



**GROVE
COMMUNITY DISTRICT**

**OKEECHOBEE COUNTY
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

MAY 5, 2026

2:00 P.M.

**Special District Services, Inc.
The Oaks Center
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Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410**

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AGENDA
GROVE COMMUNITY DISTRICT
Eagle Bay Conference Room
South Florida Water Management District
316 NW 5th Street
Okeechobee, Florida 34972
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
May 5, 2026
2:00 p.m.

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**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

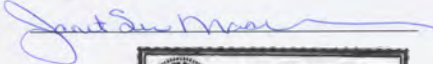
Public Notice

in the **19th Judicial District of the Circuit Court of Okeechobee County, Florida**, was published in said newspaper in the issues of or by publication on the newspaper's website, if authorized, on Lake Okeechobee News: 1/28/2026
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Affiant further says that the newspaper complies with all legal requirements for publication in Chapter 50, Florida Statutes.


 Katrina Elsen Muros

Sworn to and subscribed before me by means of
 Physical Presence **Online Notarization**
physical presence or online notarization, this
 2/3/2026




**GROVE COMMUNITY DISTRICT
 FISCAL YEAR 2025/2026
 REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Supervisors of the Grove Community District will hold Regular Meetings in a 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:

**February 3, 2026
 May 5, 2026
 September 1, 2026**

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.

GROVE COMMUNITY DISTRICT
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GROVE COMMUNITY DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 05, 2025

A. CALL TO ORDER

District Manager Michael McElligott called the September 05, 2025, Regular Board Meeting and Public Hearing of the Grove Community District to order at 2:00 p.m. at the South Florida Water Management District Service Center, 316 NW 5th 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 August 20, 2025 & August 27, 2025, as legally required.

C. ESTABLISH QUORUM

Mr. McElligott determined that the attendance of Supervisors H. M. Ridgely, Craig Linton, Jr, Curt McDowell, Susanne Clemons, and Tyler Pugh 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.

D. ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions or deletions.

E. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

There were no comments from the public.

F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. May 6, 2025, Regular Board Meeting

The minutes of the May 6, 2025, Regular Board Meeting, as presented, were approved on a **motion** made by Mr. McDowell, seconded by Mrs. Clemons, and unanimously **passed**.

G. 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

Mr. Ridgely updated the Board. The water farm has completed 3 years of operations of a 10 year contract. The grant money for the reservoir project has been fully used. Also, Mr. Ridgely gave updates on a possible purchase of the project by the St Johns Water Management District.

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There was no action for the Board to take at this time.

H. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider Resolution No. 2025-02 – Resetting Public Hearing Date to Adopt Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Final Budget

Mr. McElligott introduced Resolution No. 2025-02, entitled:

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-02

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE VERANDA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2025-01; AMENDING THE DATE AND TIME FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE FISCAL YEAR 2025/2026 FINAL BUDGET AND ASSESSMENTS AND AUTHORIZING THE SECRETARY AND DISTRICT MANAGER TO TAKE CERTAIN ACTIONS TO ACCOMPLISH THE INTENT OF THIS RESOLUTION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. McElligott explained that this is required because they had to change the date of the original budget Public Hearing.

After some Board discussion, a **motion** was made by Mr. Ridgely, seconded by Mr. Pugh, and **passed** unanimously to approve Resolution No. 2025-02, as presented.

2. Consider Resolution No. 2025-03 – Adopting a Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Meeting Schedule

Mr. McElligott introduced Resolution No. 2025-03, entitled:

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-03

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE GROVE COMMUNITY DISTRICT, ESTABLISHING A REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025/2026 AND SETTING THE TIME AND LOCATION OF SAID DISTRICT MEETINGS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. McElligott presented the Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Meeting Schedule.

After some Board discussion, a **motion** was made by Mr. Pugh, seconded by Mrs. Clemons, and **passed** unanimously to approve Resolution No. 2025-03, as presented.

3. Consider Resolution No. 2025-04 – Adopting a Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Amended Budget

Mr. McElligott introduced Resolution No. 2025-04, entitled:

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RESOLUTION NO. 2025-04

**A RESOLUTION OF THE GROVE COMMUNITY DISTRICT
ADOPTING THE FISCAL YEAR 2024/2025 AMENDED BUDGET.**

Mr. McElligott presented the amended budget for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025, and recommended approval of the resolution.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Ridgley, seconded by Mr. Pugh, and **passed** unanimously to approve Resolution No. 2025-04, as presented.

4. Consider Resolution No. 2025-05 – Goals and Objectives Annual Report

Mr. McElligott introduced Resolution No. 2025-05, entitled:

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-05

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE GROVE
COMMUNITY DISTRICT ADOPTING AN ANNUAL REPORT OF GOALS,
OBJECTIVES, AND PERFORMANCE MEASURES AND STANDARDS;
PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE
DATE.**

Mr. McElligott explained that this annual report of how the District did against its Goal and Objectives the Board adopted last year. Once adopted, the annual report gets posted to the District website. The report shows the District meet all of its goals and objectives this past year. After a brief discussion, a **motion** was made by Mr. Pugh, seconded by Mrs. Clemons, and **passed** unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 2025-05, as presented.

I. Public Hearing on the Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Final Budget

The Public Hearing was opened at 2:10 pm.

1. Proof of Publication

Mr. McElligott opened the public hearing and provided proof of publication that the Public Hearing had been published in *The Okeechobee News* on August 20, 2025 & August 27, 2025, as legally required.

**1. Receive Public Comments on Adopting Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Final
Budget**

Mr. McElligott presented the budget after which there was no public comment.

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**2. Consider Resolution No. 2025-06 – Adopting a Fiscal Year 2025/2026
Final Budget**

Mr. McElligott introduced Resolution No. 2025-06, entitled:

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-06

**A RESOLUTION OF THE GROVE COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT ADOPTING A FISCAL YEAR
2025/2026 BUDGET.**

After a brief discussion, Mr. Ridgely **moved** approval of Resolution No. 2025-06, and Mr. McDowell seconded. The **motion** carried **5-0**.

The Public Hearing was closed at 2:12 pm.

J. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. Legal Report

Mr. Van Assenderp gave a quick update to the Board of this District's powers and what options the Board has going forward. He stated he would be happy to have a longer more in depth conversation of what options this District has going forward with its powers at a later date when needed.

K. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

There were no additional Board Member's comments.

L. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Regular Board Meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Chair/Vice-Chair

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE GROVE COMMUNITY DISTRICT APPROVING A PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026/2027; 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 2026/2027 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 2026/2027 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 5th Street, Okeechobee, Florida 34972, for the purpose of receiving public comments on the Proposed Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Budget.

PASSED, ADOPTED and EFFECTIVE this 5th day of May, 2026.

ATTEST:

GROVE COMMUNITY DISTRICT

By: _____
Secretary/Assistant Secretary

By: _____
Chairman/Vice Chairman

Grove
Community District

**Proposed Budget For
Fiscal Year 2026/2027
October 1, 2026 - September 30, 2027**

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PROPOSED BUDGET
GROVE COMMUNITY DISTRICT
FISCAL YEAR 2026/2027
OCTOBER 1, 2026 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2027

	FISCAL YEAR 2026/2027 BUDGET
REVENUES	
O&M Assessments	0
Developer Contribution	9,800
Debt Assessments	0
Interest Income	0
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 9,800
EXPENDITURES	
Supervisor Fees	0
Engineering/Inspections	0
Management	6,000
Legal	2,000
Assessment Roll	0
Audit Fees	0
Insurance	0
Legal Advertisements	550
Miscellaneous	525
Dues & Subscriptions	175
Arbitrage Rebate Fee	0
Trustee Fee	0
Continuing Disclosure Fee	0
Website Management	550
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 9,800
REVENUES LESS EXPENDITURES	\$ -
Bond Payments	0
BALANCE	\$ -
County Appraiser & Tax Collector Fee	0
Discounts For Early Payments	0
EXCESS/ (SHORTFALL)	\$ -

DETAILED PROPOSED BUDGET
GROVE COMMUNITY DISTRICT
FISCAL YEAR 2026/2027
OCTOBER 1, 2026 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2027

	FISCAL YEAR 2024/2025 ACTUAL	FISCAL YEAR 2025/2026 BUDGET	FISCAL YEAR 2026/2027 BUDGET	COMMENTS
REVENUES				
O&M Assessments	0	0	0	
Developer Contribution	7,577	9,825	9,800	Developer Contribution
Debt Assessments	0	0	0	
Interest Income	10	0	0	
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 7,587	\$ 9,825	\$ 9,800	
EXPENDITURES				
Supervisor Fees	0	0	0	
Engineering/Inspections	0	0	0	
Management	6,000	6,000	6,000	No Change From 2025/2026 Budget
Legal	0	2,000	2,000	No Change From 2025/2026 Budget
Assessment Roll	0	0	0	
Audit Fees	0	0	0	
Insurance	0	0	0	
Legal Advertisements	551	550	550	No Change From 2025/2026 Budget
Miscellaneous	301	550	525	\$25 Decrease From 2025/2026 Budget
Dues & Subscriptions	175	175	175	No Change From 2025/2026 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 2025/2026 Budget
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 7,577	\$ 9,825	\$ 9,800	
REVENUES LESS EXPENDITURES	\$ 10	\$ -	\$ -	
Bond Payments	0	0	0	
BALANCE	\$ 10	\$ -	\$ -	
County Appraiser & Tax Collector Fee	0	0	0	
Discounts For Early Payments	0	0	0	
EXCESS/ (SHORTFALL)	\$ 10	\$ -	\$ -	