

ROUND HILL GENERAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
LOCATION: VIDEO / TELECONFERENCE
March 15, 2022**

Tuesday

4:30 pm

Round Hill GID is actively monitoring and managing the COVID-19 level of risk in our community by closing our office to the public to minimize contact among individuals and to slow the spread of COVID-19. The RHGID Board of Trustees will be conducting its monthly meeting remotely to reduce social gatherings and interpersonal contact. In adherence to the Governor's Declaration of Emergency and Directive 006 on public meetings, there will be no physical location designated for this meeting.

The public will be able to participate in the Zoom Meeting with Meeting ID: 634 389 0648 using Passcode: 6zWUu0 or by teleconference at (669) 900-9128 with Meeting ID: 634 389 0648 and use Passcode: 350262.

Public comment will be accepted up to 24 hours prior to the Board meeting through either mailing in comments to the RHGID office, or by emailing comments to info@rhgid.org.

1. Meeting Called to Order

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Keith Fertala.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Pledge of Allegiance was led by District Manager Andrew Hickman.

3. Roll Call

Via Zoom - Chairman Keith Fertala, Vice Chairman Chuck Fagen and Trustees Darin Smith, Hunter Harris and Gregg Rossi were present. District Manager Andrew Hickman, Administrative Assistant Patti Page, District Counsel Pat Fagan and District Engineer Alex Stodtmeister were present. Round Hill resident Bruce Steger was present.

4. Public Comment

None.

5. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda. Fagen/Harris 5-0 approved.

6. Discussion and possible action to approve the amended 5-year Capital Improvement Plan.

Manager Hickman presented the updated 5-year capital improvement plan. After discussion, motion was made to approve the amended 5-year capital improvement plan. Rossi/Smith 5-0 approved.

7. Discussion and possible action to approve holding a Public Hearing on May 17th to adopt a resolution for an increase in the Combined Tax Rate (Ad Valorem) from 0.5525% to 0.5628% as allowable by State and County Regulations.

Manager Hickman reiterated that this item was not to adopt the increase but rather to only approve holding a Public Hearing to do so.

He stressed capitalizing on any increase available within the County, otherwise the percentage of funds could be assumed by another entity.

Motion to approve moving forward with holding a Public Hearing on May 17th to adopt a resolution for an increase in the Combined Tax Rate (Ad Valorem) from 0.5525% to 0.5628% as allowable by State and County Regulations. Rossi/Smith 5-0 approved.

8. Discussion and possible action to approve holding a public hearing on May 17th and June 21st to adopt a resolution for an increase in water and / or sewer rates.

Manager Hickman reiterated that this item too, was not to adopt the increase but rather to only approve holding a Public Hearing to do so.

As this subject has been discussed at most meeting, the economy has forced the district into a position of necessity. To stabilize the district reserve funds, an increase is imperative.

Motion directing Manager Hickman to continue studying rate structures, bring back a presentation and to move forward with holding public hearings on May 17th and June 21st to adopt a resolution for an increase in water and or sewer rates. Smith/Fagen 5-0 approved.

9. Discussion and possible action to approve the 2022 / 2023 Tentative budget as presented / amended.

Manager Hickman presented changes in amounts and allocations to the Tentative Budget after the February meeting. He reported specifically that final numbers from the Department of Taxation for CTX (Combined) Tax were changed to \$564,239 and the Ad Valorem Tax was \$154,630.

Motion to approve the tentative budget with amendments. Rossi/Smith 5-0 approved.

10. Consent Calendar

Motion was made to approve the consent calendar as presented. Fagen/Harris 5-0 approved.

11. Staff Reports

Manager Hickman stated that everything had already been discussed as board items.

No attorney's report.

Alex Stodtmeister of Farr West Engineering reported that the General Manager had requested Farr West to support a follow-up discussion at the March Board Meeting regarding the sewer fund deficit and annual rate adjustments for both water and sewer. Farr West is still willing to assist in the preparation of a public rate hearing and a second board meeting for the formal adoption of rate adjustments.

Farr West continues coordination with the General Manager to identify priority items to continue GIS development so the highest need items of the district are met.

Farr West will finalize the PER report by the end of the month. Farr West continues to maintain contact with the Sewer Meter Contractor in preparation for construction to occur this summer.

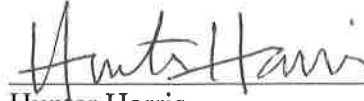
12. Adjournment

Move to adjourn. Harris/Rossi 5-0 approved.

Attest:



Keith Fertala
Chairman



Hunter Harris
Secretary