

# Surfside Colony Storm Water Protection District

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## **Minutes of the December 18th, 2023 General Meeting of the Board of Trustees Surfside Office – B89 - 7:00 p.m.**

**Trustees Present:** President V. John Kriss, Secretary Eric Springer, and Dave Chamberlain.

**Trustees Absent:** Richard Landess and Ryan Hill.

**Staff Present:** Chris Montana, Clerk.

**Community:** Paul Mesmer, Gayle Mueller Winnen, Rudy Lalonde, and Linda Garofalo of Surfside Colony Community Services District.

President Kriss called the meeting to order at 8:02 p.m.

Community Input: None.

Review and Possible Approval of the November 27th, 2023 General Board Meeting Minutes: After Board members reviewed the Minutes of the November 27th, 2023 General Meeting of the Board, Secretary Springer moved for approval. Trustee Chamberlain seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Review and Possible Approval of Current Bills Presented: Clerk Montana presented check #'s 1531-1532 and expenses for a total amount of \$10,366, consisting of \$9,366 for the December 2023 Drainage and Erosion billing and \$1,000 for general and administrative expenses. Checks and expenses were reviewed and approved as presented.

Clerk's Report, Fund Balance and Review of Trial Balance: Clerk Montana reported the fund balance as of December 18th, 2023, after payment of the above expenses, to be \$284,698, and the year-to-date trial balance was reviewed and discussed. The Clerk reported that the State Controller had released the 2023 annual report forms which would be completed for the January meeting. Insurance renewal questionnaire forms for 2024-25 had been received and would be completed as well.

Discussion and Possible Approval of Contracted District Clerk's New Hourly Rate: The Clerk requested a rate increase to \$120 per hour based upon increased costs of overhead, insurance, and the cost of maintaining an office. The Clerk's current rate of \$90 had not been increased since 2008 when the District Clerk had been first hired. The Clerk didn't anticipate the increase to materially affect the current year's budget. After discussion, a motion was made as follows:

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**MOTION:** Trustee Chamberlain moved to increase the District Clerk's hourly rate to \$120 per hour effective January 1, 2024. Secretary Springer seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

**Sand Replenishment Project Update:** President Kriss reported that he had been working on obtaining an increase in the amount of sand being received as part of the current Stage 13 project. In addition efforts continued to set the Stage 14 project to occur within the next five years. Recent news coverage of the project was also discussed.

**Board Member Items / New Business:** Secretary Springer presented an hourglass to President Kriss to commemorate his efforts which led to the commencement of Stage 13 sand replenishment project (which had originally been scheduled for 2017) and as a reminder of upcoming replenishment projects to be scheduled.

**Adjournment and Scheduling of Next Month's Meeting:** There being no further business to be brought before the Board, Secretary Springer moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m. and to schedule next month's meeting for January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024. Trustee Chamberlain seconded, and the meeting was unanimously adjourned.

  
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President ~~X~~. John Kriss

  
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Secretary Eric Springer