## MINUTES OF MEETING VIERA EAST COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Viera East Community Development District was held on Wednesday, April 25, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. at the Faith Lutheran Church in the Multi-Purpose Room, 5550 Faith Drive, Viera, Florida.

Present and constituting a quorum were:

Paul McCarthy David Bedwell William 'Bill' Oakley Jo Walsh Melinda Thomsen Chairman Vice Chairman Secretary Treasurer Assistant Secretary

Also present were:

Jason Showe Tim Melloh District Manager General Manager

**Roll Call** 

## FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS

Mr. McCarthy called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. All Supervisors were present at roll call.

SECOND ORDER OF BUSINESS

**Public Comment Period** 

There not being any, the next item followed.

## THIRD ORDER OF BUSINESS

# Approval of Minutes of the March 28, 2018 Meeting

On MOTION by Ms. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Bedwell, with all in favor, the Minutes of the March 28, 2018 Meeting, were approved, as presented.

## FOURTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Staff Reports

A. General Manager's Report

Mr. Melloh: Everything in the CDD looks good. At the workshop, we talked about sending a letter to Terri Mott, of the Villages. Jason did a great job drafting that letter.

Mr. Showe: I sent it to Tim and Ray, just to make sure that it was technically correct. As soon as I get approval, I will provide it to the Board. It's more of an acknowledgement to let Terri know what the Board's plan is, plus Tim and Ed's review of the site, and to confirm that we can't change that plan in the future. That's where we are for now.

Mr. Melloh: We already received confirmation from the District Engineer that we are not required to plant those littoral shelves. We will get a copy of the letter to everybody. Regarding golf course maintenance, Scott and I will be attending a couple of educational seminars the first of May. The first one is with the Space Coast Turf Association at Duran Golf Club. Jim Papperton, who used to be in the field of turf grass maintenance at the University of Ohio, created the Space Coast Turf Association about two years ago. They meet quarterly. We actually hosted one at the Resident Center. It's made up of Golf Course Superintendents and some General Managers. We get together and talk about the different things that have to do with turf grass maintenance and always have a guest speaker. At this seminar, Dr. Upendra who is a big University of Florida expert in this field, will be talking about the advancement of weed control for tropical Signal grass. Those are our biggest issues. It is going to be very interesting to go to that seminar. On May 2, we are going to go to Ocala, because Dow Chemicals is putting on a big seminar for some of their new products that they have coming out, from fertilizers, herbicides, fungicides, mole cricket treatments, etc. It will be interesting to go to see what they have coming out. We will be going there on May 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. We are going to aerify and verticut our tee boxes this Monday and Tuesday. It will not disrupt play. If you are playing those two days, you may see that the tees are chopped off slightly, but they will still be able to clear a whole area and tee off. We are getting a tremendous amount of growth on our tee boxes. If you stand where the blue tee is on #18, there are no weeds. Now we need to continue to work it. We did a soil analysis and found that we were low on potassium, so Scott has been hitting them every two weeks with a fertilizer that has a lot more potassium in it. When we aerify here, we are going to put down some gypsum on the tees, because they have a buildup of salt. This is a result of when PTM was here. They never did anything to the tees, not even fertilizing, according to Wes, so they got weed infested. We have some work to do. We have been trying hard to do that, but now we are able to focus more on that. That's going to be a big part of what we are going to do this summer, which is to get everything on those tee boxes right. It is probably our weakest link, right at the moment. That brings me to what we are going to do for summer projects. We are going to work hard on the tee boxes to get full coverage and get them weed free. You are going to see that we are aggressively killing the goose grass, particularly around the slopes. We are going to hit them with a formula that we sprayed on the greens to kill them. Whatever we spray is going to die. Most herbicides that we use are selective. It is supposed to kill the goose grass but leave the Bermuda alone. This is going to require spot spraying, where you don't spray the Bermuda as much as you can. You can see some brown areas. We experimented with that and it does work, so we are going to get rid of it. You are also going to see it in areas around the cart paths and where there is goose grass. People track it from non-play areas into the play areas.

Mr. Oakley: Tim, is that going to kill everything wherever its sprayed?

Mr. Melloh: Yes.

Ms. Walsh: They use a dye, right?

Mr. Melloh: Yes. If you see something that has green dye on it, that means they just sprayed, to make sure that they know where they are spraying and then it will turn brown, die, leave and the Bermuda will fill in. Hole #6 is problematic. Getting goose grass on the greens again was very disappointing. We tried everything. The reason nothing is working is because that green has its own unique ecosystem and it's in an area where there's a lot of tree coverage. It just doesn't dry as much. The turf stays wet and doesn't do well there.

Ms. Walsh: To be fair, that has always been the case with that green, no matter what grass is on it. It looks better than it ever has.

Mr. Melloh: It looks good. You are correct, but our plan is to use a sod cutter around the fringe, between the bunker, up from the cart path. Goose grass likes a compacted area where people walk. From the cart path, over to between the bunker and in front of the green, to about 30 feet out, we are removing the sod and re-sodding. They will probably kill it all first and it will kill all of it. Then we are going to remove it and get some new sod in there, to make it look a lot better. We have to keep it from being trapped.

Ms. Walsh: We have to monitor it.

Mr. Melloh: We can kill it all day long on the green, but the frustrating part, is if it is sprayed with chemicals and removed and then something gets tracked onto it. That's one of our

priorities. As we said before, we are going to re-build the ladies tee on Hole #9. We are also going to build a brand new green tee box on #9. It's going to be halfway between the sky-blue tee and the main tee box. That's a very difficult hole, especially when the wind is in your face, which is frequently.

Mr. Oakley: It's the hardest hole on the golf course, for the average hitter.

Mr. Melloh: Back when they built tee boxes, they only had three sets of tees and three sets of tee markers.

Mr. Oakley: I checked the yardage today and it was 370 yards from the green tees to the middle of the green. That's too far.

Mr. Melloh: It's too much.

Mr. Oakley: With the new tee box, how many yards are we going to get? 350 yards?

Mr. Melloh: Possibly 330 to 340 yards. That's just about right. It's a very difficult shot over the water.

Mr. Oakley: Ok. Tim, will it only be about halfway between the two greens?

Mr. Melloh: Yes. We have a particular spot, but roughly its halfway.

Mr. McCarthy: We were going to put shell rock around the cart path on #9.

Mr. Melloh: We are going to wait until we do the other work. We were going to plant some plants and put some shell rock over to the side.

Mr. Fred Fritz: Is this the business only portion of the meeting?

Mr. McCarthy: We are past the public comment period. It was at 2:00 p.m.

Ms. Thomsen: It's 2:10 p.m.

Mr. McCarthy: Is there something that you would like to talk about? Why don't you speak to the Board regarding what you want to say? We have a time limit of three minutes. We would be happy to hear what you have to say.

Mr. Fritz: I already spoke to Tim about the fire break that they decided to have a year ago. I abut to the preserve and when they came in, I just purchased my home, but I didn't move down here until the week after Hurricane Irma. In between that time, they took about 30 feet of the preserve next to the house for a fire break, supposedly. I was trying to make it look a lot better than what it looks like. I was going to have a guy come in with a fecon hit, which would make the ground level smooth so you can walk on it. You can't even walk out there. One of his workers told me that he can't touch it. That's when I asked Tim if there was anything we could

workers told me that he can't touch it. That's when I asked Tim if there was anything we could do to improve that fire break, instead of touching the preserve. I didn't want to build a yard there or anything else. I just want to make sure that it looked presentable. They came in with a brush hog and knocked everything down, but yet it's coming back up again. It was something that I thought maybe we can improve on, meaning the fire break.

Mr. McCarthy: I would encourage you to do it. We appreciate your comments and thank you for coming in. For future reference, you must speak at 2:00 p.m., but continue meeting with the General Manager, who is Tim. He will evaluate things and talk to all of the Board Members. Then we will make a decision based on that. I strongly encourage you to schedule a meeting.

Mr. Fritz: I talked to Tim at great length.

Mr. Melloh: Nothing has changed. I explained that it was a preserve that's permitted to us by the St. Johns Water Management District (SJWMD) and that's how we do our fire lines. Mr. Grasser caught you out there, to do something on property that didn't belong to you.

Mr. Fritz: I was just trying to improve the fire line.

Mr. Melloh: I understand, but you went on property that didn't belong to you to do work that you should not have done. He stopped you from doing something you weren't supposed to do. As I said, that's how we do the fire lines. We sent out a letter telling everyone what is going to happen and that we were going 35 feet out.

Mr. Fritz: Unfortunately, I wasn't here at the time. I arrived a week after Hurricane Irma.

Mr. Melloh: Come see me and we will talk.

Mr. Fritz: They put in the fire line between February of last year and the week after Irma. Tim explained to me how they have a program to do that. I understand that. I just wanted to let somebody know that I was trying to improve the fire break, if that's what they were going to call it.

Mr. Showe: Unfortunately, we are bound by a lot of regulations on what we can and can't do in a preserve area. Basically, what they have done is the extent of what we are permitted to do in any type of preserve area.

Mr. McCarthy: Thank you for your comments. We appreciate it. Continue to meet with Tim. That is the best way. He will bring it to the Board.

Mr. Melloh: I'm there tomorrow and Friday.

Mr. Melloh: On #17, we have some tree issues. This doesn't pertain to the sky blue or lime green tees, but back where all of the other tees are, across the preserve, we have issues with the first three tees. There are a lot of shade issues in there, not so much because of the tree that's in the middle of all of that, but with the trees to the left of the plain. We are going to remove the sod that's there and level that tee with the sand pro, to get those as level as we can, because it's not level right now. We will enlarge it where we can and then plant Zoysia grass, which can tolerate shade. It should be the perfect solution there, because in the winter time, it loses all of its grass.

Mr. Oakley: That's the one that Duda was going to experiment on, but it never happened.

Mr. Melloh: It doesn't look like that's going to happen. We were just trying to take these areas that are trouble spots and try to make them better. That's what we do. In the summertime, we will continue to install a few bunker liners here and there. We have all seen what it does for a green, especially on #16, when all of the bunkers are done. It's a very expensive and time-consuming proposition for our staff. We can knock out a few of them here and there until we complete the entire golf course. We are going to get a price on it, so we know for future reference. It would be something that we could project. The next one we are going to do is on #3. I know that I have been saying that for a while, but we have been so busy that we haven't been able to get out there. We will be doing it soon. We are going to continue landscaping as we have on #14. We have an area prepared on #1. We will probably continue to do a little more landscaping on #7 and a few other par trees as we go along. You guys are out there playing, so any suggestions are good.

Mr. Oakley: What priority are the bunker liners? Would you do the first hole and then the par 3's, or the 18<sup>th</sup> hole to leave a lasting impression?

Mr. Melloh: The answer to that question is yes. We should do #18, #15 and #14, because it gives, like you said, a lasting impression. For the road holes, I would like to finish up the ones we already completed, like #10, which has a really nice bunker in the front and a big bunker in the back. Number 8 has the nice bunker in the front, but the two bunkers in the back, need work.

Ms. Thomsen: None of those are planned for sheering off the sides?

Mr. Melloh: No. The bunkers are going to stay the same.

Mr. Melloh: No. The bunkers are going to stay the same.

Ms. Thomsen: We still have plans to do a few of those. Correct?

Mr. Melloh: We are thinking about possibly shrinking the #4 and #6 bunkers, but we can't do that in-house, because they have to work the ground. The prior company knew how to do that.

Mr. Peterson: For the summer, Scott and Tim are going to try to get proposals for a number of bunkers. One company will give us a proposal if there are a minimum of five or six. We have the money to do it. If they can do five bunkers at "x" number of dollars, we can evaluate it.

Ms. Thomson: Okay.

Mr. Bedwell: I know that there are a couple of holes where liners are coming up. I think #5 and #8 had problems. Has that been taken care of?

Mr. Melloh: They have been taken care of to the point where they are not a permanent fix yet. We are going to have to repair those. Those were just put in. The two that we did on #16, the back one and the one to the right, we dug a much deeper trench. It's kind of like making a bed. We tuck it down, so it stays tight and doesn't come up. For some reason, when those other bunkers were done, they pulled the face away. Our bunkers are very steep.

Mr. Bedwell: Are those liners still coming up?

Mr. Melloh: A little bit. We have to shut the hole down. Unfortunately, we've been going out there and cutting it out.

Mr. Bedwell: The guys who have been doing the traps have been instructed to lay more sand where its coming up.

Mr. Melloh: They are trying to be a lot more careful, because we don't know how far down it is. They are up higher on the faces, so some of that sand washes down and makes it thin up there. It's a little challenging at the moment, but we feel like we have the solution. On #8, they have to remove the sand and the bunker liner and redo it with a new bunker liner. The only thing we can do right now is when certain stuff comes to the surface, we can cut it out and place the sand back up, so nobody hurts themselves.

Mr. Bedwell: That's what they are trying to do.

Mr. Melloh: There was a tournament on TV where a player hit on top of a bunker liner. We don't have that issue, which is fairly common.

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Ms. Thomson: Its industry-wide.

Mr. Melloh: That's a good point, but we have some repairs to do.

Mr. Oakley: I know that you probably have seen it, but the worst spot with goose grass, other than #6, is by the cart path on #8, out by the tee box. There is a field of goose grass. Are you going to eventually spray that? There is a lot of goose grass.

Mr. Melloh: That stuff sticks to your tire. Eventually a couple of seeds decide to get off of the cart path by the green, which sprouts up and ends up going up the hill. We just have to get rid of it. We are trying to get a little more aggressive with it, with something that we know will actually kill it, but it kills everything else too. Then again, if you think about that cart path, where it comes off of there, is so compact. It's hard as this concrete. That's what goose grass loves.

Mr. Oakley: I'm surprised that didn't happen on #3, because #3 is all compacted, but there's hardly any goose grass. Then you go to #8 and it's the same thing. It's everywhere.

Mr. Melloh: We are also looking at extending a couple of more cart paths. The cost is about \$5,000 or \$6,000 per cart path. We have a lot of things that we want to do, but we have to be very careful to make sure that we don't dip below our \$200,000 balance for the General Fund.

Mr. Oakley: Can you do most of these summer projects with in-house staff?

Mr. Melloh: Yes. All of these projects are in-house.

Mr. Oakley: Alright.

Mr. Melloh: We are using a prototype to build the ladies tees. Number 12 is the prototype tee box. Scott and Wes already know all of the tees are going to look like the one on #12. The issue is we probably have to buy a filter, but it doesn't cost that much money. The one that we did on #11, we tried to do it with the filter we had, and it ended up being too skinny. We may go back in at some point and spread it out. Now we have a prototype, so when it fills up, we are going to be just fine, as far as doing that in-house. We are going to have our golf operations staff meeting and dinner on May 1, to get the entire staff together and go over some in-house and housekeeping matters. They do an excellent job, but sometimes there's a disconnect. We will have a meeting about that. It's good to get everybody together and show them that we appreciate what they do. Golf operations is hard to do, because we are there from 6:30 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. Somebody is there this time of year. There are 35 guys there.

Mr. Bedwell: Where did you decide to have it?

Mr. Melloh: The Twisted Birch. They have a nice back room. We've met there before. Their food is good and they have done a good job with that place. There are not too many places around here that have a private back room. Terry could do that for us, but I like to take these types of things off campus.

Ms. Walsh: Exactly.

Mr. Melloh: That's easy to do with the maintenance staff, because we just go to lunch at their normal lunch hour when everyone is in. It's more difficult to meet here. We are going to get some people to do some AED and CPR training. We have 10 subscriptions to an online course. After that, we may have some other folks come in from the Fire Department and the American Red Cross.

Mr. Bedwell: Since we are a civic organization, I think they will do it for free.

Mr. Melloh: Yes. We will do that, but the issue was getting everybody together at one time in an area where we can do the training, so we decided to do it with a two-hour online course. For the most part, staff needs to know where the AED is and that we have oxygen there, and to be sure if somebody has an issue, the first thing that they do is to call 911. In a panic situation, sometimes that's the most obvious thing you need to do, but it's the first thing that's forgotten.

Mr. Bedwell: Is there anybody that comes in and certifies that its working properly?

Mr. Melloh: The AED?

Mr. Bedwell: Yes.

Mr. Melloh: The AED has a small window of the front. I will show you the next time you are here. It has a check mark on it to indicate that the batteries are ready to go. The one we have at FSU had a different subscription to it, which I may look into. We had to send in a monthly report stating that someone looked at the little green box and that its good. We look at that occasionally and the batteries. They take a special kind of battery.

Mr. Bedwell: Thank you for doing the first aid training.

Mr. Melloh: Sure.

Mr. McCarthy: Tim, would there be any advantage to paying our employees extra if they become certified? Is that an incentive to get people involved?

Mr. Melloh: I think we are going to be able to get 10 people to do this with no problem. We are going to pay them to take the course, and when they complete the course, we will add a few hours to their timecard, because we need to pay them for that training. We will get Wes and Scott on the crew to do that, because we don't want just all golf shop guys to take the training. We want some of the guys that are on the golf course, some of the starters, P.A.s, and a couple of people in maintenance.

Mr. McCarthy: Accidents can happen in the most inopportune places.

Mr. Melloh: You got it. The other issue we have is where to store the AED. The AED is currently in the golf shop, but there are times when there are people on the golf course and the golf shop is locked up. It wouldn't do any good, if someone had a heart attack at 7:00 p.m. and we can't get to the AED. We may move the AED into the cart barn, but I don't know if that's the best place for it. Then again, there's more of an opportunity for it to get stolen. Why someone would want to steal an AED, I don't know, but it seems to be more practical to do that. Typically, when there are people on the golf course, the cart barn is always open.

Ms. Walsh: The only ones who are going to know that it's in the cart barn, are the people that work in the cart barn. Not too many of our general public walk around in the cart barn.

Mr. Melloh: Right.

Ms. Walsh: I think you would be okay.

Mr. Melloh: Sometimes you have to do what is right. If it gets stolen we will buy another one. There are other first aid methods. In my career, I never had an opportunity to ever use an AED, but I've been trained on it every three years. To me the most useful tool is an oxygen tank. I bought one of those when I first started here, because we didn't have one. At FSU, that's the most important piece. If someone has a situation, they need to get some oxygen. That generates their body and keeps them from going into shock. Once they go into shock, they have a heart attack. If you can get an oxygen mask on them, like we did with Steve, it will help you until EMS can get there. It all worked out well. We have that and its self-explanatory. We are going to have no trouble finding 10 people to train. Some people don't want to get involved, which is just fine and that's their option. At least they will know where the equipment is and how to call 911.

Ms. Walsh: Thinking of that general idea, do we have any liability by using the AED?

Mr. Melloh: No, because there is the Good Samaritan Law.

Mr. Showe: As I recall, the AED actually has instructions on how to use it. As long as somebody is not willfully ignoring directions, I think we are fine.

Mr. Bedwell: When I took the First Aid class, we had to re-register every other year. They say that breaking a rib is better than a person dying. If you break a rib by doing chest compressions, don't worry about it.

Mr. Melloh: Some of the other first aid training is what to do when somebody is choking.

Ms. Thomsen: I was just thinking about the reason why somebody would not want to get involved.

Mr. Melloh: I think most people's apprehension to CPR is giving breaths. Now they changed that by having 30 compressions to every breath, instead of 15. The AED actually has devices in it that gets put over somebody's mouth. We had the Florida State Junior Golf Association junior tour this past weekend, which had 80 young ladies. I don't think you could have had any worse conditions. On the first day, the wind was probably steady at 25 mph, gusting up to 35 mph. The second day they had four rain delays and were soaking wet when they came off of the golf course. They just kept playing. At the end of the tournament, they had a playoff, because two girls tied. One girl shot 73/75 and the other one shot 74/74 in conditions like that. They also came from the 13 to 15-year-old division. It's a joy to see young ladies out there competing like that. Most of them have Division 1 scholarship offers already. I would like to congratulate one lady, who shot a 164 on the first day, and the second day, she shot 152. No one else in the world can shoot that high. This is training for these girls, to get them out there and compete. This is probably their first time. It's a very large score. I've never seen anybody post a number that large before. That's what this is about, getting them out there. The young girl that won it last year, shot under par, both days that she played. She's a very good player. She won the drive chip and putt contest at the Masters twice now. Apparently, there are a lot of people out there that say that she is a Michelle Wei and Lexi Thompson caliber. She will be on the LPGA shortly, although she is only 15 years old. She's a very good golfer. As a matter of fact, she couldn't play in this event, because she's playing in some national tour. We are seeing a lot of good players.

Ms. Thomsen: Do you know what town she's from?

Mr. Melloh: Lake Worth.

Mr. Oakley: Lane told me that in the 13 to 15-year-old group, an 11-year-old was playing.

Mr. Melloh: Correct. Michelle Wei played in the U.S. Open when she was 11. Can you just imagine, an 11-year-old playing the U.S. Open? Morgan Purcell was the youngest that played in the U.S. Open. That was a great event for us. Today we are hosting an Upper East Coast Ladies Association tournament. I think there are 95 ladies out there playing today, from all different golf courses in the area, such as Suntree, Baytree and Duran. They are out there having a great time. The golf course is in great shape. This Friday we have the Harris Corporation tournament on Friday. They will have about 120 golfers.

Mr. Oakley: They went away for a while and now they are back.

Mr. Melloh: They have been here the last couple of years. This is not the actual main tournament. This is another tournament that they do. The one that they used to have was a big one. I don't know if they do that one anymore.

Mr. Oakley: I thought they went to Duran.

Ms. Thomsen: Does that mean we can't play on Friday?

Mr. McCarthy: I would think that the golf course would be tied up on Friday.

Ms. Thomsen: On Friday, Vinnie Amarante's group plays at 8:30 A.M.

Mr. Oakley: I put in a tee time and it was rejected, so you are not playing on Friday.

Ms. Thomsen: That is what we are talking about.

Mr. Melloh: When it is set up, there is a leader of the group. We let a few go out ahead of the tournament, because there's always a gap. I will find out and give you a call. Let me see what the story is.

Ms. Thomsen: I will talk to Vinnie. Is this a shotgun?

Mr. Melloh: Yes. Wait a minute, are you sure you are not playing?

Ms. Thomsen: We don't know.

Mr. Melloh: I think it's an afternoon shotgun start.

Ms. Thomsen: Ok.

Mr. Oakley: I just got rejected. Lane told me it was because there was a tournament.

Mr. Melloh: There's only so many that we can get out on the golf course ahead of it. Let me speak to Lane. I thought we talked about couples and a few other groups being able to get out on the course ahead of the tournament in the morning, since it's an afternoon tournament.

Mr. Oakley: On these outings, I'm sure you compare what kind of money we get compared to a regular day. I don't care. That's fine, because I think it is a good advertising to

have people from Upper East Coast. They talk to other ladies and pretty soon people come here and play. The same thing with Harris Corporation.

Mr. Melloh: Right, but by the same token, in a lot of cases, we make the same money or less money, but we try not to do that often. My philosophy is that I don't want to displace people. I don't want to displace our regular players.

Mr. Bedwell: Lane mentioned that the tournament prices were increasing.

Mr. Melloh: We are increasing them up there, because there's no need for us to give them away, like in the past. We actually turned some tournaments away. It would be no good if I told you three Fridays in row that you can't play. We have plenty of people that want to pay us on a daily fee basis, whereas some folks think that we are making extra money from tournaments. We are really not. I spoke with Paul earlier. Because we had so many of these in a row this week, I will do an analysis to show want we would normally do and what these tournaments bring in for us. There are not going to be a lot more tournaments. Then there are the intangible factors of The Grille making more money and more merchandise being sold in the Pro Shop.

Ms. Thomsen: And Divots.

Mr. Melloh: You get people to come in. I'm so excited about the Upper East Coast tournament, because in the past we've seen a lot more ladies playing our golf course.

Ms. Thomsen: Yes.

Mr. Melloh: They are finding that this golf course is a great golf course for the ladies to play. Its challenging, but its user friendly, especially since we've done some work with the #8, #10 and #16 bunkers.

Mr. Oakley: They love coming here.

Mr. Melloh: The golf course is in great condition. I'm thinking that we are going to get nothing but great press out there. Word of mouth is always the best form of advertisement, so it is a balancing act.

Mr. Oakley: I think it's worth it.

Ms. Thomsen: We used to play Savanah and Spessard Holland with Upper East Coast. With the predicament they are in, we could be shown off pretty well.

Mr. Melloh: Right. There's always that balancing act.

Mr. Oakley: No that's fine.

Mr. Melloh: I do not want to put too many tournaments in a row on the golf course. We have a tournament from Viera High School, because we are in great shape. Lane and his staff run an excellent tournament. I don't think that's on a Friday. I think that one might be on a Saturday.

Ms. Thomsen: The bottom line is that it doesn't matter much, because we are getting more PR. It brings in more people, because it shows that we are a Go-To place. Baytree is always having tournaments, especially local tournaments with the church, but they are just trying to get people on the golf course. You said something about the fact that we are just about to lose the Snow Birds, if we haven't already lost quite a few. We are probably winding down with the Snow Birds.

Mr. Melloh: We are. As a matter fact, according to the Rounds and Revenue Report, until April 15<sup>th</sup>, the numbers were strong and the dollar per round for golf was \$44.83, but starting on April 16<sup>th</sup>, our rate dropped down. You can see the number of players dropping down slightly, but not too much. Because our rates dropped, now you are getting a lot of local residents. The one boom we are having is that 50% of the money we make is after 2:00 p.m. when the rates are better. Even our 5:30 p.m. moonlight, 4:00 p.m. twilight and 2:00 p.m. rates drop. We are getting a lot of people throughout the day. It used to be a ghost town out there in the afternoon.

Ms. Thomsen: I know.

Mr. Melloh: Some guys are saying, "I used to be able to come out here any time and go out and tee off" and now they have to get a tee time. That's nice to see. We will do some analysis on it. I will show you what we are doing. I never want anybody to think that tournaments are the savior. It's not, because there are some places that you can go to that will charge you a 25% surcharge for a 140-person shotgun, because if they are going to do a golf tournament, they are making money. Nobody is going to pay us, because they shop us already. They call us, Duran and Baytree. They will go to Baytree, because they are giving golf away.

Ms. Thomsen: One time playing there should tell them something.

Mr. Melloh: Anyway. I think that's the end of my report.

#### **FIFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

#### **Unfinished Business**

There being none, the next item followed.

#### SIXTH ORDER OF BUSINESS New Business

#### A. Presentation of Number of Registered Voters – 7,102

Mr. Showe: As of April 15<sup>th</sup>, there are 7,102 registered voters within Viera. This doesn't impact the District, because the District turned over to resident control. That is an increase of 50 voters from last year.

Mr. Bedwell: What is the purpose of this?

Mr. Showe: Statutorily, Districts have to transfer from landowner elected to general election Boards. You must have 250 registered voters in your District before that transition occurs, so the statutes require that we announce how many registered voters you have annually, even after you turned it over. It is just a compliance issue.

Mr. Bedwell: We have to check on this every year?

Mr. Showe: Each year they send us a letter. They know that we need it.

Ms. Thomsen: Did 50 voters move in?

Mr. Showe: We found that over the last year or so, there have been a lot more registered voters. It's a phenomenon that we are seeing in all of our Districts. I think there was a big push to register people in the last year or two to vote.

Ms. Thomsen: I know that Viera East sells out every year. We don't have a lot of empty homes.

Mr. Melloh: You lose two voters, when a house is sold and gain two voters when the house is purchased.

Ms. Thomsen: New homes are being built everywhere.

Mr. Oakley: Is the CDD built out? Are there any additional businesses or homes?

Mr. Showe: There is some vacant commercial property here and there, but all of the residential property is built out.

Mr. Oakley: How does the commercial property pay us?

Mr. Showe: We assess them on an acreage basis.

Mr. Oakley: It's different than residential.

Mr. Showe: Its based off of residential, but there is an equivalent per acre cost for a commercial lot of 9 units per acre for operations and maintenance (O&M), 9 units per acre on the

debt and 4 units for recreation, with the idea that businesses wouldn't benefit as much from the recreation.

Mr. Oakley: So we could get an upside in the assessment?

Mr. Showe: They are already being assessed, whether it's being developed or not.

Mr. Oakley: So we are capped out?

Mr. Showe: You are not going to receive any more assessments.

Ms. Walsh: What happened with IRCC. Did they sell or lease the property that they own that has access through our property?

Mr. Melloh: I know there's a new landscaping company in there. I don't know if they sold it or what the story is.

Ms. Thomsen: I know that they are using the same access that has always been used to get to that property. I just don't know if they leased it.

#### **SEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

## Treasurer's Report – Consideration of Financial Statements

#### A. Approval of Check Register

On MOTION by Ms. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Oakley, with all in favor, Checks #3305 through #3332, from the General Fund, in the amount of \$69,190.60, were approved.

On MOTION by Ms. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Oakley, with all in favor, Checks #25488 through #25586, from the Golf Course Fund, in the amount of \$560,777.85, were approved.

#### **B.** Balance Sheet and Income Statement

Mr. Showe: We distributed the Balance Sheet and Income Statement. No action is required by the Board.

#### **EIGHTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Supervisor's Requests** 

Mr. McCarthy: David? Mr. Bedwell: I don't have any. Mr. McCarthy: Melinda? Ms. Thomson: No.

Mr. McCarthy: Bill?

Mr. Oakley: Sure. It says that we spent over \$6,700 on rakes and handles last month. How are we doing on tractor pulls? Are we holding steady?

Mr. Melloh: We probably replaced about 20 to 30 a week.

Mr. Oakley: I looked at the amount of money that we spent on rakes. We bought a year supply of rakes.

Mr. Melloh: We have the money for it.

Mr. Oakley: I know that.

Mr. Melloh: We got good deals on the rakes. We had to replace a lot of rakes, because our rake inventory is over 300 on the golf course at any one particular time. The point is that we have the proper number of rakes out there. We have over a year's supply of rakes.

Mr. Oakley: They are putting them in better locations.

Mr. Melloh: They are getting better with it without question. It's hard to rake those bunkers, because the first thing that you have to do, is to move all of the rakes off of the bunker, pull up the edges and redistribute the rakes.

Mr. Oakley: I just looked at the cost that we spent on rakes this past month and I thought that was a lot of rakes.

Mr. McCarthy: It's money well spent. Nothing looks worse than a golf course that doesn't have rakes.

Mr. Oakley: I just figure out where they are going.

Mr. Melloh: Even though that we pay for it upfront, we amortize the cost over 6 or 7 months, so it's not one big fat expense.

Mr. Oakley: It was this month.

Mr. Showe: You buy it once and use it.

Ms. Thomsen: I have to say that this year or two, I enjoyed walking out onto a bunker. I'm always impressed with how good they look. Now we are going out most of the time early in the day. They haven't gotten messed up, because somebody's been there to clean it. I've been impressed with the general meticulousness of all that. It's much better than it was years ago, when they didn't pay attention. Mr. Melloh: You have to rake every bunker every day. That's why we need two Sand Pros and enough people to do that. Last week, they trimmed up the edges, because grass grows over the edges and down in there. There is a lot of work with the bunkers. Those bunkers are what defines the Viera East Golf Club. It's the Joe Lee trademark. You saw it at NCR and on the golf course at Disney World, Palm, Magnolia and Lake Buena Vista. This is the signature Joe Lee design. A lot of golf courses, like Harmony, ruin their golf course by redoing these bunkers and bringing the faces down. You can't see that there's a bunker there. It looks like an open field. They fill them in with sod. That would make our golf course look terrible. Again, it's the feature that says "*This is a Don Ross design*" or a Jack Nicklaus course. That's what makes it so exciting to play. There are some bunkers, where no one hardly hits them, but they define, shape and outline the hole.

Mr. McCarthy: Tim and Scott spent a great amount of time trying to organize the rakes to get them to the right place, so there is enough in the inventory when we have to replace them. I heard them say at different times, it's a great mystery of a golf course where rakes go. We haven't figured that out yet. They have no benefit other than raking sand. Jo, do you have any Supervisor requests?

Ms. Walsh: No. I answered already about the appearance of the change of ownership.

Mr. McCarthy: I have one last item. I met with Tim this morning and he told me that we spent \$230,000 on our pump station and 60 heads to irrigate the entire golf course and no one said anything, but we spent \$700 for #14 and we received 20 compliments.

Mr. Bedwell: But that \$230,000 will keep us somewhere.

Mr. Showe: If you didn't spend that amount, you would definitely hear about it.

Ms. Thomsen: Especially through this drought. It is amazing that we looked as good as we did through that process.

Mr. Showe: 100%.

Mr. Melloh: That has helped out tremendously. A lot of times, it's the small projects that mean so much to people, like the cart path that we put in through the parking lot.

Mr. Bedwell: With that old pump station, if the compressed tank for both pumps blew, you would have no water on the golf course.

Mr. Oakley: It was very interesting that we received two dozen comments about the \$700 project.

Mr. Melloh: If anybody would like to take a look at the pumps, you are more than welcome too.

Mr. Bedwell: You should look at it. They've done a nice job. It looks nice. They have extra touch-up paint to cover up rust.

### NINTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

## Adjournment

On MOTION by Ms. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Oakley, with all in favor, the meeting was adjourned.

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Paul

Chairman/Vice Chairman