

**MINUTES OF MEETING
FIDDLER’S CREEK COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT #1**

The Board of Supervisors of the Fiddler’s Creek Community Development District #1 held a Regular Meeting on April 22, 2026 at 8:00 a.m., at the Fiddler’s Creek Club and Spa, 3470 Club Center Boulevard, Naples, Florida 34114.

Present:

Joseph Schmitt (via telephone)	Chair
Frank Weinberg	Vice Chair
Torben Christensen	Assistant Secretary
Joseph Mayer	Assistant Secretary
Joseph Badessa	Assistant Secretary

Also present:

Chuck Adams	District Manager
Cleo Adams	District Manager
Tony Pires	District Counsel
John Baker III	District Engineer
Joe Parisi	Developer’s Representative
Ryan Hennessey	Fiddler’s Director of Community Services
Jody Benet	The Foundation Irrigation Manager
Mike Barrow	GulfScapes Landscape Manager
Bill Kurth	Premier Lakes, Inc.
Robert Engler	Crystal Waterscapes
Elliot Miller	CDD #2 Chair
Richard Peters	Resident
Other Residents	

FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS

Call to Order/Roll Call

Mrs. Adams called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. Supervisors Weinberg, Christensen, Mayer and Badessa were present. Supervisor Schmitt attended via telephone.

On MOTION by Mr. Weinberg and seconded by Mr. Mayer, with all in favor, authorizing Mr. Schmitt’s attendance and full participation, via telephone, due to exceptional circumstances, was approved.

SECOND ORDER OF BUSINESS

Public Comments: Non-Agenda Items (3 minutes per speaker)

No members of the public spoke.

THIRD ORDER OF BUSINESS

Quality Control Lake Report - Premier Lakes, Inc. (Bill Kurth)

Mr. Kurth presented the March 2026 Quality Control Lake Report. He corrected an inaccuracy in the Report; Pondweed identified in FC1 through FC5 has already been treated and will continue being treated quarterly. Crews have had difficulty applying treatments due to wind, so the wetland team was brought in to treat the littoral shelves. Boats will be deployed to treat the water bodies. SONAR® treatments will be applied to hydrilla when possible.

Mr. Weinberg expressed appreciation for the appearance of the lakes.

FOURTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

**Discussion/Consideration of Crystal
Waterscapes Entry Fountains Quotes
(Robert Engler)**

A. #260322 Equipment Replacement

Mr. Engler stated the pumps ordered for previously approved repairs will be shipped on May 1, 2026. He discussed landscape and irrigation issues in front of the fountain and recommended mulch be removed in order to stop organic materials and dirt from being introduced into the fountains.

Mr. Barrow will inspect the area and provide an estimate to address the issues.

Discussion ensued regarding whether to install flowers, redirect sprinklers, and replanting the area.

It was noted that this quote was previously approved.

B. #260323 Repairs [Wind Control and Chemical Feed System Option]

It was noted that this is an old quote and it should be disregarded.

C. #260401 Repair Options

Mr. Engler presented drawings of four different designs for entry features and responded to questions. The Board and Staff discussed necessary repairs, options presented, equipment, costs, scheduling, aesthetics and the scope of work.

Mr. Weinberg stated all four options include the chemical package and the anemometer. The Board previously approved \$98,000 for pumps and new equipment, which will be installed shortly. Mr. Weinberg stated a final selection is not needed today; this expenditure will be budgeted for Fiscal Year 2027.

The consensus was for Crystal Waterscapes Entry Fountains Quote #260401 to be sent to Mr. Parisi for architectural review.

Mr. Christensen thinks the “For Sale” signs detract from the entry features. Mr. Parisi noted restrictions on sign placement and stated he will inspect to see if signs can be moved to a different area. Discussion ensued regarding Option A and ensuring money spent is not wasted. Mr. Engler confirmed that the money spent now will not be a waste; rather, the equipment to be installed now will become the infrastructure and underpinnings of what Option A needs to pump.

Mr. Weinberg stated that, from a budgeting standpoint, Option A will be budgeted.

Mr. Engler stated periodic cleaning and treatment of equipment with Rustoleum can help extend the useful life of the equipment.

Mr. Christensen expressed interest in evaluating Option C and asked for photos. Mr. Schmitt asked Mr. Parisi to evaluate Option A and Option C.

Mr. Weinberg recalled Mr. Adams stating the budget can be revised, as necessary.

FIFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

**Health, Safety and Environment Reports
(Ryan Hennessey)**

Mr. Hennessey gave the PowerPoint presentation and reported the following:

- Tree Canopy Trimming: Juniper finished trimming the fruited and date palms in CDD #1. All sabals have been completed ahead of schedule. Hardwood trimming will begin next week.

On MOTION by Mr. Christensen and seconded by Mr. Mayer, with all in favor, endorsing the agreement that was made between Mr. Miller, Mr. Schmitt and Mr. Parisi on March 13, 2026, regarding cutting back irrigation to two days per week, was approved.

A. Irrigation and Pressure Cleaning Efforts

Mr. Weinberg stated Mr. Benet reduced watering to two days per week. The villages are watered on Monday and Wednesday, and the Common Areas are watered on Sundays and Tuesdays. Mr. Benet stated he turned down the irrigation that he controls; however, 40% of systems are manually controlled. Mr. Barrow has addressed Oyster Harbor, and Marsh Cove irrigation contractors will be brought in and asked to cooperate with water reduction efforts.

Discussion ensued regarding manual controllers, three communities with individual controllers, odd and even watering days, County watering regulations, and sending an e-blast informing the community of the restrictions.

Mr. Weinberg stated, on April 21, 2026, Lake #88 rose from just under 1’ to 1.4’. Mr. Benet stated all the roadways drain into the lake; the current level is 1.25’.

- Pressure Washing: Crews completed the Championship Drive and Marsh Cove sidewalks. They are currently working on Veneta and Museo Circle. The map will be updated.

B. Security and Safety Update

Mr. Hennessey reported the following:

- Gate Access Control: Community Patrol should be called for security matters; the phone number is 239-231-9878. In an emergency, 911 should be called first, followed by Community Patrol. The automated gatehouse number 239-529-4139 should be called to add vendors or visitors to the list. Information can also be emailed to safety@fiddlerscreek.com.
- Occupancy Report: Weekly occupancy decreased from 2,348 in February to 2,313 in March. April Occupancy averages 2,140.
- Gatehouses and Patrols: Sandpiper, Championship, and the Main gatehouses are operational 24/7. There are two patrols per shift; generally, one in CDD #1 and one in CDD #2.
- Gatehouse activity went from 109,065 in February to 109,298 in March.
- Incidents: Medical calls increased to 29; Open Garage Doors and Parking Violations fell to 44 and 46, respectively; there were 18 residential complaints; and eight gate arm damage incidents at the Sandpiper gate. Efforts to recoup money from the perpetrators are ongoing.
- Speed Detection and Enforcement: Ten Traffic Hawk violations occurred in March. All ten were first-time offenders; written warnings were issued.
- Per the Collier County Sheriff’s Office (CCSO), in March there were 78 extra patrols, 29 medical calls, 12 accidental calls to 911 (hang-ups), four traffic stops, and 11 alarm calls.

C. Detailed Satellite Inspection Reports

This item was included for informational purposes.

SIXTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Continued Discussion/Update: Irrigation Holding Pond Lake 88: Water Level

This item was discussed during the Fifth Order of Business.

SEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Developer’s Report

Mr. Parisi stated no home construction is occurring in CDD #1. The tennis building might be done by May; TCO will initially allow use of restrooms. Screens are being installed at the Gator Grille at night to reduce impacting use of the facility. Mosquito protection systems were upgraded. Noise systems and other measures were implemented to reduce nuisance birds.

- **Hines Inc. Irrigation Project**

EIGHTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**Engineer's Report: Bowman Company**

Mr. Baker reported the following:

- **Traffic Signal:** Mr. Cole is still confirming the final traffic signal cost. The current total is around \$1.5 million now, having removed the 5% contingency. Further reductions are in progress. Some information was received regarding the percentages for the fair share contributions and ordinances.
- **Irrigation:** A meeting was held with Mr. Parisi and the Chairmen of both Boards to discuss lake water levels. He contacted Collier County Utilities to confirm availability of water. There is no up-front charge; the cost was estimated at \$73,000 per month based on past usage. No commitment has been made at this time.
- **Entry Improvements:** The Made in Rio, Inc. contract was executed. A Certificate of Insurance (COI) was provided; work should begin soon, but a schedule was not provided yet.
- **Monthly irrigation meetings** in between CDD meetings will be arranged to include Mr. Schmitt, Mr. Miller, District Managers, Mr. Barrow, Mr. Benet, and representatives from The Foundation, Bowman, Hines and Apex. Mr. Pires stated the Sunshine Law limits those meeting to only one Board Member from each CDD to attend, unless it is only a fact-finding group, with no recommendations. Mr. Baker voiced his opinion that it is a fact-finding meeting.

Mr. Parisi stated that, in addition to the monthly irrigation meetings, biweekly meetings are being held with Hines. He expects to have a schedule for work to be done at the next meeting. Mr. Baker is working with Hines to pursue grant funds for irrigation projects.

- **American Shoreline Restoration Proposal for Runaway Lane**

This item was an addition to the agenda.

Mr. Baker recalled that, last month, the Board approved a \$110,000 budget to repair 335 linear feet of shoreline at Lake 21. The final combined proposal totals \$136,800 because the linear footage at the end of Runaway was misjudged.

On MOTION by Mr. Christensen and seconded by Mr. Badessa, with all in favor, increasing the previously approved Shoreline Restoration Proposal for Runaway Lane, from a not-to-exceed amount of \$110,000 to \$136,800 for both projects, was approved.

Mr. Benet recalled that, several months ago, Apex was authorized to investigate alternative ways to recharge the reservoirs. He asked if a report was received. Mr. Baker stated that a report has not been received yet.

The consensus was that Apex representatives are difficult to get a hold of.

Mr. Parisi suggested scheduling meetings because it is difficult reaching representatives by phone. He discussed damage to geotubes as a result of spiny fish that burrow beneath the tubes. He suggested taking steps to eliminate the fish.

NINTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Acceptance of Unaudited Financial Statements as of March 31, 2026

On MOTION by Mr. Weinberg and seconded by Mr. Mayer, with all in favor, the Unaudited Financial Statements as of March 31, 2026, were accepted.

TENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Approval of March 25, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes

The following change was made:

Line 271: Add "briefly" after "meeting"

On MOTION by Mr. Mayer and seconded by Mr. Badessa, with all in favor, the March 25, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes, as amended, were approved.

ELEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Action/Agenda or Completed Items

Items 5, 6 and 7 were completed.

Item 4: Insert "The Foundation implemented 2x per week"

- **Irrigation Action Items (for informational purposes)**

The report was included for informational purposes.

TWELFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Staff Reports

A. District Counsel: Woodward, Pires and Lombardo, P.A.

Mr. Pires reminded the Board Members to complete the required four hours of ethics training by the December 31, 2026 deadline. The Legislature passed a revised Qualifying Candidate Oath. It was noted that Seats 1 and 2, currently held by Mr. Badessa and Mr. Christensen, respectively, will be up for election in the November 2026 General Election.

B. District Manager: Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC

- **1,544 Registered Voters in District as of April 15, 2026**
- **NEXT MEETING DATE: May 27, 2026 at 8:00 AM [Presentation of FY2027 Proposed Budget]**
 - **QUORUM CHECK**

All Supervisors confirmed their attendance at the April 22, 2026 meeting.

C. Operations Manager: Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC

The Monthly Field Operations Report was included for informational purposes.

Discussion ensued regarding a reimbursement request from Bent Creek HOA for work completed in November 2025 to repair damaged wiring on CDD property that was caused by the Clusia hedgerow project. Mr. Barrow of GulfScapes will investigate.

Discussion ensued regarding wing walls. Mr. Baker will investigate and attempt to obtain bids and arrange a contractor.

THIRTEENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Supervisors’ Requests

There were no Supervisors’ requests.

FOURTEENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Public Comments

Resident Richard Peters asked if the CDD can receive reimbursement for any funds spent for the traffic signal. Discussion ensued regarding unsuccessful efforts to collect fair share contributions from neighboring communities.

FIFTEENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Adjournment

On MOTION by Mr. Weinberg and seconded by Mr. Mayer, with all in favor, the meeting adjourned at 9:21 a.m.

CEP SBL
Secretary/Assistant Secretary

James K. Schmitt
Chair/Vice Chair