

RIVER PLANTATION MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

June 24, 2021

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Julie Gilmer, Tim Goodman, Gerard Smith, Tom Vandever, and Mark Robin

DIRECTORS ABSENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: Richard Ramirez, District Manager
Davis Bonham, Smith Murdaugh Little & Bonham
Paul Radich, Smith Murdaugh Little & Bonham
Jeff Vogler, Vogler & Spencer Engineering
Taylor Reed, Vogler & Spencer Engineering
Loren Morales, RBC Capital
River Plantation Residents

FIRST ORDER: CONFIRM MEETING MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HELD ON MAY 20TH and MAY 26TH 2021.

After discussion Mr. Robin made a motion to accept the minutes of the May 20th Meeting Minutes. Mr. Goodman seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

After discussion it was agreed to amend the proposed meeting minutes to include the addition of a statement of hurricane preparedness by Mr. Ramirez, Mr. Robin made a motion to accept the minutes of the May 26th Meeting Minutes with the aforementioned change. Mr. Goodman seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

SECOND ORDER: RECEIVE COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC.

* Ms. Judge asked questions regarding Board Members and Director's turning on video during the meetings, completeness of packets made available to the public, and notice of the process to report sinkholes via the RPMUD bills and website.

* Mr. McLeroy questioned why the Recreation Bond's Application (Summary of Cost) and Capital Improvement Project that are on the agenda are not part of the packet made available to the public, and requested clarity with respect to the Charleston settlement and associated legal costs being included in the Bookkeeper's Report.

* Ms. Angela Smith expressed concerns regarding last month's increase of water rates based on a flat rate, versus an increase based on usage as proposed by Director Smith.

* Ms. McLeroy requested that Director Vandever make improvements to his audio microphone.

THIRD ORDER: ENGINEERS' REPORT AND MATTERS.

The Board recognized Taylor Reed and Jeff Vogler who presented the engineer's report. Taylor Reed provided no update on the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). Director Smith

requested the inclusion of specific findings that are the basis for the CIP. Taylor Reed, in coordination with Richard Ramirez, agreed to include the list as an appendix or addendum to the CIP.

Mr. Reed reported on the Sinkhole and Storm Sewer Failure Investigation. The Storm Sewer inspection was coordinated by Richard Ramirez via televising. Upon review by Taylor Reed, multiple failures were found and extensive repairs are required. Mr. Ramirez confirmed that the repair of the 36" sanitary sewer was previously approved.

The initial design of a 24" storm sewer for Holly Springs Drive is not capable of handling runoff from 20 acres of natural flow from undeveloped county property. Director Goodman made a motion to approve \$10,000 for an extensive drainage study. The motion was seconded by Director Robin and unanimously approved. The study is to include the diversion or channeling of runoff by a property owner. East Plantation is to be contacted regarding their responsibility.

A motion was made by Director Robin for the authorization of the District Engineers to prepare a Bond Application for TCEQ approval to move forward with issuance of a park bond. Director Goodman seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

FOURTH ORDER: DRAINAGE MATTERS AND REPAIRS.

Holly Springs drainage was previously discussed as an Engineers' Matter.

An investigation is needed by the District's General Manager regarding the 48" drain under upper Brandon Road. This may include contacting Montgomery County. Furthermore, involvement from the District Engineer is needed to address an issue on lower Brandon Road. Findings are to be communicated and tracked.

Ms. Currier has reported a problem on behalf of her neighbor's house on Augusta 8.

FIFTH ORDER: CONSTRUCTION FINANCE COMMITTEE AND REPAIRS.

Director Gilmer clarified that the purpose is to come up with ideas to finance the aforementioned projects and any upcoming projects in the next few months. The Board discussed the role of the committee and the proposed water rate increase. There was discussion regarding the role of the committee and the approach that the committee should take. The Board then considered the increase of water and sewer rates as proposed. The Board discussed the importance of providing notice to customers in advance of use for which the increased rates will apply. The Board agreed that the rates should be implemented as soon as adequate notice can be provided to District customers. Upon motion by Director Vandever, seconded by Director Goodman, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the rate increase.

SIXTH ORDER: REVIEW FINANCIAL AND BOOKKEEPING MATTERS.

The Board recognized Richard Ramirez who presented the bookkeeper's report. The Board reviewed the report and the expenses provided therein. After discussion initiated

by Director Smith with respect to previous requests to legal expenses categorized in the Bookkeeper's Report not being acted on, Mr. Ramirez was asked to check on the costs to have the legal fees categorized into General Counsel, Bond Elections, and Litigation. Mr. Bonham and Mr. Radich noted that Smith, Murdaugh, Little & Bonham, does already include such categorization in their bills to the district.

Director Gilmer also requested that Mr. Ramirez check on the costs for the bookkeeper to include a report that shows the annual year-to-date spend through the end of the previous month.

Director Vandever initiated discussions regarding improving the website and planning for egress flow from Mosswood through the Charleston property. Mr. Bonham proposed posting the meeting recordings on the website instead of making recordings available by request. Director Vandever is going to further research the website offerings from Off Cinco.

Director Goodman made a motion to accept the Bookkeeping Report. Mr. Robin seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 4 to 1 vote with Director Smith voting against.

Mr. Ramirez was asked to check on what is required to have Director Vandever solely serve as the signatory for writing checks to pay the District's bills until face-to-face meetings resume.

Director Robin made a motion to accept the Tax Assessor Report, accept the Review of Investments, and to pay the District's bills. Mr. Vandever seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

SEVENTH ORDER: REVIEW ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS.

Mr. Ramirez summarized the Manager's Report and Systems Totals Report with no notable issues. Mr. Ramirez noted that repairs were completed on two sewer lines, and repairs have begun on the pipe behind Macon Park. Mr. Ramirez reported that all TCEQ issues have been resolved.

EIGHTH ORDER: PREPARATIONS OF MEETING MINUTES.

It was agreed that Director Smith will resume responsibility for preparing the minutes.

NINTH ORDER: SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT.

It was agreed to move any discussion regarding the Settlement Agreement to after the Executive Session (Thirteenth Order)

TENTH ORDER: REVIEW ETHICS LETTER AND UPDATE BY INVESTMENT OFFICER.

Mr. Bonham noted that Ethics Letter and Update by Investment Officer are all in order.

ELEVENTH ORDER: DIRECTOR CONFLICTS DISCLOSURE.

Mr. Bonham noted that Board Members need to sign Conflicts Disclosure annually.

TWELVTH ORDER: EMPLOYEE CONFLICTS DISCLOSURE.

Mr. Bonham noted that District Employees need to sign Conflicts Disclosure annually.

THIRTEENTH ORDER: EXECUTIVE SESSION.

There was no further discussion or decisions relating to such in open session.

NINTH ORDER: SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT.

There was no further discussion or decisions relating to such in open session.

FOURTEENTH ORDER: PENDING BUSINESS.

There was no discussion regarding Pending Business.

FIFTEENTH ORDER: DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING.

After discussion the next meeting is to be 22-Jul-2021 at 6:30pm by Microsoft Teams.

There being no further business, Director Robin made a motion to adjourn. Director Goodman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.


Gerard Smith, Secretary