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Belmont Lakes Community
Development District

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1. **Call To Order.** The meeting was called to order at 6:46 p.m.
2. **Roll Call.** In attendance were Chair Dominick Madeo, Vice-Chair James Roach, Supervisors Annette Buckley, Carlos Benhamu, and Tom Pacchioli. Also in attendance was Christopher Wallace, District Manager.
3. **Approval of Minutes**
 - a. **February 17, 2022, Regular Meeting.** Supervisor Buckley wanted the minutes to note that she abstained on item 7b, *Motion to Consider Hiring an Attorney*. Mr. Wallace noted that at the time of the meeting it was noted by him that a Supervisor could only abstain from a vote if they had a conflict of interest, and, if that were the case, the Supervisor at the meeting had to disclose the conflict and then subsequently file a form regarding that conflict. As no conflict was disclosed at that time, her negative vote was recorded in the minutes for that item. However, to allow Supervisor Buckley time to review the law regarding this matter, it was suggested that the matter be tabled to the next meeting. Supervisor Pacchioli moved to table the minutes to the next meeting and Supervisor Benhamu seconded the motion. In a voice vote, the motion unanimously passed. **(Minutes tabled to next meeting, 5-0).**
4. **Landscape Maintenance Proposals.** Mr. Wallace distributed the results of the re-bid of the Landscape Maintenance RFP. The District had three proposals, but only two were within budget. Mr. Wallace noted that the two remaining bids had differences in the number of cuts that would be done throughout the year, with Brightview recommending 32 cuts and BLM recommending 38 cuts. Mr. Wallace also noted that there had been Board member involvement in the procurement of the bids and that created an issue of fairness between the proposers. Discussion followed. At the end of the discussion, it was agreed to ask Brightview and BLM to re-price their proposals based upon 32 cuts and then to submit their best and final offer in a sealed envelope to be opened at the next Board meeting.
5. **Areca Palm Installation Update.** Discussion was had regarding the status of solving the irrigation issue. Discussion followed over the Town's recent landscape code enforcement inspection and the likely outcome of additional planting expense. Further discussion was held regarding the planting of the material on the inside of the fence versus the outside of the fence and the issue of removing the existing ficus hedge and the cost to do so.
6. **Staff Reports**
 - a. **March 31, 2022, Financials.** Mr. Wallace answered a few questions on the

financial report, but no changes or outstanding issues were noted.

- b. Next Meeting Date.** The Board decided to not have a May meeting and to schedule the next meeting on June 2, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. at the Shenandoah Meeting room.
- 7. Other Business.** There was no other business.
- 8. Audience Comments.** Audience comments centered on the planting of the areca palms and other landscape needs.
- 9. Supervisor's Comments.**
 - a. Supervisor Buckley: Brightview Issue.** Supervisor Buckley noted that her concerns regarding the March trim and cut schedule were addressed earlier in the meeting and that the proposed proposals for new landscape maintenance addressed credits for cuts and trims.
- 10. Adjournment.** There being no further business, Chair Madeo moved to adjourn the meeting and Supervisor Benhamu seconded the motion. In a voice vote, the motion was unanimously passed, and the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.