

1 **PELICAN MARSH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**
2 **REGULAR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING**
3 **July 15, 2020**
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5 The Board of Supervisors of the Pelican Marsh Community Development District met on
6 Wednesday, July 15, 2020, at 9:00 a.m. at Pelican Marsh, Naples, Florida.

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8 **APPEARANCES:**

Edward Walsh, Chairman

9 Don Pomerantz, Vice-Chairman

10 Joe Diaz, Assistant Secretary

11 Tony Scire, Supervisor

12 Tim Jackoboice, Supervisor

13 **ALSO PRESENT:**

Neil Dorrill, Dorrill Management Group

14 Brent Burford, Johnson Engineering

15 Tony Pires, Board Counsel

16 John Vanover, Operations Manager

17 James Calamari, Access Control

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19 **ROLL CALL**

20 Mr. Walsh opened the meeting, noting that all members were in attendance.
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22 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

23 Joe *** from Ariel noted that there have been ongoing problems with the firebox outside of his
24 building. It is corroded and needs attention, and his requests for assistance have not been
25 answered.

26 Mr. Calamari addressed the issue, and as the Fire Commissioner he will see what can be done
27 to help with the firebox issue. While it is not a CDD issue, Mr. Calamari will contact the
28 appropriate people to address it for the resident.
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5 Mr. Barger asked the Board if they could get a better program in place now regarding access to
6 the community, to include a text message system, rather than delaying it to 2021 or 2022.

7 Mr. Calamari noted that they look into upgrades as they happen, and with their existing system,
8 that component does not exist. The Board has the responsibility to budget for these kinds of
9 changes and upgrades, but they have been looking into this option for their system, and the
10 vendors are developing the texting option which will be available in the future.

11 (Overtalk)

12 In response to the resident’s question, Mr. Walsh noted that their first priority at this point was
13 the landscaping of Pelican Marsh Boulevard. Access control will be addressed in 2021 or 2022.

14 He also explained that Pelican Marsh is not a secure facility, and the discussion, which is access
15 control, is about something different. Mr. Walsh added that they will speak with their vendor
16 as to their system’s capabilities and the timing for new options, and bring that information to
17 the next meeting.

18 This resident also asked if there was a plan in place to reduce the canopy along Bay Laurel
19 similar to what is being done along the Boulevard. Mr. Walsh indicated that eventually they
20 will get back to Bay Laurel and continue the work there, once Pelican Marsh Boulevard has
21 been completed.

22 Another resident, Mr. ***, asked if the system had been updated to enable a MAC to be used
23 to ensure that a guest will be allowed into the community, and Mr. Calamari indicated that it
24 was, and he will show the resident how it works after the meeting.

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26 **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

27 **On a MOTION by Don Pomerantz and a second by Joe Diaz, the agenda was unanimously**
28 **approved as submitted.**

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5 **APPROVAL OF JUNE 2020 BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

6 **On a MOTION by Tony Scire and a second by Tim Jackoboice, the June minutes were**
7 **unanimously approved by the Board.**

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9 **FINANCIALS**

10 The eight month financials through the end of May were discussed, and showed a positive
11 balance of \$3,051,000 in cash, with roughly half in restricted reserves. \$625,000 was in the
12 contingency fund, and payables stood at \$157,000.

13 Under the fund balance section, there was a \$90,000 restricted fund balance from Mercato,
14 which is in payment for their water management system running through Pelican Marsh, as
15 well as drainage related enhancements that the Community may undertake related to Mercato.

16 The income statement showed that \$12,000 came in during the month of May, probably due to
17 the payment of delinquent taxes with penalties. Total year-to-date non ad valorem
18 assessments stood at \$3,380,000, or 96 percent.

19 Under the cost centers, Mr. Dorrill noted that the year-to-date utilization of irrigation water
20 was about \$20,000 over budget at \$89,000, as the rain totals were down for the year thus far.
21 Total operating expenses, however, were \$8,000 under budget at the end of eight months.

22 **On a MOTION by Don Pomerantz and a second by Joe Diaz, the Financials were then**
23 **unanimously accepted by the Board.**

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25 **MANAGERS REPORT**

26 A. Pelican Marsh Boulevard Landscape

27 The contractor, O'Donnell Landscape, was noted to be on site that morning working on the
28 three pilot projects along Pelican Marsh Boulevard. The project is ahead of schedule, despite a
29 break in a high tension wire the previous day. This is a \$90,000 project, and storyboards will be
30 prepared to show the returning residents the progress of the work over the summer.

5 Additional work will be done along Pelican Marsh Boulevard this winter as time permits.
6 Mr. Walsh noted that the plan is to bring Mrs. Goetz back once this initial work is completed,
7 and ask her to do the landscape design for the rest of Pelican Marsh Boulevard. The goal for
8 the winter is to have the in-house staff complete the work on the initial project using Mrs.
9 Goetz’ design, and hopefully at that point the District will have sufficient funds to bring in an
10 outside firm to continue with new work from Clermont to US 41. The goal is to have all the
11 work on Pelican Marsh Boulevard completed by this time next year.
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13 **B. Fiscal Year 2021 Assessment Notice**

14 A copy of the legal notice and cover letter announcing the budget public hearing in August was
15 provided to the Board. This will mark the first time in five years where there will be an
16 assessment increase, in the amount of \$10 per month, for the exclusive use of the creation of a
17 capital reserve fund for the community. While the community has good reserves for
18 emergencies and operations for the first six weeks of the fiscal year, there has never been a
19 capital reserve established, which is prudent as Pelican Marsh approaches its 30th year of
20 existence.

21 The three major purposes of this reserve are the landscaping, renovations to the entry guard
22 gate facilities to include Tiburon, and the repair and replacement of the two bridges that span
23 the conservation area in the District.

24 The notices are going out, and Mr. Dorrill anticipates getting some calls from residents and
25 commercial area people where he will explain that this is not a special assessment or part of
26 the Foundation. Mr. Pires noted for clarification that the assessment shows up under as part of
27 special assessments, and Mr. Dorrill explained that he was comparing it to the ones in their
28 HOAs.

29 Mr. Pires added that there will also be notices in the newspaper regarding this increase.
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5 **ATTORNEY’S REPORT**

6 A. New Legislation

7 Mr. Pires reported on some new legislation that will beneficially affect the District. The first
8 related to what must be posted on the District’s website, and the ruling indicated that if the
9 District has filed its annual audit with the auditor general, a link to that website can then be
10 provided rather than the entire audit itself. As everything on the District website must be ADA
11 compliant, this is one less document that has to be posted.

12 Additionally, the rule requiring that seven days before each meeting or workshop, the agenda
13 of the event along with any meeting materials available in electronic format must be posted to
14 the website, which at times meant hundreds of pages of documents, has been changed. Now,
15 only the agenda must be posted seven days in advance, and no other backup material is
16 required.

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18 B. Meeting Criteria

19 While the CDD Board has been meeting in person, many have met remotely with the various
20 programs available. Based on the lack of clarity in the executive orders in this regard, there are
21 presently two schools of thought on this matter. The first is that local governments can meet in
22 this way until August 1, and the second is that it can continue until September 5. Local
23 governments and many attorneys have been contacting the Governor’s office asking for a
24 clarification on this. Should the Board decide to meet remotely at some point, Mr. Pires will
25 seek clarification from the Governor’s office as well.

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27 **ENGINEER’S REPORT**

28 Mr. Burford had nothing to bring before the Board at this time.

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5 **SUPERVISORS REQUESTS**

6 No further comment from the supervisors was received.

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8 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

9 Joe MulCahey noted that there are some memorial benches around the tennis courts, and Mr.
10 Walsh indicated that the CDD has put one memorial bench on Whimbrel Watch at the request
11 of a resident, who personally paid for it. He added that if the resident would like to have a
12 bench put in outside of the Foundation area, to contact Mr. Vanover about doing so.

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14 **ADJOURNMENT**

15 Mr. Dorrill noted that the next meeting would be held on August 19, which will include the
16 public hearing to consider the final adoption of the Fiscal 2021 Budget.

17 **On a MOTION by Don Pomerantz and a second by Tony Scire, the meeting was adjourned at**
18 **9:33 a.m.**