

**CEDAR KEY WATER & SEWER DISTRICT
P.O. BOX 309 / 510 THIRD STREET
CEDAR KEY, FL 32625**

**Minutes of Regular Meeting
Board of Commissioners
December 13, 2021**

Board Members Present: Joe Hand, Stephen Rosenthal, Leslie Sturmer, Tabitha Lauer.

Others Present: Chad Wisdom, John McPherson, Mandy Offerle, Frank Offerle, Jim Wortham, Phil Prescott, Clay Childers, Jan Childers, Mac Cox.

1. Meeting called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Stephen Rosenthal, Chair.
2. Pledge and Prayer.
3. Adoption of Agenda. **Motion** by Leslie Sturmer to adopt the agenda as presented. **Second** by Joe Hand. Passed by a vote of 4-0.
4. Approval of Minutes. **Motion** by Tabitha Lauer to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of November 8, 2021, and special meeting of December 3, 2021, as presented. **Second** by Joe Hand. Passed by a vote of 4-0.
5. Financial Reports. Budget, Balance Sheet, Checkbook Activity, and Employee Leave reports were presented for review. **Motion** by Leslie Sturmer to accept the financial reports as presented. **Second** by Tabitha Lauer. Stephen Rosenthal noted that the amount spent on chemicals was over budget. Leslie Sturmer noted negative amounts on certain lines in the Profit and Loss report; Chad Wisdom explained that these were the result of accounting adjustments. Leslie Sturmer noted the high amounts due by the Faraway Inn. Tabitha asked that the General Manager check to see if the Penalty Register could only show accounts that were 30 days or more late. Passed by a vote of 4-0.
6. Resolution No: 2021-10

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CEDAR KEY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT; AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 BUDGET; PROVIDING FOR POSTING ON THE DISTRICT'S WEBSITE; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The attorney read the resolution by short title. **Motion** by Tabitha Lauer to adopt Resolution 2021-10 as presented. **Second** by Joe Hand. Passed by a vote of 4-0.

7. General Manager Report.

a. *Water Plant.*

The GM reported that staff is looking into modernizing the existing water treatment plant with the most vulnerable components being replaced. He stated that a meeting with Crom Corporation has been scheduled to look at the concrete issues.

The GM reported that James McCain and he attended the Levy County Commission meeting and the Commission expressed its support for a new water pipeline.

The GM reported that he would be meeting with Suwannee River Water Management District staff to discuss the pipeline, and whether the SRWMD could take the lead on the pipeline. Leslie Sturmer noted that the SRWMD Executive Director, Hugh Thomas, is very familiar with the situation in Cedar Key.

The GM reported that due to good disinfectant byproduct levels, the District would go back to annual testing for DBPs.

b. *Wastewater System.*

The GM reported that the District has submitted a funding request to the Legislature for wastewater refurbishment and will be seeking letters of support. He also reported that the District has submitted a request to the City for Covid 19 funds for wastewater repairs. Tabitha Lauer stated that the District's request had been ranked high on the City priority list for use of the Covid funds.

c. *Covid-19.* The GM reported that the District continues to follow mask-wearing and separation protocols at the District office, with no symptoms or testing this month. He stated that vaccines are available for essential workers and that all employees are being urged to get them. He also noted that weekly wastewater samples were still be being delivered to UF for testing.

d. *Holiday Issues.* The GM stated that the District Christmas party would be on December 19, at 4:30 p.m. The Board agreed to provide the usual staff Christmas gift of a turkey or ham.

8. Commissioner Comments.

Joe Hand asked staff to be sure there is clarity about the new work that Mittauer is doing on the pipeline, etc, and that there would not be any expectation of payment for that.

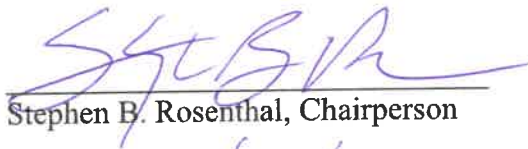
Leslie Sturmer stressed the need for clarity as to the role to be played by the District on the water pipeline project. The GM stated that it was his hope that the SRWMD would take the lead.

9. Public Input.

1. Clay Childers expressed the opinion that the District should focus on the well field site for the new water treatment plant due to flood concerns at the existing site. He stated that he did not think grant money would be available to be spend on facilities in a flood

zone. The GM stated that survey work on the well field site had been done. Joe Hand asked whether the well field site might be used for the simpler water treatment plant that would be needed if a pipeline were built, and the GM stated that it could.

2. Mandy Offerle suggested that the question of whether any amounts are owed to Mittauer not be brought up again by the District so long as Mittauer did not bring it up.
10. Adjournment: There being no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 5:54 p.m.


Stephen B. Rosenthal, Chairperson


Leslie Sturmer, Commissioner &
Secretary of the Board

Date: 1/10/22