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FLORIDA ASSOCIATION of SPECIAL DISTRICTS, INC.

Board Meeting

Bonnette Hunt Club, Banquet Lodge

Palm Beach Gardens, FL

October 30, 2009

CALL TO ORDER: President Saunier called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM.

Opening Remarks

President Saunier welcomed everyone to Palm Beach Gardens and stated that a quorum is present. He also welcomed the non-Board members to the meeting. He thanked O'Neal Bardin of Northern Palm Beach Improvement District for hosting and Fred Crawford for setting up the meeting.

President Saunier asked for changes to the agenda, hearing none, he asked for a motion to approve.

Pat O'Quinn made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Brian Cottrell. Motion passed unanimously.

President Saunier asked for changes to the August 7, 2009 minutes and there were none.

Brian Cottrell made a motion to approve the August 7, 2009, minutes, seconded by Cecil Davis. Motion passed unanimously.

David Lindsay entered the meeting at 8:40 AM.

President Saunier asked David Lindsay, Secretary, to call the roll.

ROLL CALL:

O'Neal Bardin	x	Chuck Haas		Clete Saunier	x
John Bonde		Mary Hickey	x	Leo Schwartzberg	x
Dan Center	x	Nat Ippolito	x	Rodney Tillman	x
Brian Cottrell	x	David E. Lindsay	x	Todd Wodraska	x
Cecil Davis	x	Steve Litschauer	x		
Gale M. English	x	Pat O'Quinn			
Rita Greenberg	x	Tanya Quickel	x		

Also Present: Terry Lewis, Esquire; Jim Angle, Executive Director; Ronald Crone, Lake Worth Drainage District.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Saunier discussed the "Spirit of Camaraderie" that we experience and others can with their membership to FASD.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Tanya Quickel presented the financial statements for the year to date. She stated that we have collected 1/3 of our dues, but we typically have collected about 1/2 by now.

O'Neal Bardin made a motion to approve the Financial Report, seconded by Brian Cottrell. Motion passed unanimously.

CDM/CDO COMMITTEE

Mary Hickey explained that the CDO class had 22 students and a fantastic speaker. The CDM class survey indicated six interested students. She added that the steering committee lost Monica Andersen and that the position needs to be filled.

A discussion ensued about the possibility that a student would have to wait 2 years if they missed a class. It was also discussed that more class dates may have to be added if we have 25-30 CDO students.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Brian Cottrell reported that the Membership committee met last night and come up with suggestions to attract and retain new members (especially associate members):

1. Showcase the Annual Conference
2. Send out Flyers on certification classes to CDDs.
3. Reduce Dues
4. Multi-year dues
5. Purchasing Power
6. Ads in Trade Magazines
7. Go to Other Trade Conferences

Todd Wodraska made a suggestion that since we pay \$175 in fees to the Florida Department of Community Affairs, that we allow CDDs in for \$150.

David Davis in at 9:10.

President Saunier asked that Brian Cottrell, Todd Wodraska, James Angle, and Terry Lewis bring back recommendations for CDDs in January. The Finance Committee will assist with regard to dues questions.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE UPDATE

Tanya Quickel announced that the conference will have fabulous speakers and topics and that only three slots are still open.

David Lindsay asked if there are special rates for non-profit exhibitors. Ms. Quickel responded that the Conference Committee will take this into consideration.

Ms. Quickel stated that the conference will be held June 8-11, at the Renaissance on St. Petersburg Beach.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Terry Lewis reported that there is a hearing scheduled in Federal Court on February 10th regarding the Nutrient Standard issue. At the hearing, the EPA will discuss a settlement with Earth Justice.

He added that the FASD and the Florida Stormwater Association is asking FDEP to recognize and reclassify human use stormwater systems. There will be a workshop on November 16th and 17th.

Mr. Lewis updated the Board about transparency in government. State agencies had to comply last year. He said that Special Districts should not be impacted this year. Lastly, Mr. Lewis stated that FASD will be presenting a bill that would require residents in both affected governments to approve the action in a general election.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Executive Director Angle deferred to the General Membership Meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

Steve Litschauer reported that he, John Bonde and Iris Roman went to the California Association of Special District’s Conference and they thought it was good. Door prizes were given out throughout the conference, to hold everyone’s attention for a longer period of time. They also sold raffles and gave out several awards.

E.D. Angle cited the possibility of offering technical classes, 1-2 day seminars. President Saunier declared that there was consensus to move forward to look into technical classes.

He added that Monica Andersen will be sorely missed. A discussion ensued about replacing her on the Board and the CDM Steering Committee. E.D. Angle stated that he will put the word out for a replacement in January.

Brian Cottrell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. President Saunier adjourned the meeting at 9:55 AM.