

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

**Minutes of Regular Meeting
Board of Commissioners
February 5, 2024**

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

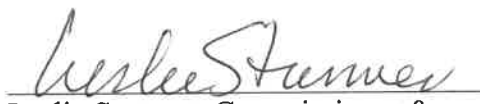
Other Presents: Evan Rosenthal (by phone), Alicia Johns, James McCain, Mandy Offerle, Frank Offerle, Jeri Treat, Jim Wortham, and Mac Cox.

1. Meeting called to order at 5:01 p.m. by Michael Borelli, Chair.
2. Pledge and Moment of Silence.
3. Public Comment.
4. Adoption of Agenda. Evan ask the Board for Item #5 on the Agenda to be broken up into two separate items. **Motion** by Stephen Rosenthal to accept tonight's agenda with the changes. **Second** by Joe Hand. Passed by vote 5-0.
5. Dewberry Agreement for Disaster Consultant Services. Evan and the Board discussed the Dewberry Agreement briefly. **Motion** by Johnathan Ferguson to accept the Dewberry Agreement for Disaster Consulting Services. **Second** by Stephen Rosenthal. Passed by vote 5-0.
6. Dewberry Task Order for Damage Work. Mr. Stephen ask that the Task Order be changed since it refers to the District as the City of Cedar Key Water & Sewer District in a few areas of the Task Order. Evan let Mr. Stephen know that it would be changed. The Board had a few more questions about the Task Order for James and Evan, to which they could not answer. Evan called Robert Belltran and patched him into the meeting and the Board was able to ask all of their questions. Mr. Belltran was able to answer the Boards questions after a lengthy discussion. **Motion** by Stephen Rosenthal to accept the Dewberry Task Order with the necessary changes listed above. **Second** by Leslie Sturmer. Passed by vote 5-0.
7. General Manager Offer Discussion. The Board discussed the Budget in detail in terms of what the District will be paying out this Fiscal Year. The Board and James discussed his plans for retirement. James let the Board know that he will stay on once the new GM is hired to help him get up to speed and after that will be available at a proposed rate for consulting once he retires. The Board then discussed what they wanted to offer John Rittenhouse for the GM Position. The Board decided to offer Mr. Rittenhouse a starting salary of \$70,000 to \$75,000 with or without the insurance offered by the District along with the other fringe benefits. Mr. Joe was tasked with talking to the Districts Accountant, Robert Beauchamp, what the taxing implications would be to the District if they were to offer any type of stipen to Mr. Rittenhouse if he did not take the District offered health insurance. The Board authorized Mr. Joe and James to meet with Mr. Rittenhouse by Monday, February 5, 2024 to offer him the GM Position and to start negotiating an employee contract. James and Mr. Joe will then come back to the Board at the February 12, 2024 Board Meeting and report on what was negotiated.

8. Commissioner Comments.
9. Public Comments. No Public Comments.
10. Adjourn. Meeting Adjourned at 7:00 pm.



Michael Borelli, Chairperson



Leslie Sturmer, Commissioner &
Secretary of the Board