

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

Minutes of Regular Meeting  
**Board of Commissioners**  
August 26, 2024

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

Other Presents: Evan Rosenthal (by phone), Alicia Johns, John Rittenhouse, Mandy Offerle, Frank Offerle, Sue Colson, and Darrell McCormick.

1. Meeting called to order at 5:01 p.m. by Michael Borelli, Chair.
2. Pledge and Moment of Silence.
3. Public Comment. Mr. Rosenthal thanked the community for all of their heartfelt concerns and prayers for him and his family since his mothers passing.
4. Adoption of Agenda. **Motion** by Stephen Rosenthal to adopt agenda. **Second** by Joe Hand. Passed by vote 5-0.
5. Waiver of Procurement Policy for Property Insurance. Mr. John let the Board know that the District has received a Notice of Non-Renewal from our Insurance Company and that he has also been consulting with an Insurance Broker to possibly get a new Insurance Company for the Distirct. Mr. John has also been in contact with the Districts current Insurance Company to see what it would take for the District to continue with EGIS. **Motion** by Johnathan Ferguson that based on the Notice of Non-Renewal the Board advises John Rittenhouse to use his best efforts to procure Property Insurance before October 1, 2024. **Second** by Stephen Rosenthal. Passed by vote 5-0.
6. Fiscal Year 2025 Budget. The Board and the GM discussed more changes made to the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget. The Board also discussed the Milleage Rate and decided that with all of the upcoming expenses in the next Fiscal Year that it will stay at the 1.7177 Mills.
7. Special District Accountability Program Discussion. Mr. John, Evan, and the Board discussed what needed to be done to comply with this program and get it submitted by October 1, 2024. Ms. Leslie offered to help Mr. John in completeing this and getting it submitted.
8. Lift Station Rehabilitation Phase 1 Update. Mr. John reported to the Board that C&B Construction finally got their Performance Bond submitted to the District and that there will be a TEAMS meeting on 8-28-24 to discuss work that should be done by May on Phase 1, which will be the 5 Lift Stations that are the most critical. The Board agreed to hold a Public Workshop to inform them of what will happen once construction of the Lift Stations starts.

9. General Managers Report. Mr. John and the Board discussed an Grant Application that was submitted for \$225,000 for the relocation of the Districts water wells further inland through FLDEP. The District was awarded a 50% match grant for \$112,500. **Motion** by Stephen Rosenthal to respectfully decline the use of the Grant and the funds be made available to a community that may be able to use them. **Second** by Leslie Sturmer. Passed by vote 5-0. Mr. John and the Board discussed the BRIC grant that he has been working on for the replacement of the District's Generators. Mr. John and the Board discussed the Bridge Loan process. The Board, Evan, and Mr. John discussed the funding given to the District for Phase II of Lift Station Rehabilitation Project.
10. Attorneys Report. No Attorneys Report for this meeting.
7. Commissioner Comments. Mr. Joe gave an update on the W3C where they discussed pipeline connection points. The Board will have individual meetings with Mr. Beltran from Dewberry to discuss this information.
8. Public Comments. No Public Comments.
9. Adjournment: There being no more business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 6:36 p.m.



Michael Borelli, Chairperson



Leslie Sturmer, Commissioner &  
Secretary of the Board