

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

Minutes of Regular Meeting  
**Board of Commissioners**  
August 12, 2024

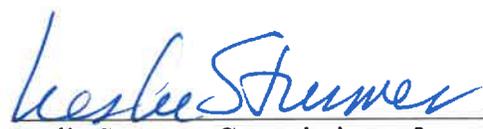
Board Members Present: Leslie Sturmer, Joe Hand, Stephen Rosenthal, Johnathan Ferguson.

Other Presents: Evan Rosenthal, Alicia Johns, John Rittenhouse, Mandy Offerle, Frank Offerle, and Sue Colson.

1. Meeting called to order at 5:01 p.m. by Leslie Sturmer, Chair.
2. Pledge and Moment of Silence.
3. Public Comment. Mandy Offerle expressed her gratitude for how well the District and it's employees have done keeping the public updated on everything since Hurricane Debbie.
4. Adoption of Agenda. **Motion** by Stephen Rosenthal to adopt agenda. **Second** by Joe Hand. Passed by vote 4-0.
5. Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Adoption. The Board and GM discussed the Budget and the changes that were made since the last meeting. There was a lot of discussion on Employee Salaries, which have been set at 5% increase for each employee and Gabe Doty getting a slight increase along with his 5% annual raise. The Board decided to go up on this years Water and Sewer Rates by 5% and also changing the Small User Base Rate to \$32 for Water and \$31 for Sewer. Notices to the public on the Rate increase will go out at the end of August with the Water and Sewer Bills. The Board also discussed the Milleage Rate and if the Board should stay at the 1.7177 Milleage Rate as discussed at the previous Board Meeting or go down to the 1.6 Milleage Rate. **Motion** by Johnathan Ferguson to instruct the GM to review the TRIM notice and confirm the additional revenue from it and come back to the Board with that information and suggestions on where to allocate that revenue in the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget at the August 26, 2024 Budget Meeting. **Second** by Joe Hand. Passed by vote 4-0.
6. Waccasassa Water & Wastewater Cooperative Update. Mr. Joe gave the Board and update on what was discussed at the July W3C Meeting. The SRWMD deposited \$50,000 into the W3C checking account. Mr. Joe let the Board know that Robert Beltran wanted to come talk to each Board Member individually to give them more information on the pipeline. The Board also expressed wanting to speak with Greg Lang and get his opinion on everything being proposed so far since he knows the District's infastructure.
7. Lift Station Rehabilitation Phase 1 Update. Mr. John let the Board know that the construction company has not been able to get their Performance Bond, however, the attorney for C&B called and said that they would have the Bond by the August 26, 2024 Board Meeting.

8. Financial Reports: Balance Sheet; Budget Report; Checkbook Activity; Past Due Accounts Report; Employee Leave. The GM and Board Members discussed the Financial Reports and Mr. John was able to answer all their questions. **Motion** by Stephen Rosenthal to accept the Financial Reports. **Second** by Johnathan Ferguson. Passed by vote 4-0.
9. Bill Adjustment Requests. No Bill Adjustment Requests this month.
10. General Managers Report. Mr. John let the Board know that he has talked to representatives at Seacoast Bank and Capital City Bank about Bridge Loans. The Board and Mr. John discussed potential interest rates on the Bridge Loans to see what the District would be paying if they decided to get a Bridge Loan. Mr. John told the Board he had a teleconference with the Insurance Adjusters and will be meeting with their mechanical engineers to look at Lift Stations, both the Water & Sewer plants, and any valves or fire hydrants that might have been damaged during the hurricane. Mr. John let the Board know that the new work truck is in and ready to be picked up. **Motion** by Johnathan Ferguson to approve the purchase of the District's new work truck that was in the Fiscal Year 23-24 Budget and to allow Gabe Doty to sign any necessary documents if needed and to waive the District's Purchasing Policy for this item since it was not purchased through State Contract. **Second** by Joe Hand. Passed by vote 4-0.
11. Attorney Report. No Attorney Report for tonight.
12. Commissioner Comments. Mr. Rosenthal thanked Mr. John and all of the District's employees for all their hard work during and after Hurricane Debbie.
13. Public Comments. No public comment.
14. Adjournment: There being no more business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

  
Leslie Sturmer, Chairperson

  
Leslie Sturmer, Commissioner &  
Secretary of the Board