



BAREFOOT BAY RECREATION DISTRICT

**Board of Trustees Special Meeting
Interview of General Counsel Candidates
November 23, 2021
4PM- Building D&E**

Welcome

The Barefoot Bay Recreation District Board of Trustees held a Special Meeting on November 23, 2021, Building D/E 1225 Barefoot Boulevard, Barefoot Bay, Florida. Mr. Maino called the meeting to order at 4PM.

Roll Call

Present: Mr. Maino, Mr. Grunow, Mr. Nugent, Mr. Amoss, Mr. Morrissey. Also, present, John W. Coffey, ICMA-CM, Community Manager, Stephanie Brown, District Clerk and Mackenzie Leiva, Management Analyst.

Candidate Interview

BOT interviewed candidate Paul Gougelman of Weiss Serota Helfman Cole & Bierma, P.L

Discussion of the BOT

Mr. Grunow spoke in favor of Mr. Gougelman being capable of doing the job, the caution that he takes regarding the FL Public Records Statute and the importance of BBRD's relationship with Brevard County. He also voiced his concern about his transactional experience. Mr. Maino agreed with Mr. Grunow and stated that Mr. Gougelman was a great communicator, has extensive experience and he spoke in favor of his interpretation of the relationship between General Counsel and the BOT, as well as how Special District organizations work. Mr. Maino voiced his concern about Mr. Gougelman's litigation experience and understanding the volume of DOR cases that BBRD has. Mr. Morrissey stated that Mr. Gougelman was very knowledgeable, but was concerned about his litigation experience. Mr. Amoss agreed with the other trustees in regard to Mr. Gougelman's litigation experience and his lack of understanding the amount of DOR cases. Mr. Amoss also stated that Mr. Gougelman did not elaborate on how he can be helpful to BBRD. Mr. Nugent voiced that he was not as concerned about Mr. Gougelman's litigation experience.

Break

Mr. Maino called for a recess at 5:21pm.

Second Candidate Interview

BOT interviewed candidate Brett Miller of Beaubien, Simmons, Knight, Mantazaris & Neal, LLP (DSK).

Discussion of the BOT

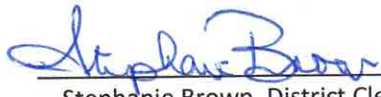
Mr. Morrissey was impressed with Mr. Miller's eagerness to do the job, but voiced his concern that he does not have experience with Special Districts. Mr. Nugent spoke in favor of Mr. Miller's litigation experience but voiced his concern that he does not have any understanding of BBRD operations. Mr. Nugent did not speak in favor of Mr. Miller's interview. Mr. Maino agreed with Mr. Nugent. He also voiced his concern that Mr. Miller does not have any knowledge of DOR or Special Districts, but spoke in favor of Mr. Miller's effective communication interview answer. Mr. Amoss was not in favor of Mr. Miller's interview answer regarding actions that would be taken if board members are not willing to compromise. He spoke in favor of Mr. Miller's litigation experience, but voiced his concern of his lack of municipality experience. Mr. Nugent asked which attorney Mr. Coffey would be comfortable working with. Mr. Coffey responded that he could work well with either attorney, they both can do the job, it would be a matter of considering which attorney style would be a better fit.

Adjournment

Mr. Nugent made a motion to adjourn. Second by Mr. Amoss. Mr. Maino adjourned.

Meeting adjourned at 7PM


Jeff Grunow, Secretary


Stephanie Brown, District Clerk

If an individual decides to appeal any decision made by the Recreation District with respect to any matter considered at this meeting, a record of the proceedings will be required and the individual will need to ensure that a verbatim transcript of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is based (FS 286.0105). Such person must provide a method for recording the proceedings verbatim. Barefoot Bay Recreation District Regular Meeting