

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

NOVEMBER 19, 2019

A Fiscal Year 2020/2021 Municipal Service Benefit Unit (MSBU) Public Hearing was held at the Charlotte Harbor Event and Conference Center, 75 Taylor Street, Punta Gorda, Florida.

The following members were present: Chair Doherty, Commissioner Constance, Commissioner Deutsch, Commissioner Tiseo, and Commissioner Truex. Also in attendance were: Assistant County Attorney Miller, County Administrator Sandroock, Minutes Manager DiBerardino, Minutes Clerk Light, and various County staff members. The following members were absent: None

The Meeting was called to order at 5:01 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Public Hearing to Consider Approving Final Assessment Resolution for Ackerman Sewer Expansion Project MSBU RES 2019-153

Craig Rudy, Utilities Director showed Save Our Water 2019 Opening Video, gave an overview on Objectives, Water Quality, Impaired Waters, Board of County Commissioners (BCC) Focus Area Goals, Septic Conversion Program, Ackerman Sewer MSBU Area, Water Project, MSBU Methodology, Septic to Sewer Cost, Water Capital Cost, Project Status, and responded to Board inquiries.

Public Hearing

The following citizens spoke against Final Assessment Resolution for Ackerman Sewer Expansion Project MSBU: Miles Weitzman, Pat Harris, Bob Mudge, Arthur Grimes, Susan Hutt, Stanley E. Hutt, John Surkan, Mark Stevens, Pete Wilson, Kim Bulinski, Ralph DeCesare, Christine Round, Marlene Duncan, Gary Bulinski, Robert McDuffie, Rene Tiengson, Kathleen Coppola, Deborah Drew, Robert Schoenle, and Anne Loewe.

COMMISSIONER CONSTANCE MOVED TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TRUEX

MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

Chair Doherty spoke to State law, monitoring, water quality, Ackerman area, septic systems, on site treatment and disposal systems, and nitrogen loading. **Commissioner Constance** noted start and finish dates, Harbor Boulevard, road portion, assessment, funding sources, guaranteed maximum price (GMP), Charlotte County Utilities (CCU) financial stability, Utility meetings, bonds, aging system, East Port water treatment, spills, Dr. Reeves Workshop presentation, septic systems, Workshop, Ackerman Waterway, nitrogen, General Development, new systems, aerobic treatment units (ATU), sea level rise, coastal areas, Spring Lake, North Shore, Cape Coral systems, cost, Resources and Ecosystems Sustainability, Tourist Opportunities, Revived Economies of the Gulf Coast States (RESTORE) Act, State Revolving Fund (SRF), and State and Federal funding. **Commissioner Deutsch** mentioned oath, study, Peace and Myakka Rivers, sewers, nitrogen, septic systems, time life, cost, and property value. **Commissioner Tiseo** discussed aerobic system, Florida Statute 381.00655 Section 1(c), performance based systems, variance, 2016 election, Spring Lake sewer project, sewer expansion program, regulatory agencies, permits, sewage


treatment plant, canal dredging, density, CCU, General Development, spills, system failures, technology, cost, funding sources, deferral program, Unity of Title, Charlotte County permit report, septic repairs, water quality, nitrogen, red tide, blue green algae, nitrogen reducing system, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), test wells, fees, assessment, and MSBU. **Commissioner Truex** commented on utility repair and replacement, nutrients, EPA requirements, high water mean, studies, fecal coliform, Spring Lake, red tide, algae bloom, Captains for Clean Water, fishing industry, removal system, Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), Department of Health (DOH), fertilizers, and Ordinances.

Marilyn Miller, Assistant County Attorney responded to variance, Municipal Service Benefit Unit (MSBU), assessment, connection, and benefit.

COMMISSIONER TRUEX MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2019-153 RELATING TO THE CONSTRUCTION AND FUNDING OF THE SEWER EXPANSION PROJECT WITHIN THE ACKERMAN SEWER MUNICIPAL SERVICE BENEFIT UNIT; CREATING THE ACKERMAN SEWER EXPANSION PROJECT MUNICIPAL SERVICE BENEFIT UNIT; AMENDING THE INITIAL ASSESSMENT RESOLUTION; CONFIRMING THE INITIAL ASSESSMENT RESOLUTION, AS AMENDED; IMPOSING NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENTS; APPROVING THE ASSESSMENT ROLL; PROVIDING FOR COLLECTION OF THE ASSESSMENTS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DEUTSCH

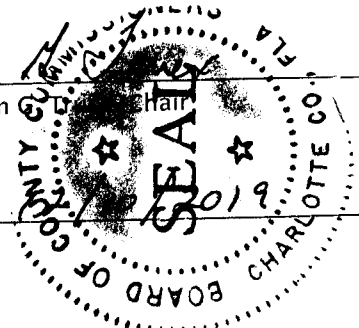
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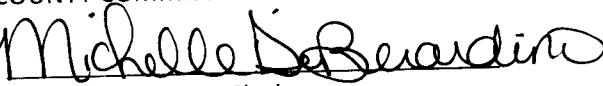
William G. Truex, Chair

DATE ADOPTED: _____



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