

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

**Minutes of Regular Meeting
Board of Commissioners
October 14, 2019**

Board Members Present: Joe Hand, Stephen Rosenthal, Leslie Sturmer, Dottie Haldeeman (left at 6:00p.m.), and Chris Reynolds (arrived at 5:10 pm).

Others Present: John McPherson, Mandy Offerle, Shradar Miller, Maureen Magee, Steve Priessman, Diana Priessman, Jim Wortham, Mandy Offerle, Frank Offerle, Mike Allen, Mandy Allen, Jim Mason, Nicki Mason, Jerry Treat, Bob Treat, Sue Colson, Maurice Hendrix, Janice Hendrix, Andrew Gude, Larry Schmidt.

1. Meeting called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Stephen Rosenthal, Chair.
2. Pledge and Prayer.
3. Adoption of Agenda. **Motion** by Leslie Sturmer to adopt the agenda as presented. **Second** by Dottie Haldeeman. Passed by a vote of 4-0.

4. Public Input. Steve Priessman made a presentation regarding cell service in Cedar Key, a written version of which is attached to these minutes. Other comments included:
 - Sue Colson: Cell phone coverage is terrible at Cedar Key School which creates a dangerous situation. A solution needs to be found. A more formal group needs to be created to meet regularly and work on a solution. CKWSD, the school and the Sheriff need to be involved in this group, and possibly rural health representatives. She said the City could provide space for such meetings, but it should be the citizens who move this forward. There is the problem of low population in the rural areas making it difficult for cell phone companies to be profitable in these areas.
 - Jim Wortham: Need to include AT&T and other carriers in the discussions, not just Verizon. Public safety should be the motivating goal rather than maximizing revenue from the cell companies.
 - Dottie Haldeeman: Stated that the District has been working with tower companies and cell phone carriers over the years to try to improve cell service in town. She agreed that the lack of coverage at the school created a public safety issue that needed to be addressed.
 - Steve Priessman: Reviewed the funding options that he has researched and is pursuing. John McPherson: Went over the history of the District's relationship with American Tower and NexTower, and noted that the District has always been, and continues to be, open to use of its property as a possible location for towers and/or antennas.
 - Leslie Sturmer: There should be a public workshop on the issue, to include the key players and the interested citizens at the meeting.

- Mandy Offerle: Offered to send out an email to the group attending the meeting as a way to start the process of creating a more formal group that meets regularly on this issue.

5. Approval of Minutes. **Motion** by Dottie Haldeman to accept the minutes of the regular meeting on September 9, 2019, and the final budget hearing on September 23, 2019. **Second** by Joe Hand. 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 was asked to check with Away From the World about its high bill. **Motion** by Leslie Sturmer to accept the financial reports as presented. **Second** by Dottie Haldeman. Passed by a vote of 5-0.

7. Bill Adjustment Requests:

- Betty Cooke for an adjustment from \$132.53 to \$97.00 due to hose on dock being left on.
- Diana Bible for an adjustment from \$165.91 to \$119.13 due to broken exterior pipe.

Motion by Dottie Haldeman to approve the requests by Betty Cooke and Diana Bible. **Second** by Joe Hand. Passed by a vote of 5-0.

8. General Manager Report.

a. *Water Plant*. The GM reported that the chlorine dioxide test is on hold due to continuing problems with analyzers, and that the test will resume as soon as the problem with the analyzers is corrected.

b. *Wastewater Bridge Lines Directional Drills*. The GM reported that construction began on August 5 and the three drills and associated work have been successfully completed.

c. *Downtown Building Painting and Repairs*. The GM reported that the painting and repairs to the downtown building have been satisfactorily completed. Quotes and samples for new aluminum railings for the front of the building, and for a location in the WTP where they are needed for safety, have been requested.

d. *Contract with CRI*

The GM reported that CRI accepted the lower price for auditing services and the contract has been executed.

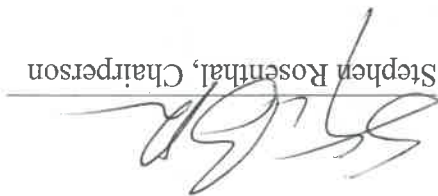
e. *Contract with John K. McPherson, P.A.*

The General Manager presented a revised contract with John K. McPherson, P.A. for legal and general manager services showing the new monthly rate for 2019-2020. **Motion** by Leslie Sturmer to accept the contract as presented. **Second** by Joe Hand. Passed by a vote of 4-0.

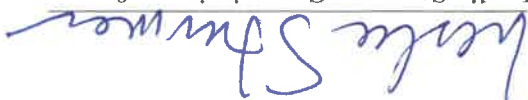
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Stephen Rosenthal, Chairperson



Leslie Sturmer, Commissioner &
Secretary of the Board



9. Commissioner Comments: Joe Hand asked about the design of the new water plant. The GM reported that the engineer, Tim Norman, has been urged to begin designing a plant with lime softening and ion exchange treatment, with reverse osmosis as backup in case of saltwater intrusion.
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 6:30 p.m.

DATE	ROSEWOOD	SUWANNEE	NOTE
10.08.19	11.34	3.03	Current
9.02.19	11.91	4.80	Previous reading
1.1.19	11.48	4.72	Start of this year
8.1.12	9.76	3.76	Near end of intrusion event
5.23.12	6.67	-.54	Near start of intrusion event
1.1.12	7.62	1.64	6 months before saltwater intrusion

g. *Groundwater Levels.* The GM reported the following groundwater levels:

The GM reported that pursuant to the recently approved budget, the 2007 Saturn Ion needs to be declared surplus by the Board, with direction provided as to method of sale. The GM provided information showing the retail value of the Saturn to be \$3,000 or less. **Motion** by Chris Reynolds to declare the Saturn Ion surplus and to place it on the market for \$3,000. **Second** by Leslie Sturmer. Passed by a vote of 4-0.

f. Saturn Ion