

1 LELY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
2 **NAPLES, FLORIDA**
3 **MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**
4 **JULY 15, 2020**
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6 A workshop for the Board of the Lely CDD was held on Wednesday, July 15, 2020,
7 at 1:00 p.m. at the LCDD maintenance building, Naples, Florida.

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9 **SUPERVISORS PRESENT:** Gerry Campkin, Chairman (Via Speakerphone)
10 William Lee, Vice-Chairman
11 Harold Ousley, Treasurer
12 Kenneth Drum, Secretary
13 Anne Marie Bularzik, Assistant Secretary

14 **ALSO PRESENT:** Neil Dorrill, Dorrill Management Group
15 Kevin Carter, Operations Manager
16 Tony Pires, District Counsel
17 Freddy Bowers, Director, Community Patrol
18 Christopher Dorrill, Field Manager
19 Jennifer Edwards, Supervisor of Elections
20 Dave Carpenter, Qualifying Officer
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22 **On a MOTION by Dr. Bularzik and a second by Mr. Drum, Mr. Campkin was**
23 **unanimously approved to participate via speakerphone due to exceptional**
24 **circumstances.**

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26 Mrs. Edwards introduced herself, and provided two handouts on the election
27 information, noting that the registration deadline was July 20th. Florida is a closed
28 primary state, and those wishing to change their party status must do so by that
29 date.

30 Ballots for mail in voting were sent out on July 9th, and roughly 80,000 ballots

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5 were mailed. There is a 67 percent increase in requests for mail in ballots this
6 year over four years ago. Early voting and Election Day voting will still be held,
7 with early voting running from August 8th to the 15th.

8 (Dr. Bularzik’s question inaudible)

9 Mrs. Edwards indicated that her office has a very good relationship with the US
10 Post Office, and has had for years. Once the ballots begin to come back, they will
11 be delivered to the operations building where the high speed sorter is put to
12 work, and signatures are compared by staff to the signatures of record. If there
13 are questionable signatures, they are run back through the sorter and are
14 outsourced to the Canvassing Board. That Board, comprised of three people, one
15 of which is Mrs. Edwards, vote on whether a ballot has a valid signature.

16 If the signatures are found not to be a match, a letter is sent to the voter advising
17 them of this on that same day, and an affidavit is included with instructions. The
18 affidavit must then be returned with a copy of the voter’s ID. The voter has until
19 the Thursday following the election to get that affidavit and ID back to the
20 Supervisor’s office.

21 Mr. Drum asked about the 2,000 ballots that had been returned as
22 unforwardable, and Mrs. Edwards advised that ballots cannot be forwarded, as
23 the address given to them would not be correct.

24 A mail in ballot can be requested for two general election cycles, and some
25 people may now be staying in Florida during the summer whereas they went
26 North in previous years, and did not contact the Supervisor’s office to make the
27 change. If the office has a phone number and email for the returned ballot, the
28 will contact the voter to see where the ballot should be sent. This action was
29 taken almost immediately, and by the following Monday evening 600 responses
30 had been received from those voters.

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5 Overseas ballots are required to be sent 45 days before Election Day, and almost
6 1,000 of those were sent out. August 8th is the last day that a ballot can be
7 mailed out.

8 (Mr. Drum’s question inaudible)

9 Mrs. Edwards advised that many of the former precinct workers will not be
10 available to work this year, which will make the election more challenging. They
11 are predicting a 35 to 40 percent turnout in the primary election and there are
12 roughly 220,000 registered voters in Collier County.

13 Mr. Carpenter then spoke to those present, indicating that they run on four year
14 cycles, this year being presidential, and two years ago it was gubernatorial. Along
15 with the presidential race this year, there are also the County Constitutional
16 offices, and two years ago it was all the State officials.

17 Mr. Carpenter spoke briefly about what can be expected on the November
18 ballots, which will include voting for the President of the United States. There will
19 be a list of perhaps 17 or 18 candidates, representing every minor party. There
20 will be no Senate race in Florida this year. The CDD is in Congressional District 19,
21 so there will be election in this District.

22 State Senator Kathleen Passidomo’s seat will come up in two years, and the seat
23 held in House District 106 held by Bob Rommel had no opposition this year, so he
24 will not be on the ballot, nor will the County Sheriff, who had no opposition.

25 There will be a new Tax Collector next year, Rob Stoneburner, who has worked for
26 the present Tax Collector for several years, who endorsed Mr. Stoneburner to
27 replace him. He had no opposition. The Supervisor of Elections was also
28 unopposed, and secured her spot by garnering over 2,100 ballot petitions.

29 There will be no run off races for the Clerk of Courts or the Property Appraiser this

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5 year, as both of those will be settled in August at the primary. Mr. Carpenter
6 added that two years ago 51 percent of the votes as to the primary election were
7 mail ballots, and he expects to see that substantially higher this year, with
8 possibly two-thirds of the votes being cast by mail.

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10 The County Commission District 1 will be on the ballot, but the two School Board
11 seats are unopposed and won't be on the ballot. There is a race for the East
12 Naples Division of the Greater Naples Fire District, so that will appear on the
13 ballot. The Mosquito Control race will also be on the ballot. As the LCDD Board
14 knows, they were all unopposed.

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16 Judicial Retention will be seen on the ballot, as every six years the people
17 appointed by the Governor to the Florida Appellate and Supreme Courts have to
18 come up for judicial retention, which is a yes or no vote as to whether or not they
19 should remain a judge. Theoretically, if the majority of people vote not to retain
20 them in office, they would be out and the Governor would name a new judge.
21 All of the local judges are Circuit judges, and the two County judges were re-
22 elected without opposition.

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24 There will be six Constitutional Amendments on the November Ballot, two of
25 them from the Legislature regarding the Homestead Act, and the remaining four
26 were put on by various groups, the most notable being to raise the State
27 minimum wage to \$15 an hour in Florida. The vote for recreational marijuana did
28 not make it on the ballot this year, but Mr. Carpenter expects it to be on the
29 ballot in 2022.

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31 There will also be a referendum on the ballot put on by the County
32 Commissioners to restart the local option sales tax for Conservation Collier. Facts

1 for Conservation, but there is a question as to whether it will have a chance to
2 pass.

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7 Mr. Dorrill asked Mr. Carpenter if he had ever seen both a husband and wife
8 qualifying for separate seats on a CDD Board, which has happened in Pelican
9 Marsh. Mr. Carpenter has never seen that happen, and Mr. Pires indicated that
10 there are no opinions on this, but there was a comment about it from 1986 with
11 regard to the requirements of the Sunshine Law.

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13 Mrs. Edwards and Mr. Carpenter were thanked for their appearances at the
14 meeting today, and a short break was taken at 3:25 p.m.

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