

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

**Minutes of Regular Meeting
Board of Commissioners
February 11, 2019**

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

Others Present: John McPherson, Mack Cox, Heath Davis, Mandy Offerle.

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 Leslie Sturmer. Passed by a vote of 5-0.
4. Public Input. Public input was provided by Heath Davis, Mayor, City of Cedar Key, who addressed the Board about the draft interlocal agreement. The Mayor stated that he was there to hear concerns of the Board so that progress might be made towards finalizing the agreement. He and the General Manager reviewed the history of the agreement, and the latest sticking point involving the use of the water tower railing by the City to install facilities to improve internet service in Cedar Key. The General Manager pointed out that there are ongoing discussions with AT&T regarding the placement of antennas on the railing, and that there would need to be coordination with the City on this issue. There was discussion and general agreement that the City and District should continue to work towards finalizing the agreement. The Board directed the General Manager to get additional needed information from AT&T and then work with the Mayor to draft acceptable language for inclusion in the agreement, with the revised draft to be brought back to the Board at the March meeting.
5. Approval of Minutes. **Motion** by Dottie Haldeman to accept the minutes of the January 11, 2019, meeting as presented. **Second** by Chris Reynolds. Passed by a vote of 5-0.
6. Financial Reports. Budget, Balance Sheet, Checkbook Activity, Past Due Accounts, and Employee Leave reports were presented for review. The General Manager reviewed several accounts with high expenditures and explained the reasons therefor. **Motion** by Dottie Haldeman to accept the financial reports as presented. **Second** by Chris Reynolds. Passed by a vote of 5-0.
7. Bill Adjustment: A request by Thomas Simpson for an adjustment from \$208.21 to \$143.50 due to a broken water line under the driveway. **Motion** by Leslie Sturmer to approve the adjustment as meeting the standards for adjustments. **Second** by Dottie Haldeman. Passed by a vote of 5-0.

8. General Manager Report.

a. *Water Plant Issues.*

- (1) **Disinfectant Byproducts:** The GM reported that samples were taken and sent to the lab on February 6, 2019. He also noted a recent peer-reviewed article in the AWWA Journal finding that there is little evidence to support a conclusion that THMs cause cancer in humans. The GM was asked to post the article on the District's website and provide copies to the Board members.
- (2) **TwinOxide:** The GM reported that the application for authorization to proceed with the second TwinOxide test has been approved by DEP, that the engineers are doing the needed upgrades to hardware and software, and that notice to customers will go out before the test begins.
- (3) **Phosphate:** The GM reported that work on getting approval for adding phosphate to the water continues. Joe Hand asked the GM to determine what impact this might have on phosphorus discharges from the wastewater treatment plant.

b. *Wastewater Treatment Plant Permit Renewal.* The GM reported that Tim Norman has submitted the application and additional information to DEP and we are awaiting DEP's response.

c. *Wastewater Bridge Lines Directional Drills.* The GM reported that Tim Norman has completed the design work on this project, and that permitting with DOT and DEP is next, to be followed by putting the project out to bid.

d. *Water Tower.* The GM reported that Utility Service Group successfully completed the interior washout on January 24.

e. *Election.* The GM reported that Seat 2 (Reynolds) and Seat 4 (Rosenthal) are up for election this spring and that the qualifying period is March 18 to March 22.

f. *Letter of Appreciation.* The GM presented to the Board a letter from a customer commending Billy and Alicia for their excellent service.

g. *Groundwater Levels.* The GM presented the following groundwater levels to the Board:

DATE	ROSEWOOD	SUWANNEE	NOTE
1.1.12	7.62	1.64	6 months before saltwater intrusion
5.23.12	6.67	-.54	Near start of intrusion event
8.1.12	9.76	3.76	Near end of intrusion event
1.1.17	9.88	2.99	Start of 2017
1.1.18	10.46	3.53	Start of this year
1.08.19	11.50	4.68	Previous reading
2.5.19	11.60	4.75	Current

9. Commissioner Comments: The Board asked the GM to check with Away From the World about finding the persistent water leak at that business.
10. Public Input: Public input was requested but none was provided.
11. Adjournment: There being no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.


Stephen Rosenthal, Chairperson


Leslie Sturmer, Commissioner &
Secretary of the Board

Date: 3/25/2019