Surfside Colony Storm Water Protection District

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Minutes of the December 16th, 2024 General Meeting of the Board of Trustees Surfside Office - B89 - 6:00 p.m.

Trustees Present: President V. John Kriss, Secretary Eric Springer, and Dave Chamberlain.

Trustees Absent: Ryan Hill.

Staff Present:

District Clerk Chris Montana.

Community:

Paul Mesmer, Gayle Mueller Winnen, Rudy Lalonde, Tara Amundson, and

Linda Garofalo of Surfside Colony Community Services District; Dru Roland, Property Manager Supervisor of Surfside Colony, Ltd.

Board members of both the Surfside Colony Community Services District and the Storm Water Protection District unanimously to hold the Storm Water Protection District meeting first. All present rose for the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

President Kriss called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

Community Input: Linda Garofalo, as a resident of Surfside Colony, stated that she wanted the Storm Water District to be able to fund all justified requests from Surfside Colony, Ltd.

Administration of Oaths of Office: Clerk Montana administered the Oaths of Office to Trustees V. John Kriss and Dave Chamberlain. The Trustees had been appointed in lieu of election by the County Board of Supervisors for a four-year term. The Oaths were signed and dated accordingly.

Review and Possible Approval of the November 18th, 2024 General Board Meeting Minutes: After Board members reviewed the Minutes of the November 18th, 2024 Meeting, Trustee Chamberlian moved for approval, Secretary Springer seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Surfside Colony, Ltd. Project Status and Operations Update:

a. Review of Amended 2024 Monthly Billing Request: The Clerk distributed Surfside Colony, Ltd.'s Request to amend the 2024-25 annual Drainage and Erosion Contract and analysis for review and discussion. The District's Budget Policy allows for changes to the fiscal year budget

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at the regular January meeting. Surfside Colony, Ltd.'s letter dated December 12th along with a December 16th addendum requesting a total annual increase of \$27,383, or 22.95%, per the Clerk's analysis. Dru Roland of Surfside Colony, Ltd. explained that the request included increased costs of employee insurance and the partial salary of a new maintenance worker that the Surfside Colony, Ltd. Board was looking into hiring to eventually replace the current Maintenance Manager upon his retirement. Board members and Community Service District Board members communicated that allocating total Surfside Colony, Ltd. salary and benefits to the Districts did not seem justified, nor did the inclusion of a salary of an additional employee at this time. President Kriss stated that Board members must ensure that the District only funds services as defined by the California Storm Water District Act.

b. Review and Possible Approval of Emergency Drain Cleaning Request: Project Manager Supervisor Dru Roland presented the Board of Surfside Colony, Ltd.'s request for the District to fund between \$2,000 and \$6,000 for drain cleaning. Dru Roland stated that bids were in the process of being received to hydro-jet the main storm drain throughout the Colony to mitigate potential flooding risks. Dru Roland stated that the cost included using a camera to detect problem areas where sand and debris have accumulated.

MOTION: Trustee Chamberlain moved to approve the funding of hydro-jetting the Colony's main storm waters drain in an amount not-to-exceed \$6,000. Trustee Springer seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Review and Possible Approval of Current Bills Presented: Clerk Montana presented check #'s 1566-1568 for a total amount of \$11,974.66, consisting of \$10,492.91 for the December 2024 Drainage and Erosion billing and \$1,481.75 for general and administrative expenses. Checks were approved and signed as presented.

<u>Clerk's Report, Fund Balance and Review of Trial Balance:</u> Clerk Montana reported the fund balance as of December 16, 2024 to be \$498,875 and reviewed the trial balance with the Board. The Clerk also reported that the Registrar of Voters had forwarded Darcy McMahon's appointment the Board of Supervisors last week to be placed on an upcoming Agenda.

Sand Replenishment Project Update: President Kriss reported that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers had not responded to his request to prioritize the initiation of the Stage 14 sand

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replenishment project, especially in light of Stage 13's shortfall. In his correspondence, President Kriss warned the USACE of coastal storm damage occurring without needed sand. Trustee Chamberlain communicated that the USACE should be made aware of the increased adverse effects to Huntington Beach and Newport Beach coastlines as the time lapse between replenishments increases and that every effort should be made to proactively reduce storm disaster damages.

Board Member Items / New Business: None.

Adjournment: There being no further business to be brought before the Board, President Kriss moved for adjournment, next month's Board meeting for January 20th, 2025, Trustee Chamberlain seconded, and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

John Kriss, President

Eric Springer, Secretary

(by Chris Montand,
District Clerk)