

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
WENTWORTH ESTATES  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Wentworth Estates Community Development District was held on Thursday, December 8, 2022, at 8:30 a.m., at the Treviso Bay Clubhouse, 9800 Treviso Bay Boulevard, Naples, Florida 34113.

**Present and constituting a quorum:**

Joe Newcomb	Chairperson (present on phone)
Robert Cody	Vice Chairperson
Steve Barger	Assistant Secretary (present on phone)
Joanne Lekas	Assistant Secretary
Andrew Gasworth	Assistant Secretary

**Also present were:**

James P. Ward	District Manager
Greg Urbancic	District Attorney
Bruce Bernard	Assets Manager
Richard Freeman	

**Audience:**

Philip Lowenhaupt

All resident's names were not included with the minutes. If a resident did not identify themselves or the audio file did not pick up the name, the name was not recorded in these minutes.

**PORTIONS OF THIS MEETING WERE TRANSCRIBED VERBATIM. ALL VERBATIM PORTIONS WERE  
TRANSCRIBED IN *ITALICS*.**

**FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Call to Order/Roll Call**

District Manager James P. Ward called the meeting to order at approximately 8:30 a.m. He conducted roll call; all Members of the Board were present, constituting a quorum.

**SECOND ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Administration of Oath**

**Administration of Oath of Office for Mr. Joseph Newcomb and Mr. Andrew Gasworth who were elected at the November 8, 2022 General Election**

*Mr. Ward: I did send Joe his oath separately, so he will get it notarized and send it back to me. I'm going to take a moment and swear in Mr. Gasworth.*

Mr. Ward, as a notary public, administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Andrew Gasworth.

Discussion ensued regarding residents paying more attention to tax bills this year and calling the District with questions.

**THIRD ORDER OF BUSINESS****Consideration of Minutes****July 14, 2022 – Regular Meeting**

Mr. Ward asked if there were any additions, corrections, or deletions to these Minutes; hearing none, he called for a motion.

**On MOTION made by Mr. Robert Cody, seconded by Mr. Andrew Gasworth, and with all in favor, the July 14, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes were approved.**

**FOURTH ORDER OF BUSINESS****Consideration of Resolution 2023-1**

**Consideration of Resolution 2023-1, a resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the Wentworth Estates Community Development District a resolution designating the Registered Agent; designating the Office and Location of the Registered Office; and providing for conflicts and invalid provisions and providing for an effective date**

*Mr. Ward: The law changed a few years ago which removed the requirement to have what was called in the statute at that time an Office of Location. Originally in the Statute from the 1980's timeframe, a District had to have an office in the county where the District was located for purposes of having the public records in that county. Obviously, in the last 8 or 9 years, the law has changed due to the fact that everybody has electronic records including my office, so all of your records with this District, as with all of my other Districts, are all electronic records. If people want records, they don't have to go somewhere these days. They pick up the phone and ask for it, or they send us an email. What this resolution does is simply remove the requirement that we had of record in the district's records from years ago that had an office of location in Collier County and just continues to keep my office as the registered agent for the District itself. He asked if there were any questions; hearing none, he called for a motion.*

**On MOTION made by Mr. Andrew Gasworth, seconded by Ms. Joanne Lekas, and with all in favor, Resolution 2023-1 was adopted, and the Chair was authorized to sign.**

**FIFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS****Staff Reports****I. District Attorney**

Mr. Urbancic indicated he was available if any Board Members had questions regarding the Sunshine Law and Code of Ethics, but he believed the Board Members were all familiar with these regulations.

**II. District Engineer**

No report.

**III. Asset Manager****a) Waterway Inspection Report July 2022****b) Operations Reports November 1, 2022****c) Operations Report December 1, 2022:****i. Lake Maintenance****ii. Landscape Maintenance****iii. Upcoming Projects:****a. Lake Bank Restoration****b. Holiday Decorations****c. Additional Lake Fountains**

*Mr. Bruce Bernard: The landscaping at the entrance is 100% complete. The lighting is 100% done. The pine straw was just installed. The annuals were changed out this week. He discussed the collection and humane disposal of the cane toads. He discussed the work being done on the fountains. He discussed Hurricane Ian damage repair and costs: hurricane related tree trimming cost \$19,800 dollars and overall hurricane damage costs were over \$30,000 dollars. He indicated the bridge was cleaned, the concrete on the bridge was repaired, and Collier County was fixing the walkways' pavers, landscaping, and sod. He reported the lake bank restoration would begin in January once again. He noted the holiday decorations were up.*

Discussion ensued regarding the holiday decorations.

Mr. Bernard reported landscaping improvements were being done west of the bridge and lake and berm.

Mr. Gasworth: asked if the construction might ruin the landscaping improvements.

Mr. Bernard responded in the negative. He stated bridge paver repairs would be done this week. He noted the electric contractor would move the panel out of the east fountain up above ground; next an enclosure would be built, and the pumps would be moved up out of the bottom to prevent flooding. He noted the drainage inspections would begin in January with any necessary cleaning done in February and March. He stated he was looking for possible locations for additional fountains in the lakes as he had been asked. He discussed the lakes which might make suitable locations for fountains or bubblers.

Discussion ensued regarding the lakes and the possible locations for additional bubblers; optional lights in the fountains; the cost of the bubblers/fountains varying due to size and location of electricity; the average cost of fountains/bubblers with installation being approximately \$10,000 dollars each if the lake already had electric.

Mr. Bernard noted the fountains could be installed over time and the costs would vary.

Mr. Ward indicated no fountains could be installed in FY-2023; however, they could be budgeted for in FY-2024.

Ms. Lekas noted this would prompt an assessment increase for residents.

Mr. Ward concurred.

Mr. Bernard noted the lake bank restoration would be winding down at the end of next year, and possibly the funds typically budgeted for lake restoration could be allocated to fountain installation.

Mr. Ward stated he was not a fan of this idea; he did not feel it was appropriate to reallocate funds from lake bank restoration to fountain installation, but this could be discussed further at a later time. He indicated he was in favor of fountain installation as communities tended to appreciate fountains. He stated \$14,000 dollars for a fountain spread over 1,600 units would not be an excessive amount. He noted the CDD was at its cap rate of \$805 dollars and any increase in the assessment rate next year would require mailed notices to property owners. He stated he believed an increased assessment rate would be needed next year simply because of increased operational costs.

Mr. Gasworth asked for information about the cane toads.

*Mr. Ward: We can write something up for that and put it on the website. They are awful things I tell you.*

Discussion ensued regarding the cane toads and how poisonous cane toads were for animals; and how many cane toads were being collected.

Mr. Bernard noted it was good the cane toads in Wentworth Estates were caught early and the problem had not escalated out of control as in past years.

Discussion ensued regarding the lake bank restoration map.

#### **IV. District Manager**

- b) Financial Statements for period ending September 30, 2022 (unaudited)**
- c) Financial Statements for period ending October 31, 2022 (unaudited)**

No report.

#### **SIXTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

#### **Supervisor's Requests and Audience Comments**

Mr. Ward asked if there were any Supervisor's requests or questions from the Board; there were none.

He asked if there were any audience members with comments or questions in person or on audio/video.

Mr. Phil Lowenhaupt stated he was unsure all residents would be in favor of installing additional lake fountains. He noted he knew individuals who objected to the noise created by the fountains. He stated if installation was discretionary, he hoped the CDD could determine if the residents were in favor before installation.

**SEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Next Meeting Date**

**March 9, 2023**

Mr. Ward stated the next meeting would be on March 9, 2023 and he anticipated the budget process would begin at that time.

**EIGHTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Adjournment**

Mr. Ward adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:00 a.m.

**On MOTION made by Mr. Robert Cody, seconded by Mr. Andrew Gasworth, and with all in favor, the meeting was adjourned.**

Wentworth Estates Community Development District

  
James P. Ward, Secretary

  
Joe Newcomb, Chairman