

MEETING OF THE DISTRICTS
Tuesday, May 21, 2024
9:30 AM
600 S. Commerce Ave. Sebring, FL 33870
AGENDA

DISTRICTS LIST

AVON PARK ESTATES S. B. D.	ORANGE VILLA MOBILE HOME ESTATES S. B. D.
HIGHLANDS PARK ESTATES S. B. D.	PLACID LAKES S.B.D.
HIGHWAY PARK S. B. D.	RED HILL FARMS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
LAKE HAVEN ESTATES S. B. D.	SEBRING ACRES S. B. D.
ORANGE BLOSSOM ESTATES S. B. D.	SEBRING COUNTRY ESTATES S. B. D.
ORANGE BLOSSOM UNIT 12 S. B. D.	SEBRING HILLS S. B. D.
COUNTYWIDE FIRE DISTRICT	THUNDERBIRD ROAD WASTEWATER S. B. D.
ISTOKPOGA MARSH WATERSHED IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT	
SUN 'N LAKES OF LAKE PLACID RECREATION DISTRICT	
OAK MANOR AVENUE ROAD PAVING MUNICIPAL SERVICE BENEFIT DISTRICT	

1 MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

2 PRESENTATIONS:

3 PUBLIC COMMENT

4 CONSENT AGENDA

- 4.A *Request approval of the April 16, 2024, Meeting Minutes of the Special Districts.*
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5 PUBLIC HEARING

- 5.A *Request approval for continuation of the final public hearing for Sun 'N Lakes of Lake Placid Recreation District to be held June 18, 2024.*
Rosa Morales, Budget Analyst II / NAV
The fiscal impact will be an increase to Fund 128 (Sun 'N Lakes of Lake Placid Recreation District) of approximately \$70,129 annually as the previous assessment collection was \$175,322 and will now be approximately \$245,451 if assessment is set at the requested rate of \$35 for FY 2024-25.

6 ACTION AGENDA

7 ADJOURN

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**HIGHLANDS COUNTY
COUNTY COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM**

DATE OF ACTION REQUEST: 05-21-2024

PRESENTER:

SUBJECT/TITLE: Request approval of the April 16, 2024, Meeting Minutes of the Special Districts.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Move to approve the April 16, 2024, Meeting Minutes of the Special Districts.

Attachments: [041624SPC.docx](#)

MEETING OF THE SPECIAL DISTRICTS, APRIL 16, 2024

1. The meeting was called to order at 11:28 a.m., in the Highlands County Board of County Commission Chambers at 600 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring, Florida, with the following members present:

Commissioner Kevin J. Roberts
Commissioner Arlene Tuck
Commissioner Chris Campbell

Commissioner Scott A. Kirouac
Commissioner Don Elwell

Also, present: Laurie Hurner, County Administrator; Nick Sawyer, Deputy County Administrator/Chief of Staff; Sherry G. Sutphen, County Attorney, Katie Houlihan, Assistant County Attorney, Jerome Kaszubowski, Clerk of Courts; Pamela Gamez and Savannah Demeri, Deputy Clerks.

2. PRESENTATIONS

No presentations.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Elwell moved approval of the consent agenda as presented. Commissioner Tuck seconded the motion.

Upon roll call, all Commissioners voted aye. The motion carried.

- A. Request approval of the minutes from the February 6, 2024, and March 5, and 19, 2024 Special Meeting of The Districts. See *SMB 153 Page 277 and Clerk of Courts website*.

5. PUBLIC HEARING

- A. Public hearing to consider proposed Preliminary Resolution 23-24-97 pertaining to the re-imposition of Chapter 9, Article XXVI (26), Sun 'N Lakes of Lake Placid Recreation District special assessment.

Tanya Cannady, Business Services Director, Presented the request.

Chairman Roberts opened the floor for Public Comment. Input received from Beverly Murtah, Sun'N Lakes of Lake Placid resident, and Alan Heiman, chairman of the liaison committee.

Commissioner Tuck moved approval of the Public Hearing to consider proposed Preliminary Resolution 23-24-97 pertaining to the re-imposition of Chapter 9, Article XXVI (26), Sun 'N Lakes of Lake Placid Recreation District special assessment. Commissioner Elwell seconded the motion.

Upon roll call, all Commissioners voted aye. The motion carried. See *Res. Book 35 Page 109 and SMB 153 Page 278*.

6. ACTION AGENDA

No action items.

7. ADJOURN

Chairman Roberts moved to adjourn the Meeting of the Special Districts. Commissioner Kirouac seconded the motion.

Chairman Roberts called for those in favor. The ayes have it and the motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

**HIGHLANDS COUNTY
COUNTY COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM**

DATE OF ACTION REQUEST: May 21, 2024

PRESENTER: Rosa Morales, Budget Analyst II / NAV

SUBJECT/TITLE: Request approval for continuation of the final public hearing for Sun 'N Lakes of Lake Placid Recreation District to be held June 18, 2024.

STATEMENT OF ISSUE

The final hearing was not noticed 20 days prior to May 21, 2024, in order to bring the final Resolution before the Board and therefore the public hearing needs to be moved to the June 18, 2024 Board meeting. This will allow staff to notice the final hearing at least 20 days prior to the Board Meeting. Final Public Hearing is to consider the re-imposition of Chapter 9, Article XXVI (26), Sun 'N Lakes of Lake Placid Recreation District special assessment. At our annual budget meeting with the District, various property owners suggested an increase to the assessment to accomplish additional requested projects. The current assessment is \$25 per lot or fraction thereof with a max rate of \$35. The assessment may be increased in any incremental amount not to exceed a total annual Assessment for each Parcel of \$35.00 as needed to help with recreational improvements throughout the district. The property owners would like to increase to \$35 per Parcel.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Looking for approval to continue the Final Public hearing for Sun 'N Lakes of Lake Placid Recreation District to be held June 18, 2024, Meeting of the Districts.

FISCAL IMPACT

The fiscal impact will be an increase to Fund 128 (Sun 'N Lakes of Lake Placid Recreation District) of approximately \$70,129 annually as the previous assessment collection was \$175,322 and will now be approximately \$245,451 if assessment is set at the requested rate of \$35 for FY 2024-25.

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