

MEETING OF THE DISTRICTS
Tuesday, June 21, 2022
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.
DESOTO CITY S. B. F. D.	PLACID LAKES S. B. D.
HIGHLANDS PARK ESTATES S. B. D.	PLACID LAKES S. B. F. D.
HIGHLANDS PARK S. B. F. D.	RED HILL FARMS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
HIGHWAY PARK S. B. D.	SEBRING ACRES S. B. D.
LAKE HAVEN ESTATES S. B. D.	SEBRING COUNTRY ESTATES S. B. D.
LAKE PLACID S. B. F. D.	SEBRING HILLS S. B. D.
LEISURE LAKES S. B. F. D.	THUNDERBIRD ROAD WASTEWATER S. B. D.
LORIDA S. B. F. D.	VENUS SPECIAL B. F. D.
ORANGE BLOSSOM ESTATES S. B. D.	WEST SEBRING S. B. F. D.
ORANGE BLOSSOM UNIT 12 S. B. D.	
ISTOKPOGA MARSH WATERSHED IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT	
SUN 'N LAKE ESTATES AND ACREAGE OF LAKE PLACID—S. B. D.	
SUN 'N LAKES OF LAKE PLACID RECREATION DISTRICT	
HIGHLANDS LAKES SPECIAL TAX DISTRICT	
COUNTYWIDE FIRE 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 minutes from the May 17, 2022 Meeting of the Special Districts.*
[051722SPC.pdf](#)

5 PUBLIC HEARING

- 5.A *Public hearing to consider proposed Resolution No. 21-22-127 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
Valerie Fleeger, Budget Analyst II/NAV

The fiscal increase will be an increase to Fund 128 (Sun 'N Lakes of Lake Placid Special Recreation District) of approximately \$46,200 annually as the previous assessment

collection was \$93,800 and will now be approximately \$140,000 in FY 2022-23.

[Resolution_21.22.127.SUN_N_LAKE_LP_REC.Reimposition_MSBU_assessment.FY22-23.SGS.pdf](#)

[SNL LP Tear Sheet_6-10 NewsSun.pdf](#)

6 ACTION AGENDA

7 ADJOURN

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Any invocation that may be offered before the official start of the meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Special Districts of Highlands County shall be the voluntary offering of a private citizen. The views or beliefs expressed by the invocation speaker have not been previously reviewed or approved by Highlands County, nor is Highlands County allowed by law to endorse the religious beliefs or views of any speaker.

**HIGHLANDS COUNTY
COUNTY COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM**

DATE OF ACTION REQUEST: June 21, 2022

PRESENTER:

SUBJECT/TITLE: Request approval of the minutes from the May 17, 2022 Meeting of the Special Districts.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Move to approve the minutes from the May 17, 2022 Meeting of the Special Districts.

Attachments: [051722SPC.pdf](#)

MEETING OF THE DISTRICTS, MAY 17, 2022

1. The meeting was called to order at 12:25 p.m., in the Highlands County Board of County Commission Chambers at 600 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring, Florida, with the following members present:

Commissioner Kathleen G. Rapp
Commissioner Kevin J. Roberts
Commissioner Scott A. Kirouac

Commissioner Chris Campbell
Commissioner Arlene Tuck

Also, present: Randy Vosburg, County Administrator; Sherry G. Sutphen, County Attorney; Jerome Kaszubowski, Clerk of Courts; and Jill Ann Shields, Deputy Clerk.

2. **PRESENTATIONS**

No presentations.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No participants.

4. **CONSENT AGENDA**

No consent items presented.

5. **PUBLIC HEARING**

No public hearings.

6. **ACTION AGENDA**

No action items presented.

7. **ADJOURN**

Commissioner Campbell moved to adjourn the Meeting of the Districts. Commissioner Roberts seconded the motion.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 12:26 p.m.

**HIGHLANDS COUNTY
COUNTY COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM**

DATE OF ACTION REQUEST: June 21, 2022

PRESENTER: Tanya Cannady, Business Services Director
Valerie Fleeger, Budget Analyst II/NAV

SUBJECT/TITLE: Public hearing to consider proposed Resolution No. 21-22-127 pertaining to the re-imposition of Chapter 9, Article XXVI (26), Sun 'N Lakes of Lake Placid Recreation District special assessment.

STATEMENT OF ISSUE

During the Meeting of the Districts on November 2, 2021, direction was given to staff to evaluate the current Sun 'N Lakes of Lake Placid Recreation MSBU boundary in conjunction with the current MSBU facility usage, and bring an ordinance to the Board which revises the MSBU boundary to include all properties which should be deriving a special benefit from the MSBU facilities.

The proposed boundaries were approved by The Board of County Commissioners May 17, 2022 increasing the number of lots from 2,815 to approximately 8,000. This resolution changes the assessment and methodology from \$35 per buildable lot (2,564) and \$17.50 per unbuildable lot (251) to \$17.50 per lot or legally described portion thereof. 2,564 property owners will see a decrease in their assessment from \$35 to \$17.50.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Move to approve and adopt Resolution No. 21-22-127 pertaining to the re-imposition of Chapter 9, Article XXVI (26), Sun 'N Lakes of Lake Placid Recreation District special assessment. Additionally, the boundaries were expanded on May 17, 2022 to permit exclusivity to the property owners within the boundaries, which means no key cards will be sold to the public. Property owners will be issued key cards upon request only if they are current (not delinquent) on their assessment.

FISCAL IMPACT

The fiscal increase will be an increase to Fund 128 (Sun 'N Lakes of Lake Placid Special Recreation District) of approximately \$46,200 annually as the previous assessment collection was \$93,800 and will now be approximately \$140,000 in FY 2022-23.

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RESOLUTION NO. 21-22-127
Annual MSBU Assessment

A RESOLUTION OF THE SUN 'N LAKES OF LAKE PLACID RECREATION DISTRICT (MSBU), PERTAINING TO THE RE-IMPOSITION OF THE MSBU SPECIAL ASSESSMENT; PROVIDING FOR LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND INTENT; PROVIDING FOR AUTHORITY; PROVIDING FOR IMPOSITION, CHANGE IN CATEGORY AND COMPUTATION OF THE MSBU ASSESSMENT; PROVIDING FOR APPLICATION OF ASSESSMENT PROCEEDS; PROVIDING FOR EFFECT OF THIS RESOLUTION; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR SCRIVENER'S ERRORS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Highlands County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 9, Streets, Highways and Public Improvements, Article XXVI (26) Sun 'N Lakes of Lake Placid Recreation District, the boundary of which was expanded to include additional benefitted properties as set forth to Highlands County Ordinance 21-22-21, adopted on May 17, 2022 (hereafter collectively referred to as the "County Code" or "Ordinance"), authorized the imposition of an assessment against the benefitted properties for the purpose of carrying out the projects of the MSBU, which include but are not limited to the construction, operation and maintenance of recreational facilities, street lighting, administrative costs to Highlands County and other benefits as determined by the MSBU Board; and

WHEREAS, the MSBU assessment is imposed each fiscal year in an equitable and efficient method of allocating and apportioning the same, in order to pay for the cost of providing for the construction, operation and maintenance of recreational facilities, street lighting, administrative costs to Highlands County and other benefits as determined by the MSBU Board; and

WHEREAS, the MSBU desires to re-impose its annual assessment for funding the construction, operation and maintenance of recreational facilities, street lighting, administrative costs to Highlands County and other benefits as determined by the MSBU Board; and

WHEREAS, in order to revise the categories for apportioning the MSBU Assessment for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2022, the County Code requires the MSBU to adopt a new Assessment Resolution which establishes the rates of assessment and approves the assessment roll for the upcoming Fiscal Year, with such amendments as the MSBU deems appropriate, after hearing comments and objections of all interested parties; and

WHEREAS, the assessment roll has heretofore been made available for inspection by the public; and

WHEREAS, notice of the public hearing has been published, as required by the Ordinance, which provides notice to all interested persons of the opportunity to be heard; and

WHEREAS, the proof of the publication of said notice is attached hereto as **Exhibit “A”**; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on June 21, 2022, and comments and objections of all interested persons have been heard and considered, as required by the Ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. The MSBU has complied with all requirements and procedures of Florida law in processing this Resolution. The above findings are hereby adopted.

SECTION 2. Authority. This Resolution is adopted pursuant to the provisions of the County Code and other applicable provisions of Florida law.

SECTION 4. Imposition, Change in Category and Computation of MSBU Assessment.

A. The benefitted properties set forth in the expanded boundary and particularly described in the Assessment Roll, which is hereby approved, are hereby found to be specially benefitted by the provision of construction, operation and maintenance of recreational facilities, street lighting, administrative costs to Highlands County and other benefits as determined by the MSBU Board.

B. A copy of the Assessment Roll was present, or available for inspection, at the above referenced public hearing and is incorporated herein by reference.

C. It is hereby ascertained, determined and declared that each of the assessed properties will be specially benefitted in an amount not less than the MSBU Assessment for such parcel, computed in the manner set forth in the County Code.

D. Adoption of this Assessment Resolution constitutes a legislative determination that all parcels assessed derive a special benefit in a manner consistent with the legislative declarations, determinations and findings, as set forth in the Ordinance and that the Assessments are fairly and reasonably apportioned among the benefitted properties.

E. The following MSBU assessment shall be imposed against the benefitted properties for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2022, and shall continue each year thereafter until discontinued or changed:

Property Category	Rate Per Lot
Lot or Legally Described Portion Thereof	\$17.50

F. The Assessment Roll, as herein approved, shall be delivered to the Tax Collector for collection using the Uniform Assessment Collection Act, as provided in the Code, for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2022. The Assessment Roll, as delivered to the Tax Collector, shall be accompanied by a Certificate of Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll in substantially the form attached hereto as **Exhibit “B”**.

G. MSBU Assessments shall constitute a lien upon the benefitted property so assessed and shall be equal in rank and dignity with the liens of all state, county, district or municipal taxes and other non-ad valorem assessments. Except as otherwise provided by law, such lien shall be superior in dignity to all other liens, titles, and claims, until paid. The lien for a MSBU Assessment shall be deemed perfected upon the MSBU’s adoption of this Assessment Resolution. Upon perfection, the lien for a MSBU Assessment collected under the Uniform Assessment Collection Act shall attach to the property included on the Assessment Roll as of the prior January 1, the lien date for ad valorem taxes imposed under the tax roll.

SECTION 5. Application of Assessment Proceeds. Proceeds derived by the MSBU from this assessment will be utilized for construction, operation and maintenance of recreational facilities, street lighting, administrative costs to Highlands County and other benefits as determined by the MSBU Board. In the event there is any fund balance remaining at the end of the Fiscal Year, such balance shall be carried forward and used only to fund construction, operation and maintenance of recreational facilities, street lighting, administrative costs to Highlands County and other benefits as determined by the MSBU Board.

SECTION 6. Effect of This Resolution. The adoption of this Assessment Resolution shall be the final adjudication of the issues presented including, but not limited to, the determination of special benefit and fair apportionment to the benefitted property; the method of apportionment and assessment; the rate of assessment; the Assessment Roll; and the levy and lien of the MSBU assessments, unless proper steps shall be initiated in a court of competent jurisdiction to secure relief within 20 days from the date of this Annual Assessment Resolution.

SECTION 7. Savings Clause. All prior actions of the MSBU pertaining to the assessment which is the subject of this Resolution, as well as any and all matters relating thereto, are hereby ratified and affirmed consistent with the provisions of this Resolution.

SECTION 8. Scrivener’s Errors. Typographical errors and other matters of a similar nature that do not affect the intent of this Resolution, as determined by the Highlands County Administrator and County Attorney, may be corrected.

SECTION 9. Conflicts. All Resolutions or parts of Resolutions in conflict with any of the provisions of this Resolution are hereby repealed.

SECTION 10. Severability. If any Section or portion of a Section of this Resolution proves to be invalid, unlawful, or unconstitutional, it shall not be held to invalidate or impair the validity, force, or effect of any other Section or part of this Resolution.

SECTION 11. Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 21st day of June, 2022.

**SUN ‘N LAKES OF LAKE PLACID
RECREATION DISTRICT**

Kathleen G. Rapp, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Jerome Kaszubowski, Clerk of Court

EXHIBIT "A"

AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

HIGHLANDS NEWS-SUN

Published Daily

SEBRING, HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA

**Case No. NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA AS THE BOARD
OF SUPERVISORS OF THE SUN N LAKES OF
LAKE PLACID RECREATION DISTRICT**

**STATE OF FLORIDA,
COUNTY OF HIGHLANDS**

Before the undersigned authority, Janet Emerson, personally appeared who on oath says that she is the Classified Advertising Legal Clerk of Highlands News-Sun, a newspaper published at Sebring in Highlands County, Florida; that the attached copy or reprint of the advertisement, to the right, being a Public Notice, was published in said newspaper by print in the issues of or by publication on the newspaper's website, if authorized, on:

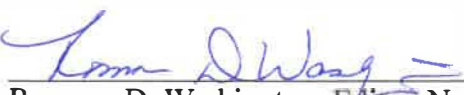
JUNE 10, 2022

Affiant further says that the Highlands News-Sun newspaper complies with all legal requirements for publication in chapter 50, Florida Statutes.
SIGNED:



Janet Emerson

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 13th day of June, 2022 by Janet Emerson, who is personally know to me.



Romona D. Washington, Editor, Notary Number: GG 333543
Notary expires: June 20, 2023



ROMONA D WASHINGTON
Commission # GG 333543
Expires June 20, 2023
Bonded Thru Budget Notary Services

Exhibit “B”

**CERTIFICATE
TO
NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENT ROLLS**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that, I am the Chairman of the Sun ‘N Lakes of Lake Placid Recreation District Board or other authorized agent of Highlands County, Florida (the “County”); that I am satisfied that all property included or includable on the **Highlands County Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll** for the MSBU Assessment and associated services is properly assessed so far as I have been able to ascertain; and that all required extensions on the above described roll to show the non-ad valorem assessments attributable to the property listed therein have been made pursuant to law.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that, in accordance with the Uniform Assessment Collection Act, this certificate and the herein described Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll **will be delivered to the Highlands County Tax Collector by September 15, 2022.**

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have subscribed this certificate and directed the same to be delivered to the Highlands County Tax Collector and made part of the above-described Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll this ____ day of _____, 2022.

SUN ‘N LAKES OF LAKE PLACID
RECREATION DISTRICT

FOR EXHIBIT ONLY

Kathleen G. Rapp, Chairperson

SAPP
FROM PAGE 1A

Wills said she believes the talk was well received and was given friendly hugs. Other students thanked her for sharing her difficult story.

“It was bittersweet,” Wills said.

MADD Regional Executive Director Dan Marquith also attended the class on Tuesday.

While it is hard for both mothers to speak about the deaths of their children, they are willing to share their stories in hope that it might help one child not to drink or do drugs and drive. Both women hope it might help one child to call their parents and not get

in the car with a person who has been drinking, thus saving a life.

Cason Harris, Jeff Shoemaker and Donald Ridgeway teach driver's education at Sebring High School.

“We watch videos and we talk about impacts and we talk about crashes,” Harris said. “But until you hear someone hyper-local, I don't think it sticks with the kids until they see it and hear it and see the mommas and they see the pictures. Some of the students knew their kids, like that back table – they knew them very well. It hits a little different. That's why we like to have them come in. Mrs. Sapp came in 31 days after her daughter passed

and talked to our kids last year, that was really impactful. I think that's the major difference between talking about it, the theory of it and then seeing it right in your face.”

Paula Sapp was invited by Ridgeway to speak again this year. Sapp brought Aeromed Flight Nurse John Bitner from Clearwater with her to speak to the class as well. Bitner was with Sapp's daughter, Lindsay, the night she was in a crash that involved alcohol on May 8, 2021. Lindsay was 18 years old when she died of her injuries two days later. Three young people lost their lives in that multi-vehicle crash. Bitner and Sapp have stayed in touch.

Sapp talked to the kids about drinking and driving and was very frank with the students. She told them she knew they were going to want to drink or do drugs, but if they did, they need to call their parents for a ride.

“Getting in trouble with their parents will be easier than their parents burying them,” Sapp said.

Sapp shared the “Learn from Lindsay” campaign to get children to wear their seatbelts. Her daughter was not wearing hers on the night of the crash. She stressed the importance of making good choices and the consequences of not making them.

“It only takes a couple of seconds to buckle up and to save your life and

only a split second to lose your life,” Sapp shared.

Bitner trained in the military to be “hard to kill.” He told the kids to be hard to kill by buckling up the safety belts. Sapp said that seemed to resonate with many students, especially the young men.

Lindsay was an organ donor. Sapp shared the family's journey through the donation process. Lindsay's gift of life saved six lives and helped 35 others through tissue donation.

Ellie Smoak was in the class for both presentations and was moved by the accounts of both heartbroken mothers. She feels their talks had a positive impact on the future drivers.

“I think about the impact it had on people's families,” Smoak said. “It's not only about protecting yourself when you get into a car but about protecting everybody on the road and the people in your car and potentially anybody that can drive by you. You never know who is under the influence. It's important to think about because it doesn't only affect you.”

A large part of Sapp's talk dealt with organ donation. Both Lindsay and Andrew were organ donors who helped several people after their deaths. Smoak said at 15 years old, she was already an organ donor before her driver's ed course.

EXPO
FROM PAGE 1A

At 2 p.m., National Weather Service Meteorologist Christianne Pearce will share her journey to the world of meteorology. Pearce, a native of Highlands County and a graduate of Avon Park High School, told the Highlands News-Sun that it was the 2004 hurricane season that pushed her to pursue a degree in meteorology.

2004 was the year hurricanes Charley, Frances and Jeanne, which all swept across Highlands County.

This year's event features the ever popular Bingo Hall, sponsored by Alan Jay Automotive Network; and live entertainment on the Outdoor Stage featuring Erin Sena, lead singer of Hard Candy, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., sponsored by Duke Energy. The Hurricane Map sponsor and meteorologist

sponsor is Bowman Steel, and the sponsor of vendors is Fellowship Home at the Fairway.

Lakeshore Mall manager Jenny Cheek will open the expo at 9:45 a.m. followed by Wendy Jager singing the national anthem. Highlands Sweetheart Erica White perform at 3 p.m. at the indoor center stage. The final game of bingo will begin at 3:30 p.m.

Center stage, where speakers and demonstrations will be featured, is

sponsored by Southwood Garage Doors.

About 30 vendors will be educating guests on the latest products and services to help local residents prepare personal property like homes and vehicles for storm season.

Vendors will run the gamut from A to Z and include damage mitigation, generators, roof protection and more.

Also from Center Stage, Highlands County officials will share how to stay up-to-date on weather

conditions, curfews, evacuations and more by signing up for cell phone applications and using hand-crank weather radios in the event of a power outage. Speakers will include Highlands County Fire Rescue Deputy Chief Mark Ellis will speak at 12:30 p.m.

Other speakers will include representatives from Southwood Garage Doors at 10 a.m.; a Highlands County Government official at 10:30 a.m.; Fellowship

Home at the Fairway at 10:45 a.m.; Elite Hail Damage Repair at 11:45 a.m.; Duke Energy at 12 p.m.; Newly Inspired You! Boutique at 1:45 p.m.; and Legacy Lawn Pros at 2:45 p.m.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration predicts a 65% chance of an above-normal season, a 25% chance of a “near-normal” season and only a 10% chance of a season that is below normal.

DOTY
FROM PAGE 1A

Deputies found Doty later that day. An investigation would later show that no one at the crowded party did anything to stop the beating. No one called 911.

Some of the party-goers reportedly helped the two men load Doty's unconscious body into the bed of a pickup. Friends of the

men helped them escape to Orlando, where authorities found and arrested them.

The trial, three years after the fact, had complications from the start. Many members of the community had heard about and discussed the case either with people at the party, through a hyper-localized media market or via countless social media posts about it.

Assistant State Attorney Steve Houchin, since retired, said in January 2015 that numerous posts and specific social media pages dealing directly with the case contributed to a failed jury selection. Several members of the jury pool had actively participated in conversations on the case.

The Tenth Judicial Circuit moved the trial to Polk County, and after a six-day trial and a

guilty verdict, each man received two concurrent life sentences for murder and kidnapping.

Meanwhile, friends of Doty put up a makeshift memorial in the woods, similar to memorials to traffic fatalities all along public roads.

Although the trial, sentencing and civil action brought a measure of justice for the family, Aaron Doty's loss was and will remain an open

wound.

Blair Doty, Aaron's older sister by two years, remembered a goofy congenial young man whose smile was “more teeth than anything.”

“He was a clown, a joker,” Blair Doty said. “He didn't take a lot of things serious. The things he took serious were his God and his family.”

In 2019, Doty's parents, Brenda and James, won a wrongful death suit that held Felipe and Rodriguez financially responsible and put a \$700 million award against the two men: \$300 million in compensatory damages and \$400 million in punitive

damages.

At the time, Blair Doty said the jury award brought some peace to her family and showed that people understood the severity of what happened, valued her brother's life, and felt what his loss had done to her family.

His murder made her family second-guess the level of goodness in the world, and because of that, she thanks all those who supported her family physically, morally and spiritually after his death, during the trial and since then.

“It restored a lot of our belief in humanity,” Blair Doty said.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA AS THE BOARD
OF SUPERVISORS OF THE SUN N LAKES OF
LAKE PLACID RECREATION DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given that the Board of County Commissioners of Highlands County, Florida, sitting as the Board of Supervisors of the Sun N Lakes of Lake Placid Recreation District will hold a public hearing to consider a change in the categorization of the Sun N Lakes of Lake Placid Special Recreation District non-ad valorem assessment levied against residential properties located within the District, as the boundary was increased through Highlands County Ordinance 21-22-21, on May 17, 2022, for the purpose of providing for the financing of costs for projects for the District. This notice is given pursuant to Florida Statutes, Section 197.3632.

The public hearing will be held on Tuesday, June 21, 2022 at 9:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as can be heard, at the Government Center Boardroom, 600 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring, Florida. All affected property owners have the right to appear and be heard at the public hearing and the right to file written objections with the Board of Supervisors within ten (10) days of the publication of this notice. Written objections should be sent to Highlands County Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Department, 600 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring, FL 33870.

Any person who decides to appeal any decision made by the Board of Supervisors of Sun N Lakes of Lake Placid Recreation District in a public hearing or meeting is hereby advised that they will need a record of the proceedings, and for such purpose may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which includes the testimony and evidence upon which such appeal is to be based.

Each Lot or legally described portion thereof in the special district described above will be subject to an annual Sun N Lakes of Lake Placid Special Benefit District non-ad valorem assessment in the amount not to exceed \$17.50, beginning October 1, 2022, which will be collected for a period of more than one year and will continue from year to year as provided in Florida Statutes Section 197.3632(6), Florida Statutes.

The estimated total revenue expected to be collected with the annual assessment of \$17.50 for each lot or legally described portion thereof is \$140,000, for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 and subsequent years.

The assessments will appear on the annual tax bill and will be collected by the Tax Collector, as authorized by Florida Statutes, Section 197.3632. Failure to pay the assessment will cause a tax certificate to be issued against the property which may result in loss of title to the property.

If you have any questions, please contact the Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Department at (863) 402-6500; Monday through Friday between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm.

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FATE

FROM PAGE 1A

Zhytomyr has periodically suffered missile strikes — but the vast majority of fighting and attacks have been concentrated in Ukraine's east.

Late Wednesday, Zelenskyy called the painstaking, inch-by-inch fight for Sievierodonetsk the “epicenter” of the battle for the Donbas and perhaps one of the most difficult battles of the war. The city is one of the last yet to be taken by the Russians in Luhansk, one of the two regions that make up the Donbas.

“In many ways, it is there that the fate of our Donbas is being decided,” Zelenskyy said in his nightly video address, which was recorded in the street outside his office in Kyiv.

Oleksiy Arestovych, an adviser to Zelenskyy's office, said Tuesday that Russian forces have changed their tactics in the battle, retreating from Sievierodonetsk, while pounding it with artillery and airstrikes — without

any particular success.

They are also targeting the neighboring city of Lysychansk with “day and night shelling,” as well as trying to storm the key road connecting Lysychansk and Bakhmut to the southwest, he said.

Evidence of the enormous human cost of the war mounted as workers pulled up to 100 bodies from each smashed building in the devastated city of Mariupol — a gruesome effort that one official described as an “endless caravan of death.”

Petro Andriyushchenko, a mayoral aide in the Russian-held port city, said on the Telegram app that the bodies are being taken to a morgue, landfills and other places. At least 21,000 Mariupol civilians were killed during the weeks-long Russian siege, Ukrainian authorities have estimated.

Meanwhile, fears of a global food crisis escalated over Ukraine's inability to export millions of tons of grain through its blockaded ports.

Karmanau reported from Lviv, Ukraine.

TRIAL
FROM PAGE 1A

Brunvand said he also needs more defense discovery, including medical records from the Miami Veterans Administration Medical Center. Ables told arresting officers that he is a Vietnam veteran who suffers from

post-traumatic stress. He is considered disabled and is a convicted felon on supervised probation.

That earned Ables another charge; in addition to first degree murder of a law enforcement officer, he was charged with being a convicted felon in possession of a firearm and ammunition. He is also charged with felony cruelty to a cat.