

**SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
HOLIDAY ISLAND SUBURBAN IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (HISID)
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2021**

The Special Meeting was held at the District Office and via Zoom 81372232889. The meeting was called to order by **CHAIR BOB DYAR** at 9:00 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL: All commissioners present. **CHAIR DYAR** declared a quorum.

APPROVE AGENDA: **COMMISSIONER BROWN** moved to accept the agenda. Seconded by **COMMISSIONER STAMPS**. Agenda approved unanimously.

APPROVE MINUTES: None

CEREMONIAL: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS: **COMMISSIONER CHILDERS** thanked the Holiday Island Singers for resurrecting their Christmas sing-along. It was wonderful. **COMMISSIONER BROWN** reminded everyone of the lighting ceremony on December 6th at 5:30 p.m. at the front entrance with refreshments to follow at the Country Club.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Barbara Talbot, Chamber of Commerce President, invited all to participate in the Eureka Springs Chamber of Commerce parade. She also extended an invitation for a Holiday Island event, scheduled for December 11, 10:00 a.m.– 7:00 p.m., to include a Winter Wonderland at #1 Park Cliff Drive and the Holiday Island Local Market at #3 Park Cliff Drive. All are encouraged to support these events. **DISTRICT MANAGER PRESLEY** read an email from Rebecca Sherman (attached) regarding the newsletter attached to the Holiday Island website and published weekly by HISID with FOIA requirements. She added her support for Zoom meetings. **CHAIR DYAR** acknowledged Ms. Sherman's input. Additional comments echoed regarding the cost of \$9.95 being a modest amount to let the community know what is going on and that it is the only comprehensive site available, as well as HISID having an obligation to support local businesses. He concluded the majority of the Board sees the value of the newsletter and would like it to continue.

REPORTS:

- 1) **October 2021 – Carroll County Sheriff's Office** report received via email. **COMMISSIONER CHILDERS** moved to accept the report. **COMMISSIONER BROWN** seconded. The report was accepted unanimously.
- 2) **October 2021 Financials Approval – COMMISSIONER CHILDERS** spent 1.5 hours studying the financials with Jennifer. **COMMISSIONER KELLISON** moved to accept the October 2021 financials. **COMMISSIONER CHILDERS** seconded. Motion approved unanimously. The October 2021 financials and will be posted on the website by 4:00 p.m. today.

BUSINESS:

A) Old Business

1. 2022 Budget – Discussion/Consideration

CHAIR DYAR discussed option #3 for deciding on the cost-of-living increase, with a 3% raise for all employees and raising the minimum wage from \$11.00 to \$12.00. He feels retention should be a priority due to competitive salaries in surrounding communities. **COMMISSIONER STAMPS:** Employees of Holiday Island are special group of people. **COMMISSIONER CHILDERS:** The strength of the district is our quality employees. **COMMISSIONER KELLISON:** Is Jon Prange's 10% increase in addition to the 3% overall increase or is it included? **DISTRICT MANAGER PRESLEY:** Since Jon received his Certificate as a Golf Superintendent, he is getting a 10% raise, which includes the 3% increase next year. Questions concerning employees in other departments were asked and answered.

A consolidated short list of capital improvement projects (CIPs) shows \$381,000.00 available. **COMMISSIONER STAMPS** recommended all capital improvements be put on hold and not approved, as the infrastructure and Recreation Center rehab must be done. **DISTRICT MANAGER PRESLEY** agreed to put all capital expenditures on hold until the cost of the Recreation Center rehab is known. The Roads Department has restricted funds of \$220,000.00. The Fire Department restricted funds of \$65,000.00 are to be spent on a new truck. **COMMISSIONER KELLISON** asked if the grant application is received, it is a HISID grant, not the City? If the City receives a grant for water, can they legally give the money to HISID? **DISTRICT MANAGER PRESLEY:** This has not been fully resolved. The current grant application for roads is at the state level for distribution but is funneled down from the Federal Government. The list shows \$7,600.00 for a meter reader as a "must-have". PRV replacements cannot be put off. Out of 37 PRVs, ten have been installed and five more are scheduled for 2022. A System Control Data Acquisition Program is an update for the Water Department that was removed along with a few items that were removed from the list after discussion. A water source alternative study for \$35,000.00 is not a CIP. Considerable discussion regarding water lines and roads ensued. **COMMISSIONERS KELLISON** and **BROWN** felt it necessary to hold off on the roads to lay the foundation for moving forward with the water lines which are deemed essential. It was decided to approve the \$220,000.00 for the Roads Department to give Kenny DeHart a chance to get bids from the contractors. The next item for discussion is the lounge flooring at \$5,000.00 to remove the carpet and lay new flooring at the Club House restaurant. The bathroom remodels at \$20,000.00 is on hold waiting for a Recreation Center estimate. There is \$25,000.00 to replace the aged pool covers. Water retention pond rehab along Holiday Island Drive must be addressed and moved from the golf course.

COMMISSIONER CHILDERS: The bottom-line figure of \$381,000.00 could be approved today and amended once the cost for the Recreation Center is determined. Given the fact that the budget can be amended at any time, what if we approve the Roads request for CIP and we will have \$161,000.00 for the Recreation Center. The remodeling of the two bathrooms at \$20,000.00 can wait. The \$25,000.00 to winterize the pool covers can be postponed until next year.

COMMISSIONER BROWN moved to approve the proposed budget for 2022 based on the changes made today. **COMMISSIONER CHILDERS** seconded the motion. A roll call vote carried unanimously.

Barb Kuhn, 62 Holiday Island Drive, would like to see the pond construction moved from the golf course expenses to infrastructure, as the pond is all about water drainage. **DISTRICT MANAGER PRESLEY:** If anything, it could be moved to the Roads Department.

COMMISSIONER CHILDERS moved to approve the assessment schedule as presented at a 6% levy (attached). **COMMISSIONER BROWN** seconded the motion. A roll call vote carried unanimously.

3) **COMMISSIONER STAMPS** suggested a work session prior to the regular meeting allowing commissioners to be better prepared for the regular meeting. **COMMISSIONER BROWN** agreed and asked if there are items to be reviewed extensively, that they are made available sooner than the meeting date.

CHAIR DYAR: Zoom meetings are offered as a service, not a mandate. Starting in January the second Monday of each month will be a work session, with the third Monday being the regular meeting.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS: **COMMISSIONER KELLISON:** Early voting starts today. He asked if the deeds were available for voter confirmation. A list is provided to confirm voting eligibility. **COMMISSIONER BROWN:** Where is the voting done? In the lobby of the HISID office. **COMMISSIONER CHILDERS** thanked all the department heads for their time attending this important meeting.

AGENDA SCHEDULING:

Tuesday, December 7, 2021	Special Meeting 8:00 a.m. for voting to start at 8:30 a.m. 6:30 p.m. close meeting, count votes
Monday, December 13, 2021	Regular Meeting 8:30 a.m. swearing in new Board members 9:00 a.m. meeting

A motion to adjourn was made by **COMMISSIONER KELLISON**, seconded by **COMMISSIONER STAMPS**. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Kenneth R. Brown, Secretary, Holiday Island Board of Commissioners