

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

**Minutes of Regular Meeting
Board of Commissioners
January 10, 2022**

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

Others Present: Chad Wisdom, John McPherson, Mandy Offerle, Frank Offerle, Phil Prescott, Clay Childers, Jan Childers, Mac Cox, Nancy Sera, Heath Davis, Sue Colson, Steve Priessman, Stephanie May, Tara Judd, Sarah Stokes.

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 Leslie Sturmer to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of December 13, 2021, as presented. **Second** by Joe Hand. Passed by a vote of 5-0.
5. Financial Reports. Budget, Balance Sheet, Checkbook Activity, and Employee Leave reports were presented for review. **Motion** by Dottie Haldeman to accept the financial reports as presented. **Second** by Leslie Sturmer. Leslie Sturmer asked about line 770.01 on the P&L Report and Chad Wisdom stated that it was there pursuant to instructions from the accountant. Dottie Haldeman asked if all accounts listed on the penalty register were actually behind on payments and Chad Wisdom stated that they were and that notices would be going out. Passed by a vote of 5-0.
6. Bill Adjustment Request. **Motion** by Dottie Haldeman to approve the bill adjustment request by Sheila Kanaby as it meets the requirements for such an adjustment. **Second** by Tabitha Lauer. Passed by a vote of 5-0.
7. General Manager Report.
 - a. *Water Plant.*

The GM clarified that Mittauer and Associates is not doing the engineering for the pipeline project, but just providing information requested by the Board. He also noted that the water quality results for the raw Bronson well water were very good.

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 Mittauer Associates was scheduled to review the rehabilitation of the lime softening system.

The GM reported that a meeting was held with Suwannee River Water Management District staff to discuss the pipeline, and that information requested by SRWMD had been provided. The “Cedar Key–Bronson–Otter Creek Regional Alternative Water Supply Feasibility Study” document was presented to the Board and discussed. Sue Colson noted that this document constituted notes of someone attending the regional supply meeting. The GM noted that the idea of sending wastewater to Bronson was a very long-term idea and not part of the immediate planning. He also noted that SRWMD expressed support for the plan and that funding should not be a problem. Dottie Haldeman asked about the water distribution work being done in Bronson right now and the GM responded that the idea is to obtain raw water from Bronson so that the condition of the Bronson water distribution system should not be an issue.

The GM reported that testing would be taking place in the coming week for what may be the final quarterly testing for DBPs. He reported that the carbon is lasting about 3 months, and that replacement carbon is on site. Joe Hand stated that the UV results confirm that the carbon lasts about 3 months.

b. Wastewater System.

The GM reported that the District’s funding request to the Florida Legislature has been accepted and submitted as HB 9155 and SB 1586. He also reported that the District has submitted a request to the City for Covid 19 funds for wastewater repairs. Finally, he reported that CROM corporation had visited the wastewater plant and prepared a proposal for the next phase which will be within what was budgeted for this work.

c. Covid-19. The GM reported that the District has dealt with some Covid 19 issues, but that operations have been not been affected.

d. Holiday Issues. The GM reported that the Christmas party was held on December 19 and went well.

8. Attorney Report. The attorney suggested that the Board consider the resolution requested by Drummond Bank for the line of credit. **Motion** by Leslie Sturmer to adopt the resolution subject to the attorney putting it in standard resolution format. **Second** by Joe Hand. Passed by a vote of 4-0, with Tabitha Lauer abstaining due to a conflict of interest.


Stephen Rosenthal asked the attorney about the upcoming election. The attorney stated that it would be conducted pursuant to the District’s charter and the interlocal agreement between the District and City. Chair Rosenthal requested that the attorney be prepared to do a workshop on open government, open records, and ethics after the election.

9. Commissioner Comments. None.

10. Public Input.

1. Mandy Offerle asked about the amount requested of the legislature and the Chad Wisdom responded that it is \$2.5 million to do the first 7 lift station rehabs.

2. Steve Priessman stated that it was important to place electric, phone, and fiber optic underground along State Road 24 if a new water line was installed along the highway, with these other utilities sharing the cost of the work.
10. Adjournment: There being no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.


Stephen B. Rosenthal, Chairperson


Leslie Sturmer, Commissioner &
Secretary of the Board

Date: 2/14/22