

RIVER BEND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

January 22, 2019 Minutes of Continued Meeting

Minutes of the Continued Meeting

The Continued Meeting of the Board of Supervisors for River Bend Community Development District was held on **Thursday, January 22, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.**, at the River Bend Amenity Center, located at 2502 Dakota Rock Drive, Ruskin, FL 33570.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Debby Nussel led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Debby Nussel called the Continued Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the River Bend Community Development District to order on **Thursday, January 22, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.**

Board Members Present and Constituting a Quorum at the onset of the meeting:

Jayne Tingley	Chair	<i>arrived at 6:35 p.m.</i>
Richard DeBrosse	Vice Chair	
Irving Plummer	Supervisor	
Steven Minafri	Supervisor	
Andrew J. Pouget	Supervisor	

Staff Member Present:

Debby Nussel Meritus, District Manager

There was one audience member in attendance.

3. AUDIENCE QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

There were no audience questions or comments on agenda items.

4. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. Consideration of Initial Approval of the Report of the District Engineer Dated January 18, 2018

The Board stated the two items were added to the Engineer's Report: the pool area and soccer field. Mrs. Nussel recommended to change the wording for the pool to "pool, pool area and pool equipment." The Board agreed.

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MOTION TO:	Accept the January 18, 2019 District Engineer Report with the change discussed.
MADE BY:	Supervisor Minafri
SECONDED BY:	Supervisor Pouget
DISCUSSION:	None Further
RESULT:	Called to Vote: Motion PASSED 4/0 – Motion passed unanimously.

B. Consideration of Resolution 2019-02; Initializing the Process to Amend the List of District Improvements That May Be Funded by the Special Assessments Levied Pursuant to Resolution 2016-13

Mrs. Nussel went over the resolution.

MOTION TO:	Approve Resolution 2019-02.
MADE BY:	Supervisor Plummer
SECONDED BY:	Supervisor DeBrosse
DISCUSSION:	None Further
RESULT:	Called to Vote: Motion PASSED 4/0 – Motion passed unanimously.

C. Consideration of Resolution 2019-03; Setting the Public Hearing for the Purpose of Hearing Public Comment on Amending Resolution 2016-03

Mrs. Nussel went over the resolution. The public hearing is set for Tuesday, February 26, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at the amenity center.

MOTION TO:	Approve Resolution 2019-03.
MADE BY:	Supervisor DeBrosse
SECONDED BY:	Supervisor Plummer
DISCUSSION:	None Further
RESULT:	Called to Vote: Motion PASSED 4/0 – Motion passed unanimously.

Supervisor Tingley arrived at the meeting.

84 **5. AUDIENCE QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS ON OTHER ITEMS**

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86 There were no audience questions or comments.

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88 Mrs. Nussel updated the Board on the towing and parking policy, dissolution of River Bend LLC,
89 and scope of work for the drainage at the amenity center. Supervisor Minafri wanted to go on record
90 that he disagrees with the dissolution of the River Bend LLC. Supervisor Minafri would like the
91 Board to reconsider the dissolution.

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MOTION TO:	Adjourn.
MADE BY:	Supervisor Pouget
SECONDED BY:	Supervisor Tingley
DISCUSSION:	None Further
RESULT:	Called to Vote: Motion PASSED
	5/0 – Motion passed unanimously.

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PROPOSAL FOR THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
RIVERBEND COMMUNITY

PROPOSAL: HEATING OF THE COMMUNITY SWIMMING POOL

For several years residents and owners have made it clear in their written opinions for community projects, that our swimming pool needs to be heated for year round enjoyment. The Amenity Center, which is the showcase of our community, has a crown jewel, it is the swimming pool. It is clear by records of attendance, which show the numbers of users of the pool is far greater than all other recreational activities combined. The question then, is why does it sit here not being utilized by anyone for at least six or seven months every year.

The answer is very simple. It is NOT because the pool does not have a heating system. It DOES! The heater, its elements, pump, pipes, valves, gauges, and all equipment to heat the pool is installed and in place. What it does not have is an ENERGY SOURCE to run the equipment

Five years ago several residents looked into energy sources including electric, natural gas, propane, solar, and geo-thermal energy systems.

Gas of any type would need to be trucked in and it was deemed costly and extremely risky for a residential neighborhood. Electric, was cost prohibitive if the pool water was to be heated at a constant 85°F. Our pool was designed for solar heating. Both solar companies that were contacted stated that to keep the water at an 85°F range, an array of solar panels would need at least 1/2 acre of panels erected somewhere. Geo-thermal was found to be the most energy efficient and cost effective to operate. It was also about the same cost to install as a solar panel array. The estimated cost for either solar or geo-thermal systems was about \$90,000.00. The geo-thermal system was estimated to cost less to operate, and provided less exposure to the natural elements and storms.

I know we may be looking at a major work project in and around the Amenity Center. Capital for a heating system was not in the last municipal bond issue. No one wants higher taxes, special assessments or increased dues. Might it be possible for the Board of Supervisors to look into funding an energy source, by setting aside funds from regular annual tax income, until funds are available to pay for the project? Perhaps \$30,000 a year for three years?

Many resident can't and won't use the pool year round because of the water temperature. Winter visiting guests of residents can't use the pool. Owner snow birds can't use the pool that their taxes support.

With more year round water time available aquatic activities for residents could increase dramatically. Programs such as:

Age levels and teams events in water polo, water volleyball, water survival skills taught regardless of swimming ability, year round water aerobics. Introductory events for snorkeling, SCUBA diving, kayaking can all take place year round. Programming for aquatic is boundless.

First, we need the waters of the pool heated! My proposal is this....

It will cost the board NOTHING to appoint a board member to work with a very small number of residents to re-explore current costs of energy sources for the pool and prepare a new report for the board 1 Perhaps the same group could look into funding options as well.

I hope the board of supervisors will look favorably upon this proposal.

Sincerely,

James Gorman, resident and owner
Submitted, January 22, 2019

104 *A recording of the meeting is available upon request.

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106 *These minutes were done in a summary format.

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

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112 Meeting minutes were approved at a meeting by vote of the Board of Supervisors at a publicly
113 noticed meeting held on 2-14-19.

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Chair

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Secretary

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