

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

**Minutes of Special Meeting
Board of Commissioners
July 26, 2022**

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

Other Presents: Alicia Johns, James McCain, Sue Colson, Evan Rosenthal (by phone).

1. Meeting called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Dottie Haldeman, Chair.
2. Pledge and Prayer.
3. Public Input. No Public Input.
4. Adoption of the Agenda. Stephen ask why Public Input was at the beginning and end of the of the Agenda. Evan explained that by having the Public Input in the beginning gave the public a chance to make comments or ask questions about what was on the Agenda. **Motion** by Leslie Sturmer to adopt Agenda. **Second** by Joe Hand. Passed by a vote 5-0.
5. Tentative Budget. The Board, GM, and Alicia discussed many aspects of the Budget. The Board discussed the water and sewer rates and if the Board should raise both sets of base rates by \$1 and if the overall rates should be raised 3% or 5%. **Motion** by Leslie Sturmer to raise the Water and Sewer Base Rates for Small and Large Users by \$1 and the overall Water and Sewer Rates by 5%. **Second** by Tabitha Lauer. Passed by a vote 4-1. Stephen Rosenthal voted No. The Board and GM then went through the 5% Tentative Budget line by line and discussed any changes that need to be made to each line. The Board ask that the Water and Sewer Revenues be updated to reflect the new rates. The Board ask for clarification on line 340 and 370, as to how those numbers were figured. The Board ask that line item 640.06 – Water Plant Maintenance be added to the budget for much needed Water Plant repairs. The Board ask that a dollar amount be added to 560.02 – Election Expenses and 660.01 – Professional Fees. James and the Board talked about the need for a new work truck that was put into the Tentative Budget. James informed the Board that per Robert Beauchamp, the Board my want to finance a new truck instead of paying for a new truck all at once. The Board ask why there was no dollar amount in 680.06 – RD-Water System Principal and for James to get with Ann and Robert to find out why. James and the Board discussed the Biosolids. James let the Board know that Evan was working on the specifications for the Biosolid Bids. Leslie ask James to get with CROM and get the dollar amount for the next phase so it can be put into the budget. The Board ask that \$60,000 to be put into 740.03 and that \$10,000 be put into 740.04 and that the name of that line item be changed from Generator Annual Maintenance to Generator Repair. Stephen expressed his

expressed his concerns about the Generator for the Sewer Plant. He is concerned that repairing the current generator will eventually not be enough. Leslie brought up looking to see if there were any grants that the District could look at to get a new generator. The Board ask that a new line item be put in the Budget for the \$2.5 million Legislative Grant for the District's Lift Stations. The Tentative Budget Meeting is set for September 7, 2022 and the Final Budget Meeting and Regular Board Meeting is set for September 19, 2022.

6. Commissioner Comments. No Commissioner Comments.
7. Public Input. No Public Input
7. Adjournment: There being no more business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.



Dottie Haldeman, Chairperson



Leslie Sturmer, Commissioner &
Secretary of the Board