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**MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 14, 2010**

The trustees of the Municipal Service District held their monthly meeting on Monday, June 14, 2010 at the Ponte Vedra Beach Library at 6 PM.

TRUSTEES PRESENT

Gary S. Jurenovich – Chairman

Robert Reesh – Vice Chairman

John Wegl – Treasurer

Douglas C. Crane

Al Hollon

Gordon Blalock - absent

Chris Greene

Attorney Wayne Flowers

Chairman Jurenovich called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes for May 10, 2010 were discussed. A motion was made to approve the minutes with the changes requested by Treasurer Wegl, seconded and unanimously carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Rob Becker - 32 Ponte Vedra Circle – Mr. Becker reported regarding the Sunset Park Parcel that the convict crew and Ivan Burrell brought his group in and they removed the debris on the north side of the ditch. They removed two snake nests and three rats nest in the palmettos they took out and have the ditch down to the dirt so the rats are now out the individual's house to the north. On Wednesday the 16th Ivan Burrell is bringing 4 dump trunk loads of dirt and spread it so the sod can be placed. Chairman Jurenovich asked me to get another quote for the Board to sod north of the ditch due to the infestation of the rats. Trustee Greene asked about the quote and Mr. Becker told him that included the 13x250 north of the ditch where the infestations of the rats were. Mr. Becker said that original intent was to clean out the ditch and they did not anticipate the snakes and rat nest and the County was a bit taken back that the neighbors who had the rats in their houses had not complained. The County was worried about the safety of the convicts and actually brought in heavier equipment to clean the debris north of the ditch. Mr. Becker said that after Wednesday it

will take a week for the sod to be delivered. It is up to the Board if they want to sod north of the ditch but it is stripped down to dirt. Mr. Becker reported the Ivan Burrell's workers were very accommodating to get the area clean. Chairman Jurenovich reported that when we get to the Landscaping the Board will discuss further.

BILLY ZEITS – ST. JOHNS COUNTY

Billy Zeits showed the Board the new beach access signs and reported to the Board that they are using landscaped timbers as the posts. On the accesses with walkovers, we would like to post the turtle information to the actual side of the walkover on the railing on the side which will be framed and should look nice. Trustee Crane asked Mr. Zeits if the sign at San Juan was removed but by the time we went to get it, the sign was gone. The 911 signs we are working with GIS to establish on the walkovers a physical address because they are between two addresses. Mr. Zeits said they will address the walkovers or assign a number on the beach side and ask the homeowners address their private walkovers. Mr. Zeits reported that he knew the Board did not want a sign put up on the beach side. Chairman Jurenovich reported that if we give our residents on the beach side a letter that we put in a zip lock bag and rubber band it to their walkover so that they know the intent of St. Johns county and the MSD Board they might be more receptive. Sgt. Mitchell reported that this was a bad idea as it would create more trash on the beach. Sgt. Mitchell asked if the MSD could send e-mails and Chairman Jurenovich said we have e-mail address but do not who they belong to and many of the residents don't have mailboxes to mail them a letter. Mr. Zeits said that we have the resources to get the residents information and will work on that. Trustee Hollon reported that we passed a motion that we did not want the 911 signs on the beach stating "I am opposed to this and I do not think we should force the residents to do this." Mr. Zeits said that what we are proposing is to have the homeowners address their walkovers and after that we will see what we have accomplished. Sgt. Mitchell said that the sign will have to be big enough on the access so that you can read it. Chairman Jurenovich asked for them to provide a sample. Sgt. Mitchell said the lettering will be 5 inches with the address or number and PVB. Trustee Crane reported that he thinks it is reasonable for the sign with 3 numbers and 3 letters and to move on. Chairman Jurenovich asked for anyone on the Board who knows someone who lives on the beach and has a dune walkover how they would feel about a 36 inch sign or 1 yard on their dune walkover. Trustee Hollon asked Sgt. Mitchell that if the homeowners do not put up enough signage are they going to put up the 911 signs. Sgt. Mitchell said that we will work with MSD depending on where the signage as needed. Chairman Jurenovich asked Mr. Zeits if there is anything the MSD Board can do if and when anything needs to be done with the oil spill. Mr. Zeits said anything the Board can do to be a partner is appreciated if and when something needs to be done. Chairman Jurenovich believes that we should entertain that this be added to a Trustees responsibility. Trustee Greene reported that he would take on the additional responsibilities. Chairman Jurenovich asked for an example of the sign so that he can bring it to the next meeting. Chairman Jurenovich asked that if you know anyone on the beach ask them their opinion.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

POLICE REPORT – TRUSTEE CRANE

Trustee Crane reported that he sent out the monthly statistics via e-mail. There were 4 grand thefts and Lt. Amon said that 3 of them were at the Ponte Vedra Club. Trustee Crane said that the website looks good and we are getting the readership that we should and I have no changes on the budget. Trustee Crane thanked everyone who helped with the Micklers survey and also thanked Dep. Tedder. Attorney Flowers reported that the meeting was noticed and minutes were taken. Vice Chairman Reesh asked Lt. Amon about the speeding on San Juan Drive speeding. Lt. Amon said the speeding is 4 – 5 miles over and not outrageous. Deputy Tedder showed a resident the

actual speed on the radar and they were astonished that it was that slow.

WEBSITE REPORT – TRUSTEE CRANE

Trustee Crane reported that the website information has been sent to all the Trustees via e-mail and everything looks good.

SEWER, DRAINAGE, ROAD REPORT – TRUSTEE HOLLON

Trustee Hollon reported that Deputy Tedder informed him of some drainage issues and he should be complimented. They resealed the drain and have corrected it. On Miranda there is an issue with the golf course and they will continue to monitor the situation.

TREASURER’S REPORT – TREASURER WEGE

Treasurer Wege reported that he e-mailed the financials and there is nothing out of the ordinary. At Fifth Third, we are going to have to cash in one of the \$50,000 cd's to cover expenses this month and also cash one in to cover July expenses. After that, we are going to have to start withdrawing money from Ironstone. Treasurer Wege began preliminary budget discussion and asked did and estimate on the tax revenue and just received tonight the projected tax revenue from the county. I have estimated what the bank balances will be and all those numbers are subject to change. On expenses, I did an estimate but the bottom line is if we keep the same amount in reserves, the same amount in emergency clean up and the same amount in reserves for October – December until the tax revenues are received we will be about \$54,000 in the hole. This does not include any special project we have discussed over the past couple of months. It does not include paying AT&T, anything additional for landscaping so if we want to keep your millage the same we will have to dip into the reserves or cut expenses and there are not a lot of expenses to cut. Chairman Jurenovich recapped that if we keep the millage rate the same then we will need to dip into our reserves and asked Attorney Flowers if the Board should discuss millage. Attorney Flowers reported that hopefully by July 1 we will have received the DR420 with a real number. At the July meeting you will need to vote on an ad valorem rate that will need to go the Property Appraiser. Attorney Flowers suggest that if there are any special project that have not been discussed now is the time to let Treasurer Wege know. Remember once you set the rate, you can always reduce it but near impossible to raise it. Chairman Jurenovich asked for a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously carried. Chairman Jurenovich then asked each Trustee to give their perspective on the budget. Treasurer Wege reported that if we get the reserves down to \$150,000 we can cover our projected expenses and should be in good shape. Trustee Greene asked about pending project and Chairman Jurenovich said it will be about \$35K for AT&T and 4K for the Corona Road project plus we will still have the emergency clean up fund of \$100,000. Trustee Greene agreed with Treasurer Wege that he was comfortable cutting the reserves back to \$150,000. Trustee Hollon reported on the emergency fund and explained the creation of this due to a tropical storm and how slow the clean up was but I think Seaboard has since changed their strategy to have additional contractors to come in and help with the clean up. Trustee Hollon reported that he is inclined to keep the millage rate the same and also would be inclined to lower the clean up fund but would be more comfortable if Vice Chairman Reesh would confirm with the County and Seaboard that Seaboard will continue their regular pickup and secondly that the county has in place bids for contractors to do the extra clean up. If that is the case, then it may be possible to lower our clean up fund. Vice Chairman Reesh said that is a good point and our contract with Seaboard will come due in August. Vice Chairman Reesh has met with them and there is a consensus that they will continue with the same agreement for the next 7 years. Attorney Flowers and Vice Chairman Reesh will have to get some numbers together but there is an outside chance that we might have a slight increase. Vice Chairman Reesh said that he agrees with the comments that have been presented about the

reserves. Attorney Flowers said that we kept the millage rate the same but residents paid less due to the valuations going down. Chairman Jurenovich said that he would like to see the millage stay the same and continue to provide the level of service that we have. Attorney Flowers said that you can raise and the owners still pay less and Chairman Jurenovich responded that it does not play out well with the media. Treasurer Wegl asked each Trustee to look at the line items that they are responsible for and let me know of any changes. Chairman Jurenovich responded that he still feels strongly that with Beach Energy putting the utilities underground that we pay AT&T the \$4,100 this year to take care of San Juan Drive and the remainder out of the budget for next year. Chairman Jurenovich feels like we need to come to the plate to show AT&T that we are serious. Mr. Becker said that you cannot force a home owner to go underground. Chairman Jurenovich said that if a home owner does not want to go underground they will have a single stand alone pole and not the big AT&T pole in their front yard. Chairman Jurenovich also asked Treasurer Wegl to add the Corona Road powder coating to the budget for next year.

ELECTRIC, CABLE & PHONE REPORT – TREASURER WEGL

Treasurer Wegl reported that as of June 1 Beaches Energy has cut in almost all of the homes on Ponte Vedra Blvd. and by the end of the month the poles could be down. Once the transformers are down, then the lines come down and then the poles. Chairman Jurenovich just signed an order for the additional lights on Ponte Vedra Blvd. After the order was turned in for the additional lights Beach Energy came back and said they could only do 26 and not 30 lights. The engineer and I went out and we added 2. We found a power source near Micklers and A1A. There is a private light at 1041 and now that it has been replaced I would like to ask for Board approval to ask the homeowner if they would object to the MSD paying for this light. A motion was made for Treasurer Wegl to approach the homeowner, second and unanimously carried. The conduit installation on San Juan is moving

STREET SIGNS AND POLES – TRUSTEE BLALOCK

Chairman Jurenovich reported that Trustee Blalock is out of the State but reported that everything is good with street signs and poles.

SANITATION – VICE CHAIRMAN REESH

Vice Chairman Reesh reported that he has given his report. .

LANDSCAPING & RIGHT OF WAY – TRUSTEE GREENE

Trustee Greene confirmed with Mr. Becker that the difference in the two proposals is the sod on the north side of the ditch and installation. Mr. Becker confirmed. Trustee Greene asked for the Board's thoughts on these two additions. Trustee Greene recommends to the Board that we sod the additional as the project will not be complete as we are way under budget. I would like to get some feedback from the Board as to the installation of the sod as at last meeting the sod was going to be laid by the residents. Vice Chairman Reesh asked about the charge. Mr. Becker got a better price from the sod company than what was proposed the first time. The homeowners said they were willing to pay for the difference between the \$2,240 and \$2,766.90 on the 50 x 250 to just have the sod company put that down. The 13 x 250 foot area was not in my first proposal to sod. This area will not be used as a play area and I think asking the residents to lay sod in that area would be a stretch. Vice Chairman Reesh asked if the residents are going to lay the sod in the other area. Mr. Becker said that the difference is \$500 something and that there is a group of people who will pay the sod company to lay it. Trustee Greene said that we are very close to getting this project done and I recommend that we pay this and be done with this project. Mr. Becker reported that this sends a message to the County as they have really stepped up with the snakes nest and brought in some heavy equipment to take out some of the underbrush and to dump

the dirt and spread it for us it send the correct signal that we are going to finish the project. Chairman Jurenovich asked about the ongoing maintenance and Mr. Becker said the neighbor next door will continue to cut the grass. Trustee Greene said that at last meeting on the record, the neighbor next door said he will continue to cut the grass. Treasurer Wegl asked how this sod will be watered. Mr. Becker said there is a well at the house with rats and they will use her well to water for 30 days. Trustee Hollon made a motion to approve the sod and labor, it was second with a vote of 4 -1, opposed by Vice Chairman Reesh.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT – ATTORNEY FLOWERS

Attorney Flowers has nothing to report. Trustee Hollon reported that Mr. Zeits said that the county/ state has not mandated the 911 signs and he also said that there are no sanctions by not putting up these signs. Trustee Hollon asked to have Attorney Flowers contact the county attorney to see what legal basis they have. The Board agreed.

Chairman Jurenovich reported:

1. Thanked the Board and all the people involved in the Deputy Anderson Memorial.
2. Attended a meeting regarding the Pablo Road Bridge and the road will be closed until the end of January.
3. Asked the Board to stay with the newspaper with the proposal to put in a sidewalk along 210.
4. Received a phone call from the St. Johns County lighting officer and wants to discuss lights that may be shining on the beach.
5. Received a phone call from mosquito control about the swarming of the nymphs.
6. After Labor Day they are going to close Corona Road and the contractor has agreed to hold our cost for the project.
7. Visited the Supervisor of Elections Office and had two MSD residents to complete their paperwork for the upcoming election. If you have not gone down to complete your paperwork, please do so. Chairman Jurenovich introduced Mrs. Randy Evans and the other person is Philip Green who lives off Ocean Course Drive.
8. Chairman Jurenovich asked if anyone can go to a Commissioner please do so and to think about cutting a check for AT&T as we will discuss this at the next meeting.

ADJOURN

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously carried to adjourn.

Submitted, Ann Jurenovich, MSD Secretary
(An audio tape of the meeting is on file at the MSD office)