

**REGULAR MEETING  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
HOLIDAY ISLAND SUBURBAN IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (HISID)  
MONDAY, MAY 22, 2023**

The Regular Meeting was held at the District Office and via YouTube. The meeting was called to order by **CHAIR PHYLLIS SARRATT** at 9:00 a.m. She read the purpose and rules of the Board.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL: COMMISSIONER DYAR, COMMISSIONER CHILDERS, COMMISSIONER SARRATT, COMMISSIONER BROWN, and COMMISSIONER STAMPS** present. **CHAIR SARRATT** declared a quorum.

**APPROVE AGENDA: COMMISSIONER STAMPS** moved to accept the agenda, seconded by **COMMISSIONER DYAR**. The agenda was approved unanimously.

**APPROVE MINUTES: COMMISSIONER BROWN** moved to approve the minutes for the 4-24-23 Regular Meeting. The motion was seconded by **COMMISSIONER CHILDERS**. The minutes were approved unanimously.

**CEREMONIAL:** None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS: COMMISSIONER BROWN** announced donations have been received for The Barn from Chuck & Susan Smith. He thanked them and suggested others put The Barn in their wills.

Al Selleck, 22 Buckskin Lane, announced the Memorial Day Breakfast at the Elks Lodge, priced at \$8.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children under ten years old. He also reminded everyone of the Rotary Picnic at the Clubhouse for \$10.00 from Noon until 2:00 p.m. He made another comment about the dead crepe myrtles on the first hole of the 9-hole golf course and needing to be cut down.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

**REPORTS:**

**A) Marina Activities**

**Kolin Paulk** updated the Commissioners on the activities of the Marina. The fishing tournament was hosted by the Chamber of Commerce with the Marina being the main sponsor. Approximately 200 people showed up at The Barn for the fish fry. **COMMISSIONER STAMPS** said the fish was delicious. The Kids' fishing weekend is coming up on June 10<sup>th</sup> at the Point with professional anglers and guides to teach them how to fish. There will be free rods and reels and bags of lures and lines for all kids who show up. Parents fish free. The Marina will be hosting the fireworks on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of July. A lot of the activities will be at The Barn rather than the rec center. There will be some events at the Marina along with live music at both locations. **CHAIR SARRATT** thanked Kolin for his work at the Marina. **COMMISSIONER BROWN** asked if there were any plans for the next seven years. Kolin said a lot of deck boards were replaced this year. A new anchor for the walkway was installed. We are finishing putting bumpers up around the gas dock. Over the next two years, we plan to enclose a slip so we can

expand our kitchen so the menu can be expanded beyond pizza and wings. The lighting problem is being resolved.

## **B) Marketing HISID Lots**

**DISTRICT MANAGER PRESLEY** reported an Arkansas Supreme Court Case said the county cannot tax HISID lots they own. The County acknowledged that case precedent so now when HISID takes on a foreclosed lot, it stays in our inventory. Previously, due to the non-payment of taxes, it went through the County's foreclosure and ended up at the Commissioner of State Lands. Since that is no longer the case, we will have more lots in our inventory, so we have been discussing ways to market those lots. There are currently over 800 HISID lots on the MLS listing service. Many of the lots are not buildable and they could possibly be put in a nature conservatorship. The lots currently in the hands of the Commissioner of State Lands we could get back, but they might sell quicker through their auction process. A land holding company recently bought 27 or 28 lots at an auction a couple of weeks ago. The matter was discussed with a few public recommendations, but no action was taken.

## **BUSINESS:**

**A) Old Business:** None

**B) New Business:**

### **1) Consideration/Action to Purchase Two Fire Department Apparatus**

**COMMISSIONER CHILDERS** moved to consider the question. **COMMISSIONER BROWN** seconded the motion. **DISTRICT MANAGER PRESLEY** noted the bottom line is we need to upgrade our antiquated fire equipment to ensure our ISO rating is improved. Fire Chief Ates gave an update on our fire trucks. Our volunteers are increasing due to the new EMT class. An appreciation cookout for all the firefighters and EMTs will be held at the Pavilion at about noon on Saturday. He asked people to come by and thank them for their efforts. He appreciates the support from the Auxiliary, Mr. Presley, the Board members, and other organizations in Holiday Island. We would like to have a reserve engine and a ladder truck in compliance with ISO. On the 30<sup>th</sup> of May, the replacement for the old engine number one will be arriving and we'll have a public showing of it when it arrives. We need to replace the 1979 Ford truck that was the original Beaver Fire Truck. The other engine we need to replace is Engine #4, a 1988 Ford. The builder of this truck has been closed for over 25 years. Parts are hard to come by. It is hard to find used trucks, as it takes four years to get a new one once it is ordered. He described the difficulty in finding used trucks but found two he described in detail. They were listed at \$50,000 when he looked at them. They offered both trucks for \$35,000 each due to their higher mileage, but with all equipment running well. A windshield needs to be replaced and a few odds and ends like lights need to be replaced. We still need a ladder truck that we can get parts for. We can obtain a 2,000-gallon water tanker at a very reduced cost. The original equipment comes from the military. They do all the repairs, put a new tank on it, paint it and hand it off to the fire departments at a cost of about \$35,000. There are no labor fees because the work is done by the Arkansas prison system. It will take us about a year and a half to get one. We are applying for a grant for two of these trucks. He asked the Board to approve the purchase of two trucks for \$70,000 and approval to continue searching for a replacement ladder truck. Discussion regarding the payment process, the length of service of the new trucks, the ability to sell the old trucks, and

several other questions and answers ensued. There is an equipment replacement reserve fund that will pay for this purchase as well as a ladder truck if we find something in the price range of around \$70,000. **COMMISSIONER CHILDERS** moved to approve the fire chief's request for purchasing the two Spartan fire engines from Foster Motor Company for a total of \$70,000; approve his continuing search for a replacement ladder truck; and approve a grant application for an Arkansas Forestry tanker truck at an estimated \$35,000. **COMMISSIONER BROWN** seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

## 2) Receive and Approve the April 2023 Financial Report

**COMMISSIONER DYAR** moved to consider approving the April 2023 Financial Report. **COMMISSIONER CHILDERS** seconded the motion. **DISTRICT MANAGER PRESLEY** reviewed the expenditures, including the purchase of two trucks with snowplows and PRVs. The revenue from the 18-hole golf course is 52% of what was projected. He mentioned the non-AOB revenue is tracking well at 35.2%. CDs are paying between 4.5 and 4.8 percent range. He will be working with Communities Unlimited to get a grant written for our water system.

1)Ken Mills, 20 Rocky Top Circle asked if, in addition to putting the financial statements on the website, they could consider adding a consolidated profit and loss statement to that.

2)Linda Graves, 29 Table Rock Drive, asked why ESI was not billing HISID. We are currently not under contract with ESI but use their services.

A vote to accept the April 2023 financial statement was approved unanimously.

## COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

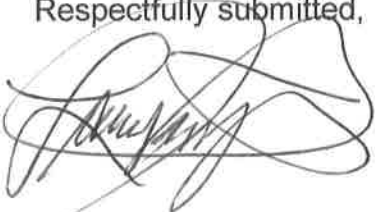
**COMMISSIONER DYAR** thanked the Smiths for their generous contribution to The Barn, but I think we need to have a long-term plan for The Barn and how it is going to be financially maintained and operated. He asked the district manager to set up a citizens committee to do a deep look at The Barn and its importance to the community and check into possibly turning it over to a 501-C-3 organization to do fundraising and take it off the tax rolls, with a long-term lease at no cost. **COMMISSIONER BROWN** agreed and thanked the district manager for approving an \$8,000.00 flat roof repair. He also said it might be possible to sell it to use as an event center.

## COMMISSIONER AGENDA SCHEDULING:

Monday, June 26, 2023, Regular Meeting 9:00 a.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion to adjourn was made by **COMMISSIONER BROWN**, seconded by **COMMISSIONER STAMPS**. The motion was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 10:21 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Larry Stamps, Secretary, Holiday Island Board of Commissioners