

**MINUTES  
ALLIGATOR CREEK WATERWAY  
MUNICIPAL SERVICE BENEFIT UNIT (MSBU)**

**ADVISORY BOARD SPECIAL MEETING  
MONDAY, MARCH 31, 2025**

**2:00 p.m. –2:45 p.m.  
Punta Gorda Charlotte Library  
401 Shreve Street, Punta Gorda, Florida**

**Members Present:** David Johnston, Chair  
Stephen Carey  
Jennie Phipps  
Alan Reichert  
**Members Absent:** Harry Walberg, apologies received  
**County Staff:** Karlene McDonald, Operations Supervisor  
DeWayne Nodine, Projects Manager  
**Guests:** None

**Call to Order / Roll Call:**

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. The Chair established a quorum, Ms. McDonald noted Mr. Walberg send apologies and has forwarded a statement.

**Citizen Input on Agenda Items (3 Minute Limit):**  
None

**New Business:**

- a. FY26/FY27 Rate Scenarios for Dredge Project: Discussion initiated on the scenarios provided (attached). The Board inquired about the county reserve policy, max rate and what triggers a public hearing, the term length for the proposed annual assessments, and the difference between the operating costs between the 5-year loan and no loan scenarios; the tax collector fee is a percentage of annual revenue received. Mr. Nodine confirmed volume calculations were based on the 2024 survey data plus 20 percent. The 2025 bathymetric survey is anticipated to be completed soon, but no timeframe was provided. The FEMA application for Hurricane Ian is still under environmental review, it is anticipated the MSBU could be reimbursed up to \$625,000 from FEMA. The Board discussed the possibility of having to revise or reduce the scope of work to remain within the current estimated project costs even if construction costs continue to rise. Ms. McDonald read the recommendation of Mr. Walberg (see attached). Mr. Carey motioned to move forward with 5-year loan, assessment at \$78 per year, seconded by Ms. Phipps and unanimously approved.

Ms. Phipps inquired about revising the scope in the future and what the project costs would look like. Mr. Nodine noted potential cost savings if the project can be bid out with the Pirate Harbor Waterway MSBU dredge project.

**Citizen Input on MSBU items (3 Minute Limit):**  
None

**Advisory Board Open Discussion:**  
None

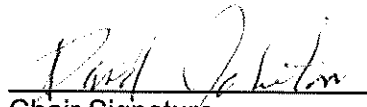
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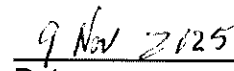
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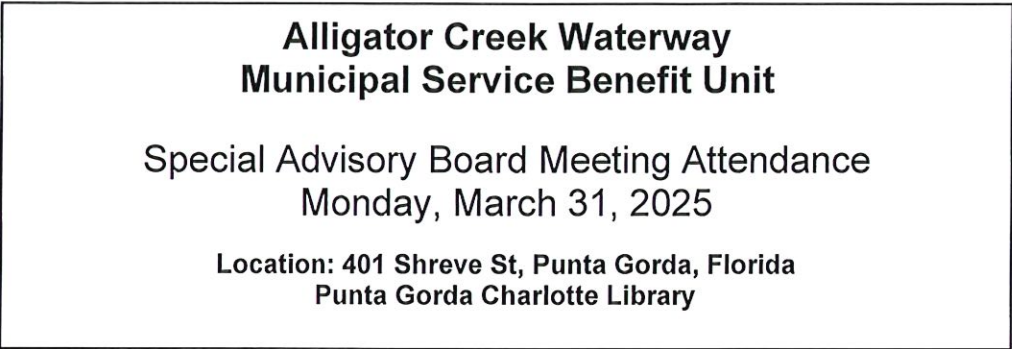
- July 9, 2025
- September 17, 2025
- November 5, 2025

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Submitted by: Karlene McDonald  
Public Works Department

  
Chair Signature

  
Date

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