



BAREFOOT BAY RECREATION DISTRICT

Board of Trustees Special Meeting
Golf Maintenance Workshop
Tuesday, November 15, 2022, 6pm
Building D & E

Meeting Called to Order

The Barefoot Bay Recreation District Board of Trustees held a Special Meeting on November 15, 2022, Building D/E 1225 Barefoot Boulevard, Barefoot Bay, Florida. Mr. Amoss called the meeting to order at 6pm.

Roll Call

Present: Chairman Amoss, Trustee Brinker, Trustee Loveland, and Trustee Grunow. Also present: Community Manager Kent Cichon, Ernie Cruz, Golf Operations Manager, and Cynthia Mihalick, Administrative Assistant to the District Clerk.

RFP Review

Mr. Cruz presented a Power Point presentation which provided an overview of current golf course conditions. He also explained how the issues currently facing the golf course would impact the future maintenance company. All three companies bidding on the contract have been shown the entire golf course and facilities.

Mr. Cruz stated that the pump station needs repair, which is estimated to cost \$220,000. Mr. Amoss asked if this also included the pumps. Mr. Cruz stated that the pumps are \$80,000, and \$220,000 would include replacing everything.

Mr. Amoss asked if aerating the water would be helpful. Mr. Cruz advised that pH levels are critical for the turf. If pH levels are not correct, any chemicals sprayed on the surface could render the chemical ineffective. A mandate needs to be in place to test the water prior to spraying.

Mr. Grunow asked if it was realistic to believe that any of the three proposed maintenance companies can bring the course back. Mr. Cruz advised that it is realistic, but the changes will take understanding and time. Soil samples have recently been taken and Mr. Cruz is waiting for the results. Once the results are back, an experienced superintendent can get a plan going.

Mr. Loveland asked how we are planning to hold the company that gets the contract accountable. Mr. Cruz advised that periodic reporting would be put in place, so we know that we are moving in the right direction. Mr. Cichon stated that the RFP proposal must include a requirement of the superintendent to regularly tour the course with the Golf Operations Manager. The superintendent's supervisor will also be required to come to the course at least quarterly to go on the tour with Mr. Cruz. This requirement is to ensure that any corrections are addressed immediately. The contract can be developed as a performance-based contract, which will be broken down with the components of the work. If a certain component is not accomplished, payment will be withheld. If this fails, we can involve our attorney or start a new RFP. The contract is for three years instead of five years.

Mr. Loveland asked about the 41,000 rounds of golf which are causing significant wear to the greens and what our plans are for in-house protocol. Mr. Cruz said the blue signs for handicap parking are going back out, and action will be taken if members violate the rules.



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Mr. Cruz mentioned that the current maintenance company has acknowledged their mistakes and there is a plan in place to fix the softball field and level #13 green.

Mr. Grunow suggested rewarding the new maintenance company with a bonus for good work. Mr. Loveland felt that the vendor should be doing their best if they have been awarded the contract and shouldn't need motivation with a bonus.

Mr. Cruz stated that he sincerely appreciates the support of the trustees. However, some of the issues did come about because trustees went directly to the superintendent. All issues with the management company should go directly to Mr. Cruz.

Meeting adjourned at 7:06 pm.

Hurrol Brinker, Secretary