

MINUTES OF MEETING

Each person who decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at the meeting is advised that person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which such appeal is to be based.

**THE GROVES
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of The Groves Community Development District was held on **Wednesday, June 1, 2005** at **6:35 p.m.** at The Groves Welcome Center located at 7943 Shaddock Place, Land O' Lakes, Florida 34639.

Present and constituting a quorum:

Bob Brown	Board Supervisor, Chairman
Steven Brown	Board Supervisor, Vice Chairman
Susan Brown	Board Supervisor, Assistant Secretary
Don Pratt	Board Supervisor, Assistant Secretary
George Schwappach	Board Supervisor, Assistant Secretary

Also present were:

Matthew Campbell	District Manager, Rizzetta & Company, Inc.
Audience	

FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS

Call to Order

Mr. Campbell called the meeting to order and read the roll call. He stated that District Staff was planning to participate via speaker phone for Item 3C; Discussion on Audit Process, but due to technical problems will not be able to do so. Mr. Campbell asked for permission to hold this discussion until the next meeting. Permission was granted by the Board.

SECOND ORDER OF BUSINESS

**Consideration of Minutes of the
Board of Supervisors' Meeting on
May 4, 2005**

On a Motion by Mr. B. Brown, seconded by Mr. Schwappach, with all in favor, the Board of Supervisors approved the Minutes of Meeting of the Board of Supervisors' meeting on May 4, 2005 for The Groves Community Development District.

THIRD ORDER OF BUSINESS

**Consideration of Operation and
Maintenance Expenditures for May**

On a Motion by Mr. B. Brown, seconded by Mr. Pratt, with all in favor, the Board of Supervisors approved the Operation and Maintenance Expenditures for May (\$23,471.75) for The Groves Community Development District.

FOURTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

**Presentation of Fiscal Year 2005/2006
Proposed Budget**

Mr. Campbell stated that the next item on the agenda is the presentation of the Fiscal Year 2005/2006 Proposed Budget. He explained that the proposed budget is based on six months of actual expenditures and an estimate of costs for the remainder of the year. Any anticipated expenditures resulting from increased services and additional maintenance responsibilities due to completion of areas within the District are factored in to the proposed budget numbers. Mr. Campbell briefly reviewed the budget process stating that once a proposed budget is adopted it is sent to the County and the District has sixty days to make revisions before final approval. He explained that the final budget can be approved for less than the proposed budget but not more.

Mr. Campbell gave a detailed description of the line items included in the proposed budget totaling \$1,079,294. A brief discussion ensued regarding the addition of \$20,000 to the Gas Utilities line item. It was recommended that controls be put in place to prevent residents from turning thermostats up in the clubhouse and pool area. The possibility of setting the pool one degree lower as a possible solution for reducing this expense was also mentioned.

Mr. Campbell stated that \$22,000 has been included in the budget in response to a resident's request to maintain and control the growth in two of the conservation areas. A discussion ensued regarding the feasibility of obtaining permission from SWFWMD to modify the existing permits to allow for control of plant growth. The Board will make its final decision on this issue based on the decision from SWFWMD and the best interest of the District.

The Board commented that the \$3,000 budgeted in entry & wall features maintenance will not be enough funding to plant hedges along the fence running adjacent to Highway 41. This is being considered in anticipation of a future road widening in the area which would remove the tree buffer currently in place. Estimates have been received in the \$12,000 range, but no Board action has been taken to date. Mr. Campbell stated that the landscape maintenance line item may need to be revised as additional common areas will need to be maintained next year and landscaping rates are expected to increase slightly.

Mr. Campbell stated that the largest increases (approximately \$92,000) have been planned in the parks and recreation area, primarily in the payroll items. He explained that personnel currently managing the clubhouse, etc. work for the developer. As the Developer pulls out of the community, this responsibility will fall on the District and should be included in the budget. A brief discussion ensued. It was agreed that the Developer will not be pulling out of the community during the Fiscal Year 2005/2006 and therefore the proposed budget could be reduced by this \$90,000. Mr. Campbell reminded the Board that the budget cannot be increased once submitted to the County, however, it can be reduced. The Board felt that it would be preferable to reduce the proposed budget by the \$90,000 and have residents receive a more realistic initial trim notice showing roughly an 8% increase rather than an inflated one reflecting 20%. Mr. Campbell stated that he would make that adjustment.

FIFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

**Consideration of Resolution 2005-04,
Adopting Fiscal Year 2005/2006 Proposed
Budget**

On a Motion by Mr. B. Brown, seconded by Mr. Pratt, with all in favor, the Board of Supervisors approved the Resolution 2005-04, Adopting Fiscal Year 2005/2006 Proposed Budget (as amended) and Setting the Public Hearing for August 3, 2005 at 6:30 p.m. at The Clubhouse, located at 7943 Shaddock Place, Land O' Lakes, FL 34639 for The Groves Community Development District.

SIXTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

**Follow-Up Status Regarding Letter from
SWFWMD**

Mr. Campbell stated that the next item on the agenda regarding a follow-up on the letter sent to SWFWMD has already been discussed as part of the budget review. He briefly outlined the process for obtaining modifications to permits and stated that a June 21, 2005 meeting has been set with SWFWMD. Mr. Campbell stated that he will notify the Board regarding the final decision once received.

SEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Staff Reports

A. District Counsel

Mr. Campbell stated that while Mr. Straley was not available to attend in person, he was available by phone if needed.

B. District Engineer

Not Present.

C. District Manager

Mr. Campbell stated that letters were sent out to residents regarding the tree issue along Verna Lane. He stated that he will follow-up on the situation once the 30-day period has concluded.

EIGHTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

**Supervisor Requests and Audience
Comments**

Mr. Campbell stated that the next item on the agenda was Supervisors' requests and audience comments. He stated that there were members of the audience present. Mr. Campbell asked if there were any questions from the audience members. The Board entertained audience comments; however, no actions were taken by the Board.

Mr. Campbell asked if there were any Supervisor requests. Mr. Pratt requested a change to the start time for Board meetings to 10:00 a.m. rather than 11:00 a.m. He explained that with increased attendance and resident participation the meetings are running past noon. A brief discussion ensued.

On a Motion by Mr. Pratt, seconded by Mr. Schwappach, with all in favor, the Board of Supervisors approved changing the start time of the Board of Supervisors' meetings from 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. for the remainder of the Fiscal Year for The Groves Community Development District.

NINTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Adjournment

On a Motion by Mr. B. Brown, seconded by Mr. S. Brown, with all in favor, the Board of Supervisors adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m. for The Groves Community Development District.



Matthew L. Campbell
Secretary



Robert D. Brown
Chairman