



**GROVE  
COMMUNITY DISTRICT**

**OKEECHOBEE COUNTY  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
MAY 6, 2025  
2:00 P.M.**

**Special District Services, Inc.  
The Oaks Center  
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**AGENDA**  
**GROVE COMMUNITY DISTRICT**  
Eagle Bay Conference Room  
South Florida Water Management District  
316 NW 5<sup>th</sup> Street  
Okeechobee, Florida 34972  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
May 6, 2025  
2:00 p.m.

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## Proof of Publication

1/28/2025

### STATE OF FLORIDA: COUNTY OF OKEECHOBEE:

Before the undersigned authority personally appeared **Katrina Elsen Muros**, who on oath says that she is **Editor in Chief** of the **Lake Okeechobee News**, a weekly newspaper published in **Okeechobee County, Florida**; that the attached copy of advertisement, being a **Public Notice** in the matter of

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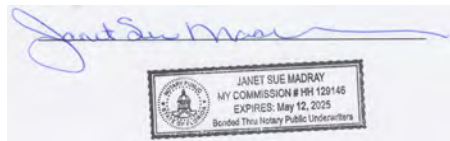
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Katrina Elsen Muros

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1/28/2025



Name	Grove Community District
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GROVE COMMUNITY DISTRICT FISCAL YEAR 2024/2025 REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE
<b>NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN</b> that the Board of Supervisors of the Grove Community District will hold Regular Meetings in the Eagle Bay Conference Room of the South Florida Water Management District located at 316 NW 5th Street, Okeechobee, Florida 34972, at 2:00 p.m. on the following dates:  <b>February 4, 2025 May 6, 2025 September 2, 2025</b>
The purpose of the meetings is to conduct any business coming before the Board. Meetings are open to the public and will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Florida law. A copy of the Agenda for any of the meetings may be obtained from the District's website or by contacting the District Manager at (561) 630-4922 and/or toll free at 1-877-737-4922.
From time to time one or more Supervisors may participate by telephone; therefore a speaker telephone will be present at the meeting location so that Supervisors may be fully informed of the discussions taking place. Said meetings may be continued as found necessary to a time and place specified on the record.
If any person decides to appeal any decision made with respect to any matter considered at these meetings, such person will need a record of the proceedings and such person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made at his or her own expense and which record includes the testimony and evidence on which the appeal is based.
In accordance with the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations or an interpreter to participate at any of these meetings should contact the District Manager at (561) 630-4922 and/or toll-free at 1-877-737-4922 at least seven (7) days prior to the date of the particular meeting.
Meetings may be cancelled from time to time without advertised notice.
<b>GROVE COMMUNITY DISTRICT</b>  <a href="http://www.grovecdd.org">www.grovecdd.org</a> 15311 LON 1/22/2025

GROVE COMMUNITY DISTRICT  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
NOVEMBER 5, 2024

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

District Manager Michael McElligott called the November 5, 2024, Regular Board Meeting of the Grove Community District to order at 2:06 p.m. at the South Florida Water Management District Service Center, 316 NW 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Okeechobee, FL 34972.

**B. PROOF OF PUBLICATION**

Mr. McElligott presented proof of publication that the Regular Board Meeting was published in *The Okeechobee News* on October 9, 2024 & October 16, 2024, as legally required.

**C. SEAT NEW BOARD MEMBERS**

It was announced Curt McDowell, Tyler Pugh, and Susanne Clemons were elected Board Supervisors.

**D. ADMINISTER OATH OF OFFICE & REVIEW BOARD MEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES AND DUTIES**

Michael McElligott administered the Oath of Office, and reviewed Board Member responsibilities.

**E. ESTABLISH QUORUM**

Mr. McElligott determined that the attendance of Supervisors Tyler Pugh, Susanne Clemons, and Curt McDowell, constituted a quorum, and it was in order to proceed with the meeting.

Also in attendance were District Manager Michael McElligott of Special District Services, Inc. and General Counsel Ken van Assenderp via phone.

**F. ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

The following slate of officers was selected on a **motion** made by Mr. Pugh, seconded by Mrs. Clemons. The **motion** carried unanimously.

Chairman	H.M. Ridgely III
Vice Chairman	Curt McDowell
Secretary/Treasury	Michael McElligott
Assistant Secretaries	Craig Linton, Jr. Tyler Pugh, and Susanne Clemons

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**G. ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA**

There were no additions or deletions.

**H. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

There were no comments from the public.

**I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**1. September 3, 2024, Regular Board Meeting**

The minutes of the September 3, 2024, Regular Board Meeting, as presented, were approved on a **motion** made by Mr. Pugh, seconded by Mr. McDowell and unanimously **passed**.

**J. OLD BUSINESS**

**1. Update on the Water Farming Project and the Long-Term Grove Land Reservoir and Stormwater Treatment Area Project and Dispersed Water Project with SFWMD**

There was no update today, and there was no action for the Board to take at this time.

**K. NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business.

**L. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

**1. Legal Report**

Mr. Van Assenderp updated the Board on his research related to dissolving the Grove CD as part of the sale to the Water Management District. He stated that if and when the Water Management District owns the land, there is nothing that would require the Grove CD to be dissolved, a government entity can own all the land. If the Grove CD were to move forward with dissolving, it would have to be done by the legislature and it is unlikely that could be done in the current legislative session, so the earliest would be the next legislative session. Mr. Van Assenderp also stated that he has reviewed the Grove CD act and believes the Board would be able to operate the water farm project through the CD with no amendments to the act. He also went over the possibility of the landowner, the CD and the Water Management District entering into management agreements for operations of the water farm. Mr. Van Assenderp said he would produce a memo memorializing this information to present when we have a full Board.

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**M. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

There were no additional Board Member's comments.

**N. ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Regular Board Meeting was adjourned at 2:24 p.m.

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Chair/Vice-Chair

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Secretary/Assistant Secretary

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-01**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE GROVE  
COMMUNITY DISTRICT APPROVING A PROPOSED BUDGET FOR  
FISCAL YEAR 2025/2026; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors (“Board”) of the Grove Community District (“District”) is required by Chapter 190.008, *Florida Statutes*, to approve a Proposed Budget for each fiscal year; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Proposed Budget including the Assessments for Fiscal Year 2025/2026 has been prepared and considered by the Board.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OF THE GROVE COMMUNITY DISTRICT THAT:**

**Section 1.** The Proposed Budget including the Assessments for Fiscal Year 2025/2026 attached hereto as Exhibit “A” is approved.

**Section 2.** A Public Hearing is hereby scheduled for September 2, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. in the Eagle Bay Conference Room of the South Florida Water Management District located at 316 NW 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Okeechobee, Florida 34972, for the purpose of receiving public comments on the Proposed Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Budget.

**PASSED, ADOPTED and EFFECTIVE** this 6<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2025.

**ATTEST:**

**GROVE COMMUNITY DISTRICT**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary/Assistant Secretary

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman/Vice Chairman

# Grove Community District

**Proposed Budget For  
Fiscal Year 2025/2026  
October 1, 2025 - September 30, 2026**



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**OCTOBER 1, 2025 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2026**

	<b>FISCAL YEAR 2025/2026 BUDGET</b>
<b>REVENUES</b>	
O&M Assessments	0
Developer Contribution	9,825
Debt Assessments	0
Interest Income	0
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$ 9,825</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	
Supervisor Fees	0
Engineering/Inspections	0
Management	6,000
Legal	2,000
Assessment Roll	0
Audit Fees	0
Insurance	0
Legal Advertisements	550
Miscellaneous	550
Dues & Subscriptions	175
Arbitrage Rebate Fee	0
Trustee Fee	0
Continuing Disclosure Fee	0
Website Management	550
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$ 9,825</b>
<b>REVENUES LESS EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
Bond Payments	0
<b>BALANCE</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
County Appraiser & Tax Collector Fee	0
Discounts For Early Payments	0
<b>EXCESS/ (SHORTFALL)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

**DETAILED FINAL BUDGET**  
**GROVE COMMUNITY DISTRICT**  
**FISCAL YEAR 2025/2026**  
**OCTOBER 1, 2025 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2026**

	FISCAL YEAR 2023/2024 ACTUAL	FISCAL YEAR 2024/2025 BUDGET	FISCAL YEAR 2025/2026 BUDGET	COMMENTS
<b>REVENUES</b>				
O&M Assessments	0	0	0	
Developer Contribution	7,482	9,850	9,825	Developer Contribution
Debt Assessments	0	0	0	
Interest Income	48	0	0	
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$ 7,530</b>	<b>\$ 9,850</b>	<b>\$ 9,825</b>	
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
Supervisor Fees	0	0	0	
Engineering/Inspections	0	0	0	
Management	6,000	6,000	6,000	No Change From 2024/2025 Budget
Legal	150	2,000	2,000	No Change From 2024/2025 Budget
Assessment Roll	0	0	0	
Audit Fees	0	0	0	
Insurance	0	0	0	
Legal Advertisements	294	575	550	\$25 Decrease From 2024/2025 Budget
Miscellaneous	313	550	550	No Change From 2024/2025 Budget
Dues & Subscriptions	175	175	175	No Change From 2024/2025 Budget
Arbitrage Rebate Fee	0	0	0	
Trustee Fee	0	0	0	
Continuing Disclosure Fee	0	0	0	
Website Management	550	550	550	No Change From 2024/2025 Budget
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$ 7,482</b>	<b>\$ 9,850</b>	<b>\$ 9,825</b>	
<b>REVENUES LESS EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$ 48</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	
Bond Payments	0	0	0	
<b>BALANCE</b>	<b>\$ 48</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	
County Appraiser & Tax Collector Fee	0	0	0	
Discounts For Early Payments	0	0	0	
<b>EXCESS/ (SHORTFALL)</b>	<b>\$ 48</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	