

**MINUTES OF MEETING
BENTON HILLS
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

The Board of Supervisors of the Benton Hills Community Development District held a Regular Meeting on May 15, 2025 at 11:30 a.m., at the Greater Hernando County Chamber of Commerce, 15588 Aviation Loop Drive, Brooksville, Florida 34604.

Present:

Martha Schiffer
Megan Germino
Alexus James
Harriet Stone

Chair
Vice Chair
Assistant Secretary
Assistant Secretary

Also present:

Kristen Suit
Bennett Davenport (via telephone)
Brian Malmberg

District Manager
District Counsel
District Engineer

FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS

Call to Order/Roll Call

Ms. Suit called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. Supervisors Schiffer, Germino, James and Stone were present. Supervisor-Elect Filotas was not present.

SECOND ORDER OF BUSINESS

Public Comments

No members of the public spoke.

THIRD ORDER OF BUSINESS

Administration of Oath of Office to Erika Filotas [Seat 3] (the following will be provided in a separate package)

This item was deferred.

A. Required Ethics Training and Disclosure Filing

- **Sample Form 1 2023/Instructions**

- B. Membership, Obligations and Responsibilities
- C. Guide to Sunshine Amendment and Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees
- D. Form 8B: Memorandum of Voting Conflict for County, Municipal and other Local Public Officers

FOURTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**Ratification of Resolution 2025-02, Electing and Removing Officers of the District and Providing for an Effective Date**

Ms. Suit presented Resolution 2025-02. Ms. Suit stated, although she was previously listed on Resolution 2025-02, Erika Filotas will be removed from the Resolution, as she has not been sworn in. The slate of officers is as follows:

Martha Schiffer	Chair
Megan Germino	Vice Chair
Harriet Stone	Assistant Secretary
Alexus James	Assistant Secretary

This Resolution removes the following from the Board:

Garth Noble	Chair
John Kakridas	Assistant Secretary
Erika Filotas	Assistant Secretary

The following prior appointments to the Board remain unchanged by this Resolution:

Craig Wrathell	Secretary
Kristen Suit	Assistant Secretary
Craig Wrathell	Treasurer
Jeff Pinder	Assistant Treasurer

On MOTION by Ms. Schiffer and seconded by Ms. Germino, with all in favor, Resolution 2025-02, Electing and Removing Officers of the District, as amended to remove Erika Filotas from the Board, and Providing for an Effective Date, was ratified.

FIFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Consideration of Resolution 2025-06, Approving a Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2025/2026 and Setting a Public Hearing Thereon Pursuant to Florida Law; Addressing Transmittal, Posting and Publication Requirements; Addressing Severability; and Providing an Effective Date

Ms. Suit presented Resolution 2025-06. She reviewed the proposed Fiscal Year 2026 budget, highlighting increases, decreases and adjustments, compared to the Fiscal Year 2025 budget, and explained the reasons for any changes.

On MOTION by Ms. Schiffer and seconded by Ms. Germino, with all in favor, Resolution 2025-06, Approving a Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2025/2026 and Setting a Public Hearing Thereon Pursuant to Florida Law for July 17, 2025 at 11:30 a.m., at the Greater Hernando County Chamber of Commerce, 15588 Aviation Loop Drive, Brooksville, Florida 34604; Addressing Transmittal, Posting and Publication Requirements; Addressing Severability; and Providing an Effective Date, was adopted.

SIXTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Consideration of Resolution 2025-07, Designating Dates, Times and Locations for Regular Meetings of the Board of Supervisors of the District for Fiscal Year 2025/2026 and Providing for an Effective Date

Ms. Suit presented Resolution 2025-07.

On MOTION by Ms. Schiffer and seconded by Ms. Germino, with all in favor, Resolution 2025-07, Designating Dates, Times and Locations for Regular Meetings of the Board of Supervisors of the District for Fiscal Year 2025/2026 and Providing for an Effective Date, was adopted.

SEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Consideration of Resolution 2025-08, Approving the Florida Statewide Mutual

**Aid Agreement; Providing for Severability;
and Providing for an Effective Date**

On MOTION by Ms. Schiffer and seconded by Ms. Germino, with all in favor, Resolution 2025-08, Approving the Florida Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement; Providing for Severability; and Providing for an Effective Date, was adopted.

EIGHTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

**Consideration of Henando County
Interlocal Uniform Collection Agreement**

Ms. Suit presented the Henando County Interlocal Uniform Collection Agreement.

On MOTION for by Ms. Schiffer and seconded by Ms. Germino, with all in favor, the Henando County Interlocal Uniform Collection Agreement, was approved.

NINTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

**Consideration of Withlacoochee River
Electric Cooperative, Inc., Street/Outdoor
Lighting Agreement (New Lighting)**

Ms. Suit presented the Withlacoochee River Electric Cooperative, Inc., Street/Outdoor Lighting Agreement for New Lighting.

On MOTION for by Ms. Schiffer and seconded by Ms. Germino, with all in favor, Withlacoochee River Electric Cooperative, Inc., Street/Outdoor Lighting Agreement for New Lighting, was approved.

TENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

**Consideration of Resolution 2025-05,
Designating the Location of the Local
District Records Office and Providing an
Effective Date**

This item was deferred.

ELEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

**Acceptance of Unaudited Financial
Statements as of March 31, 2025**

On MOTION by Ms. Schiffer and seconded by Ms. Germino, with all in favor, the Unaudited Financial Statements as of March 31, 2025, were accepted.

TWELFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Approval of February 20, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes

On MOTION by Ms. Stone and seconded by Ms. Schiffer, with all in favor, the February 20, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes, as presented, were approved.

THIRTEENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Staff Reports

A. District Counsel: Kutak Rock LLP

Mr. Bennett reminded the Board Members that Form 1 must be filed by July 1, 2025.

B. District Engineer: Coastal Engineering Associates, Inc.

There was no report.

C. District Manager: Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC

- **0 Registered Voters in District as of April 15, 2025**
- **NEXT MEETING DATE: July 17, 2025 at 11:30 AM**
 - **QUORUM CHECK**

FOURTEENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Board Members' Comments/Requests

There were no Board Members' comments or requests.

FIFTEENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Public Comments

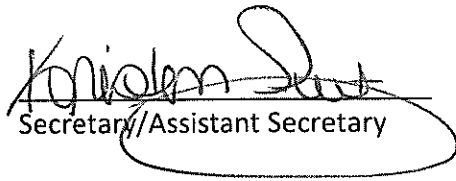
No members of the public spoke.

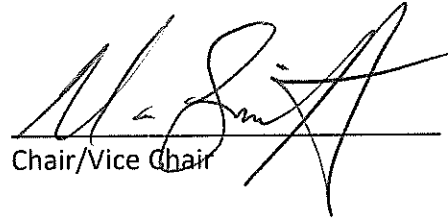
SIXTEENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Adjournment

On MOTION by Ms. Schiffer and seconded by Ms. Germino, with all in favor, the meeting adjourned at 11:43 a.m.

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Secretary/Assistant Secretary


Chair/Vice Chair