

Village Estates West Special Dependent District
Minutes of March 11, 2026

The regular monthly meeting of Village Estates West Special Dependent District convened by President Daniel Nevels at 7:36pm at McDonalds Restaurant, 5393 Ehrlich Rd., Tampa, Florida, 33625. In attendance were the following trustees: Daniel Nevels (President); Arlene Salazar (Vice President); April Wilkosz (Treasurer); Pat Leistner, Violet Dougherty and Marisol Gonzalez. Non trustee in attendance was Cecilia Bustamante.

President Nevels read the minutes of the previous meeting. Violet Dougherty motioned to accept minutes. Arlene Salazar seconded the motion. Motion carried (6,0).

Financial Report

President Nevels requested April Wilkosz to review the February financial report. Violet Dougherty motioned to accept the financial report. Arlene Salazar seconded the motion. Motion carried (6,0).

Old Business

President Nevels inquired about the installation of caps to a section of the fence. Marisol Gonzalez confirmed that the work had been completed.

Pat Leistner stated there was no update on the No Solicitation Signs so further discussions was postponed to future meetings.

President Nevels inquired about the landscaping project. Marisol Gonzalez confirmed that the volunteers had begun clearing and replanting. In addition, as suggested in an earlier meeting, an arborist was consulted on trimming the two trees at the entrance.

Pat Leistner continued the discussion regarding the evaluation from the arborist, Anthony from Val's Tree Service. He presented two options, trimming or removal. Removal is an option because the trees are compromised by the soft ground at the base indicating possible underground pockets, both trees are leaning and there are significant dead branches. The trustees reviewed the oral estimates; \$900 to trim both trees and haul the debris or \$1600 (plus \$180 if the county requires a permitting) to remove both trees, grind the stumps and haul the debris. If trees are removed, there would be the added cost of replacement. The arborist suggested we visit Treemart and inquire about trees sized no larger than 4" inches in diameter that would be suitable for the areas.

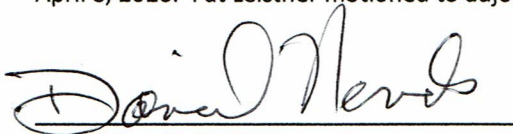
The trustees agreed that removal and replacement would be cost effective due to the condition of the existing trees. In addition, replanting more suitable sized trees that would also add color during the spring would enhance the entrance. Violet Dougherty motioned to accept the estimate and proceed with the removal. Arlene Salazar seconded the motion. Motion carried (6,0).

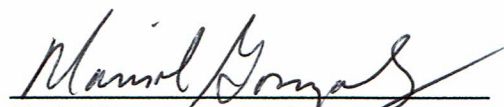
President Nevels continued the discussion and suggested the cost for replacing both trees, including delivery and planting, be capped at \$3500. A discussion followed regarding the 2026 budgeted amount for landscaping projects and it was agreed that the expenditure was reasonable. Violet Dougherty motioned to accept the capped amount on the new trees. Arlene Salazar seconded the motion. Motion carried (6,0).

President Nevels suggested \$5000 from the checking account be transferred to the money market account in order to add to the total amount currently earning interest. Violet Dougherty motioned to transfer the amount. Arlene Salazar seconded the motion. Motion carried (6,0).

Adjournment

The next meeting will be held at McDonalds Restaurant, 5393 Ehrlich Rd. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 8, 2026. Pat Leistner motioned to adjourn. Violet Dougherty seconded the motion. Motion carried (6,0).


Daniel Nevels, President
Date 4/8/2026


Marisol Gonzalez, Acting Secretary
Date 4/8/26