

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF**  
**THE SAN CARLOS ESTAES WATER CONTROL DISTRICT**  
**TUESDAY JULY 20, 2021**

**6:00 P.M.**

**TOWNPLACE SUITES, 23161 VIA COCONUT POINT, ESTERO, FL 33928**

1. **Call Meeting to Order:** Judy Tapply (Judy) called the meeting to Order at 6:00 pm.
2. **Roll Call of the Board of Officers:** Present are Supervisors Judy, Ben Bogacz (Ben) and Jim Bradford (Jim); Engineer Bill Morris (Bill); and Sec/Treas Julia Roberts (Julia) and 7 guests.
3. **Receive Engineer's Report on District Works:**
  - There are 53 open driveway permits, 11 new permits and 4 closed.
  - Annual Maintenance – 2021 annual inspection of the District has been completed. There are 3 culvert pipes which need to be replaced: 24320 Melanie Ln, 24321 Melanie Ln and 24311 Cock Robin Dr. Thrasher Site Development bid \$17,001 for the replacement culverts and Elite Site Development bid \$13,200 for the replacement culverts. Additionally, the culvert pipe at 24344 Amarillo St needs replacement but there is an ongoing insurance claim at this location. At this time, the insurance company will not commit to the repair. Trasher Site Development bid \$3,800 for this replacement culvert and Elite Site Development Bid \$4,400 for this replacement culvert. Jim asked that Bill reach out to each contractor with the bid information and ask for a cheaper bid.
  - Bonita Bill/Red Robin canal – all the vegetation on the south canal wall has been killed with a herbicide. A proposal was received from Turf's Up for \$500 (attached) to hydroseed the area. This has been authorized and there is a 1-to-2-week lead time.
  - NPDES – no updates on this permit
  - Bill informed the Board of Public Education Information available at [Lee County - UF/IFAS Extension \(ufl.edu\)](http://LeeCounty-UF/IFASExtension(ufl.edu)).
4. **Chairs Report:** No report.
5. **Treasurer's Report:**
  - Audit – as required by the State of Florida the Board must be advised of the outcome of the 2019-2020 Fiscal Year End Audit in the following manner: (the Annual Audit is found on the District website [scewcd.blogspot.com](http://scewcd.blogspot.com); reports; Annual Financial Statements: Page 2: Opinions "In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and the major fund of San Carlos Estates Water Control District, as of September 30 2020." Page 31: Internal Control Over Financial Reporting "Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses." Page 31: Prior Audit Findings "There were no findings or recommendations made in the preceding financial audit report." Page 32: Financial Condition and Management "Section 10.554(1)(i)2., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that we communicate any recommendations to improve financial management. In connection with our audit, we did not have any such recommendations." Additional Matters "Section 10.554(1)(i)3., Rules of the Auditor General, requires us to communicate noncompliance with provisions of the contracts or grant agreements, abuse, that have occurred, or are likely to have occurred, that

have an effect on the financial statements that is less than material but with warrants the attention of those charged with governance. In connection with our audit, we did not have any such findings.” Letter to Auditor General from SCEWCD (attached). A Motion was made by Ben and 2nd by Judy to approve the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 final audit. Motion passed 3-0,

- Julia presented the Board with an option to prepay the CIP Phase 2 BOA Loan Balance of \$216,463.55. The BOA Phase 2 bank balance is \$43,277.01. This prepayment would save the District \$25,000 over the next 4 years. The general maintenance reserves can be used for this prepayment. A Motion was made by Judy and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ben to transfer the necessary funds to from general maintenance reserves to prepay the CIP Phase 2 Loan Balance. Motion passed 3-0.
- the expenses for the 2020-2021 exceeded budget expectations and a transfer from the reserve accounts is necessary. A Motion was made by Judy and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ben to transfer \$125,000 from the reserve accounts to the BOA General Maintenance account. Motion passed 3-0.
- Julia reported to the Board that our Auditor Boy Miller Kisker Perry will no longer do government audits. The Board will be required to go through a selection process to hire a replacement audit firm.
- Julia presented the Board with a Budget Worksheet (attached). The Board discussed Budget expense for the fiscal year 2021-2022 and any changes that should be made for the upcoming year. The final approval will be done at the 8/17/21 meeting.
- Julia announced to the Board that she will be leaving the District. Julia will post information about this opening on the District website and will ask Mr. Pringle for input regarding her replacement.

6. **Attorney’s Report: no report**

7. **Comments from Guests and Public Input:** No public input.

8. **Old new and unfinished Business:**

- 8991 Strike Ln – The property owner Mr. Monteiro requested that FPL install an underground cable on the east side 10’ of the District’ road right of way. A Motion was made by Judy and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ben to approve the easterly 10’ plated easement for the use of FPL for underground cable. This action contingent upon a review by the District’s attorney Mr. Pringle. Motion passed 3-0. Bill will be in contact with Mr. Pringle
- 25441 Moriah – the Board has previously approved the property access requested by Mr. Gallagher contingent upon a survey sketch (see 5/18/21 meeting minutes). As of today the needed information has not been received. Bill requires specific information from the survey and will email Mr. Gallagher with the specifics he requires in order to move this process forward.

9. **Approval of May and June Bank Statements and Payment of Bills:** A Motion was made by Ben and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Judy to approve the May and June Bank Statements. Motion passed 3-0.

10. **Approve Minutes of 5/18/21 Monthly Meeting:** A Motion was made by Ben and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Judy to approve the 5/18/21 Monthly Meeting Minutes. Motion passed 3-0.

11. **Adjournment:** A Motion was made by Judy and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ben to adjourn the monthly meeting. Motion passed 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:17pm.