

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

**Minutes of Regular Meeting  
Board of Commissioners  
April 12, 2021**

Board Members Present: Joe Hand, Stephen Rosenthal, Dottie Haldeman, Leslie Sturmer, Chris Reynolds.

Others Present: Chad Wisdom, John McPherson, Jan and Clay Childers, Mac Cox, Tabitha Lauer, Frank and Mandy Offerle, Linda Seyfert.

1. Meeting called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Stephen Rosenthal, Chair.
2. Pledge and Prayer.
3. Adoption of Agenda. **Motion** by Dottie Haldeman to adopt the agenda as presented. **Second** by Joe Hand. Passed by a vote of 5-0.
4. Approval of Minutes. **Motion** by Chris Reynolds to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of March 8, 2021, as presented. **Second** by Dottie Haldeman. Passed by a vote of 5-0.
5. Financial Reports. Budget, Balance Sheet, Checkbook Activity, and Employee Leave reports were presented for review. The General Manager presented information on the purchase of a new truck and the budget impact of that purchase. The GM was directed to bring back an amended budget for review at the next meeting. Tabitha Lauer asked about the procedure for approving purchases such as a new truck. The GM responded that the need for a truck was an emergency because the old one was completely disabled, and that there had previously been discussion of buying a new truck under the current budget. **Motion** by Dottie Haldeman to accept the financial reports as presented. **Second** by Joe Hand. Passed by a vote of 5-0.
6. Public Input. Clay Childers requested an update on the granulated activated carbon filtration. The GM reported that the pilot test was proceeding with the goal of determining how long the GAC filtration medium will last before needing to be replaced. He reported that an attempt to clean the carbon in order to extend its life was not successful. He suggested the possibility of using aeration if the goal of a 3-month life for the carbon could not be achieved. There was general discussion about the likelihood of getting three months out of the current carbon medium.

7. RESOLUTION NO: 2021-01:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CEDAR KEY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT CHANGING THE FEES CHARGED FOR WASTEWATER HOOKUPS; PROVIDING INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CODIFIER; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The attorney for the district read the resolution by short title and went over the proposed changes with the Board. Clay Childers asked about the capacity of the wastewater treatment plant. The GM stated that the plant is currently operating at about 50% capacity and that there was plenty of capacity for new hookups. **Motion** by Dottie Haldeman to approve the resolution on first reading. **Second** by Leslie Sturmer. Passed by a vote of 5-0.

8. General Manager Report.

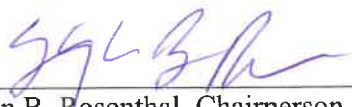
- a. *Water Plant.* With regard to the GAC test, as reported above under public input. The GM also reported that under new federal and state guidelines, the District may be required to identify and replace any remaining lead laterals. It was noted that these laterals are all heavily coated with calcium so that the water does not come in contact with the lead material, and that replacing them would require great care to assure that the water does not come into contact with the lead during the replacement process.
- b. *Wastewater System.* The GM reported CROM corporation is onsite at the WWTP plant making the needed concrete repairs. The GM also reported that many of the lift stations need rehabilitation work and that he is checking on developing a plan for that.
- c. *Cell Service.* The GM reported that the final lease agreements with Verizon have now been executed by all parties, and that it is up to Verizon to decide when to install the new antennas.
- d. *Covid-19.* The GM reported that the District continues to follow mask-wearing and separation protocols at the District office, and that wastewater samples continue to be taken to UF for analysis.

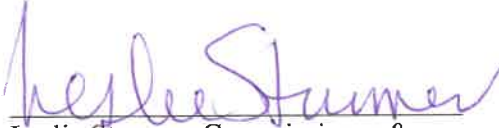
9. Attorney Report.

The attorney provided materials relating to agreements with the City for handling an election where only the District has a contested seat.

10. *Public Input.* Mandy Offerle stated that Chris Reynolds, who is not running for re-election to his seat, will be greatly missed on the board.
11. *Commissioner Comments:* Chris Reynolds made a presentation to the Board on an air stripper water treatment process that he had developed and which he thought would be helpful in reducing disinfection byproducts. He stated his credentials which included a masters in hydrology, and his past experience in water purification. He presented a mock-up of the air stripper device that he had developed. **Motion** by Dottie Haldeman to have staff work with Mr. Reynolds on testing the device. **Second** by Joe Hand. Passed by a vote of 5-0.

12. Adjournment: There being no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

  
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Stephen B. Rosenthal, Chairperson

  
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Leslie Sturmer, Commissioner &  
Secretary of the Board

Date: 5/10/2021