

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 **Tuesday, June 1, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.**, held at The Groves Civic Center, located at 7924 Melogold Circle, Land O' Lakes, FL 33637.

Present and constituting a quorum:

Bill Boutin	Board Supervisor, Chairman
Richard Loar	Board Supervisor, Vice Chairman
Jimmy Allison	Board Supervisor, Assistant Secretary
Christina Cunningham	Board Supervisor, Assistant Secretary
James Nearey	Board Supervisor, Assistant Secretary

Also present were:

Aimee Brandon	District Manager, Rizzetta & Co, Inc.
Dana Collier	District Counsel, Straley, Robin & Vericker
Mark Bufano	Operations Manager
Stephen Brelitc	DE, JMT Eng Services

Audience: **Present**

FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS **Call to Order**

Ms. Aimee Brandon called the meeting to order and performed roll call, confirming that a quorum was present.

SECOND ORDER OF BUSINESS **Audience Comments**

The Board received audience comments regarding; security concerns at the entrances and cost versus value received from their services, request for all ponds to be featured in the aquatics report, request for audio equipment update, questions on irrigation pumps, rim ditch needing to be cleaned out and request for conservation area to be cleaned back.

THIRD ORDER OF BUSINESS

Staff Reports

A. District Counsel

The Board received the District Counsel report from Ms. Dana Collier.

Ms. Collier gave an update on the restaurant renewal contract.

Mr. Bill Boutin requested an update at the next meeting regarding a job order contract.

B. District Engineer

The Board received the District Engineer report from Mr. Stephen Brletic. Mr. Brletic provided an update on pond one.

C. Aquatic Report

The Board received the aquatics report. The Board commented on how well the ponds are looking.

D. Clubhouse Manager

The Board received the Clubhouse Manager report from Mr. Mark Bufano.

Mr. Bufano discussed several items on his report. The Board agreed that Mr. Bufano would work with Mr. Jimmy Allison on the Lanai remodeling project.

Mr. Bufano will also work with Mr. James Nearey on the pool repair project.

Mr. Bufano will continue to explore replacement solutions to CDD copier.

E. District Manager

The Board received the District Manager report from Ms. Brandon.

Ms. Brandon reminded the Board of their next regular scheduled meeting on July 6th, 2021, at 10:00 a.m.

Ms. Brandon provided the Board with an update on their financials.

Project Management Review:

The Board received the Project Management updated report. Ms. Cunningham suggested moving the projects that were 100% completed to the bottom of the list. She also suggested adding additional projects to the list such as the lighting around the clubhouse.

90 Day Improvement Plan:

The Board received the 90 Day Rizzetta Improvement Plan. Ms. Brandon explained that she did not have an update for the 90 Day Rizzetta Improvement Plan and no information regarding the request for credit towards District Management fees or the Two-Tiered Management process.

Ms. Cunningham discussed her displeasure with not getting answers from Rizzetta on the items listed. She feels that Rizzetta has been given enough opportunity to provide solutions and suggested that the Board look at other companies. She stated that the Board does not know if they are receiving the value for the cost of what they are paying for Professional District Management services.

Mr. Boutin suggested that before going out to bid that they should ask Rizzetta COO, Mr. Bob Schleifer to be present at a special meeting to give him an opportunity to provide acceptable responses to the items on the improvement sheet. Ms. Cunningham requested that Mr. Schleifer also be prepared to provide the Board with reasons for the District to continue doing business with Rizzetta & CO.

The Board agreed to hold a special meeting on June 17th at 3:30 p.m. with the primary purpose to hear from Rizzetta COO and RASI Manager, Gregg Gruhl regarding detailed answers of the RASI management fees.

The Board agreed that if they were not satisfied with the answers by the end of that meeting that they would go out to bid for new services.

FOURTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Consideration of FY 2021-2022 Proposed Budget

The Board received the Proposed Budget for FY 2021/2022. Mr. Richard Loar discussed raising the assessments higher than 1.75% with Ms. Cunningham in agreeance. Mr. Boutin felt that the 1.75% increase was sufficient. Mr. Nearey and Mr. Allison agreed with Mr. Boutin.

On a motion from Mr. Boutin, seconded by Mr. Nearey, with three in favor, and two opposed (Mr. Loar and Ms. Cunningham), the Board agreed to approve the proposed budget with a 1.75% increase in assessments for The Groves Community Development District.

FIFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Consideration of Resolution 2021-03, Approving FY 2021/2022 Proposed Budget and Setting a Public Hearing

Ms. Brandon presented the Resolution 2021-03, Approving FY 2021/2022 Proposed Budget and Setting a Public Hearing.

On a motion from Mr. Allison, seconded by Mr. Nearey, with three in favor, and two opposed (Mr. Loar and Ms. Cunningham), the Board approved the Resolution 2021-03, Approving Proposed Budget and Setting Public Hearing for The Groves Community Development District.

The Board continued the discussion on the assessment increase and received audience comments regarding the matter. The audience consensus was to increase the assessments higher now instead of later. The Board discussed possibly amending the

130 budget before its adopted in September if the budget needed to be decreased. The
131 Board discussed rescinding the previous motion and add in a \$50,000 contingency into
132 the budget with the understanding that the budget could be amended in September to
133 reduce this amount.

On a motion from Mr. Boutin, seconded by Mr. Loar, the Board approved to rescind the previous motion to approve the Proposed Budget for FY 2021/2022 for The Groves Community Development District.

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On a motion from Mr. Boutin, seconded by Mr. Loar, the Board approved the Proposed Budget for FY 2021/2022 with the addition of \$50,000 to the contingency for The Groves Community Development District.

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On a motion from Mr. Boutin, seconded by Mr. Nearey, the Board approved to rescind the previous motion to approve Resolution 2021-03, Approving Proposed Budget, and Setting Public Hearing for The Groves Community Development District.

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On a motion from Mr. Boutin, seconded by Mr. Loar, the Board approved to adopt Resolution 2021-03, Approving Proposed Budget, and Setting Public Hearing for The Groves Community Development District.

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SIXTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Consideration FY 2019-2020 Audit Report

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On a motion from Mr. Loar, seconded by Ms. Cunningham, the Board approved the FY 2019-2020 Audit Report for The Groves Community Development District.

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SEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Consideration of Minutes of the Board of Supervisors' Meeting held on May 4, 2021

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The Board received the Consideration of the Minutes of the Board of Supervisors Meeting held on May 4th, 2021.

On a motion from Mr. Loar, seconded by Mr. Nearey, the Board approved as amended the Minutes of the Board of Supervisors Meeting held on May 4th, 2021 for The Groves Community Development District.

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EIGHTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Consideration of Operations and Maintenance Expenditures for April 2021

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The Board received the Operation & Maintenance Expenditures for April 2021 in the amount of \$119,852.73.

On a motion from Mr. Loar, seconded by Mr. Nearey, the Board approved to receive and file the Operation & Maintenance Expenditures for April 2021 in the amount of \$119,852.73 for The Groves Community Development District.

NINTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**Supervisor Requests**

During Supervisor Request, Mr. Boutin announced an award ceremony for Vietnam Veterans that will be held on June 17th, at 1:00 p.m. in the ballroom.

Mr. Loar requested that Rizzetta accounting change the title of the O&M Expenditures cover sheet to say, "for Board Review".

TENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**Adjournment**

Mr. Boutin requested a motion to adjourn the meeting of the Board of Supervisors for The Groves Community Development District.

On a motion from Mr. Loar, seconded by Mr. Nearey, the Board approved to adjourn the meeting at 9:03 p.m. for The Groves Community Development District.


Secretary/Assistant Secretary
Chairman/Vice Chairman