

DUCK KEY SECURITY DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes of Meeting May 2, 2023

Location: Hawks Cay Conference Center, Room A

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT/ZOOM (Z)

Rick Sherman, Chair
Laurie Oestreicher, Secretary
Tim Abner, Vice Chair (Z)
Jon Porter
Megan Merryman
Bob Kelley
Michael Weber (Z)

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

QUORUM PRESENT: Yes

OTHERS PRESENT:

Tamara Lamarche - Executive Asst. for Comm. David Rice
Judith Clarke – Chief Engineer, Monroe County (Z)
Christina Corey, Assistant County Attorney (Z)
Frank Jackson – DKSAB Technical Asst.
Bob Moore – Hawks Cay General Manager (Z)
April Tracy, Resident
Sandy Beyer, Resident
Charlie Monse, Resident (Z)
Ex-Officio DKSAB Member MCSO – Detective Fernandez (Z)
Luis Requejo – Ralons Security (Z)

ABSENT

Officer Brian Sapp – FWC

PROCEEDINGS:

- Meeting called to order at 4:05 by Chair Rick Sherman
- Meeting held in person with ZOOM Hybrid Communication Media Technology (CMT)
- Date of meeting: May 2, 2023

Rick Sherman welcomed all and noted the meeting was being held at the Hawks Cay Conference Center, room A, as well as via ZOOM.

Item I: Roll call: All board members present, 2 members by ZOOM. Quorum achieved. See listing on first page.

Item II. Approval of May 2, 2023 Meeting Agenda.

Motion to approve by Laurie Oestreicher; second Jon Porter, none opposed.

MOTION CARRIED

Item III: Approval of the meeting minutes of March 7, 2023

Motion to approve by Michel Weber; second by Tim Abner, none opposed

MOTION CARRIED

Item IV. Comments from the Public

None were made. Rick said questions can be asked by the public at any time during the meeting.

V. STANDING REPORTS

MCSO – Detective Fernandez reported that there was a burglary at Hawks Cay Marina on 4/16/2023, some fishing equipment was stolen. There were no other incidents to report on Duck Key. MCSO is aware of some traffic issues occurring due to the Bridge work and MCSO and Judith Clarke will discuss where additional electric signing placement could be put up to alert drivers the importance of stopping at the red lights.

Ralons Security – Luis Requejo reported that Duck Key has been quiet for the last 2 months. There were a few noise complaints about excessive music/noise levels during late hours, police were called and the offenders complied with their requests to comply with the rules. As in the past, many Duck Key residents are leaving the Island for the summer. Ralons Security can provide drive by checks of homes/lots for those residents. Residents who want this service must email Luis Requejo at Ljrequejo@Ralonsamerica.com . The requests cannot be made personally with a Ralons Guard, residents must email their requests with dates of them leaving/returning, any special instructions of the homes needs on the request.

Hawks Cay Resort – Bob Moore reported that Hawks Cay had a very smooth Spring Break and credits this to the support and participation of MCSO. The pilings “pins” were to be installed 2 months ago, but due to a barge problem at the company installing them, there were not. The pilings are to be started up the weekend of May 6-7, and completed the

following week. The Marina renovation is on hold at the current time but will restart work soon. The Marina Store is waiting for building supplies but Hawks Cay expects the store to open with a “soft opening” November 15, 2023. Hawks Cay is having problems with Appliances/Waste being put in their dumpsters, such as water heaters and kitchen appliances, dumping is not allowed.

FWC – Lt. Brian Sapp was absent.

VI. OLD BUSINESS/Technology Report

Technology Update – Frank Jackson reported no problems with the camera equipment, all are operational. 1 Radar sign on N. Indies is not function properly due to an issue with the control board, Frank is working with the company to either repair it or replace it and will report the cost at the next meeting July 5, 2023. Still had been some intermittent issues with Comcast service interruption, but this issue has been resolved.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Bridge Update - Judith Clarke, Chief Engineer, Monroe County, Duck Key Bridge Update April 21, 2023

American Empire Builders (AEB) completed installation of the concrete piles on the east side of the Bimini Drive Bridge on April 14th. The outer pile did not reach bearing capacity and the contractor intends to construct a spread footer and column to support the end bent, similar to what was done on the south lane. AEB moved to the west side of the bridge, pre-drilled the three piles and drove them on Friday April 21st, all three piles on the west side reached capacity. Vibration monitoring is being performed and will continue during the work as required by project specifications. Crews have begun forming and pouring the concrete cap on the sheet pile walls and forming the spread footer, column and end bent on the east side. Upon completion of this work the contractor plans to begin forming the leveling pad for the MSE wall. The Bimini Bridge project is scheduled to be substantially complete in September 2023. AEB is removing the asphalt from the roadway on the north lane of Seaview Drive Bridge and is preparing to remove the steel I beams that supported the north lane deck. Once demolition is complete the contractor will begin installing the temporary critical wall along the center of the roadway. It was noted during an inspection that the plywood decking on the south lane of Seaview Drive Bridge needs to be replaced. County crews are scheduled to be on site Monday April 24th to perform this work. Substantial completion of the Seaview Drive Bridge project is scheduled for July 9, 2024, which is 540 days after the date of commencement.

There was a question as to the issue of plywood popping loose/screws above the level of the roads on both Seaview and Harbor bridges. Judith Clarke will have AEB look at and correct the problems. It was also requested that the speed bumps on Harbor Bridge be eliminated, Judith Clarke will have this done. Also noted was the barge

currently just off the Bimini Bridge is to be relocated to the Seaview bridge. It was reported by Laurie Oestreicher that the barge lights are not working and could cause an accident at night in the canal. Judith Clarke said she had a discussion with AEB about this issue and the lights will be in working order prior to moving to the Seaview bridge canal.

(Chair reordered the budget items below from the agenda, so the assessment vote would be heard last.)

B. Financial Budget 2024

John Quinn, Senior Analyst, Office of Management and Budget, advised all that in 2022 the Duck Key Security Special District spent \$108,000.00 with an additional \$1000.00 tax collector fee. The expectation for 2023, with no special assessments expenditures/no capital expenditures, and the YTD at costs \$55,000.00, the expenditure of approximately \$110,000.00 is expected. The 2023 Fund balance reserve is expected at \$345,000.00 and is very healthy.

C. Discussion of Proposed Capital expenditures for FY24.

The board was asked if anyone had any capital projects they would recommend to be considered for FY24, there were none. There are no other planned capital projects for the next fiscal year. This will be reported to OMB for their budget preparation process. Rich Sherman stated that once all the bridge replacement projects were complete, the board would consider feasibility and costs of adding additional security camera at canal level at the bridges, as has requested by members of the community, but that will be a few years from now.

D. DKSAB vote on recommendation to increase or maintain the special assessment rate, required by the Tax Collector's office by May 2023.

Motion to recommend to maintain the current special assessment rate by Laurie Oestreicher; second by Jon Porter, none opposed.

Motion to adjourn made by Bob Kelley: second by Jon Porter. Meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Next DKSAB meeting will be **Wednesday, July 5, 2023, at 4 p.m.** at the Hawks Cay Resort Conference Center meeting room and via Zoom, details to follow.

Minutes submitted by: Laurie Oestreicher laurie.oestreicher@gmail.com