT  
AGENDA)

Mr. Holland seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Action Agenda:**

Boyle Engineering gave a brief presentation of the master plan.

The Board discussed the master plan in detail.

Mr. Thomas made a motion to approve the engineers report.

(MOTION TO  
APPROVE  
ENGINEERS  
REPORT)

Mr. Holland seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously.

**DISCUSSION AGENDA:**

Mr. Thompson stated that he did not have anything to report.

Mr. Jack Burgiel is with Public Resources management Group, they are a utility rate and financial consultant firm. He stated that the reason he was giving a presentation was because of the major growth the District will be going through in the coming years.

Mr. Burgiel gave a presentation on Capital Program Funding Alternatives.

The Board discussed the alternatives in detail.

Mr. Eckmann stated that he would be able to get a representative from the SRF program of the State to come and speak to the Board.

Mrs. Goodnight asked if Mr. Eckmann would be able to get information and let Mrs. Deyo know.

**Other Public Interests:**

There were none.

**Adjournment:**

Meeting adjourned.

(MEETING  
ADJOURNED)

**Reviewed by:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Mr. Pete Cade, Secretary**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**







