

# ACADEMY OF ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE BOARD MEETING MINUTES December 14, 2022

## 1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Michelle Leeper called to order the regular meeting of the **AES Board of Directors** at 2:30 pm on **Wednesday, December 14, 2022, at the Academy of Environmental Science Campus**. Present: Michelle Leeper, Chris Monrad, Pierre Santos, Michael Fiset, Drake Banks and Barry Widman. Michael Czerwinski and Angeliq Hickman present by zoom. Tom Gotterup arrived at 2:34pm. Michael Czerwinski left at 3:52 pm. Staff present: Nikki Rieck, Ernest Hopper and Misty Lyons, Cynthia McKenna, Ciera Markey and Tracy Buettner

## 2. Moment of Silent Reflection

## 3. Pledge of Allegiance

## 4. Introduction of Visitors and Guests – Mr. Darrick Buettner, Director of Area Schools and Secondary Education for Citrus County School District.

## 5. Approval of Agenda

**Motion** by Pierre Santos to accept the agenda; **seconded** by Chris Monrad. **Motion Carried**

## 6. Approval of November 9, 2022, Meeting Minutes

Tabled till January 11, 2023 meeting.

## 7. Citizen Comments – Mr. Buettner attended as a representative for the Citrus County School District. Discussion on the status of AES, repairs and ways he can support communication between the AES Board of Directors and Citrus County School Board.

## 8. Officer's Reports

a. **Vice-Chairman** - none

b. **Treasurer's Report**—Pierre Santos presented the treasurers report. **Motion** by Chris Monrad to **accept the treasurers report with thanks; seconded** by Tom Gotterup. **Motion Carried.**

c. **Secretary's Report** – no report

## 9. Principal's Report

Mr. Hopper provided the board with an update. Mr. Lambert, AES Teacher of the Year and Mrs. Rieck, AES School Related Employee of the Year were celebrated at the Citrus County Education Foundation Galaxy of the Stars event on December 5, 2022. Fast Testing is on December 13, 2022. Finals and End of Term Exams will be December 19 -22, 2022. Christmas Break is from December 23, 2022 to January 8, 2023. Mahaela Sleeper was selected as a National Youth Delegate to the 2023 Washington Youth Summit on the Environment at George Mason University.

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### **10. New Business –**

Mr. Hopper distributed a document outlining the updated phases of construction. The elevator shaft repairs have exceeded the original budgeted amount. **Motion** by Tom Gotterup **to pull the necessary funding from the Capital/General Funds to finish the elevator shaft repairs.** Pierre Santos **seconded.** **Motion Carried.**

Phase 2 of the repairs will need to be completed by Summer of 2023. To prepare for this, funding of approximately \$350, 000 must be in place by February 1, 2023. Discussion on how to raise these funds. No alternative location for the school is in place if funding cannot be arranged.

Michael Czerwinski will work on submitting a legislative request.

**Motion** by Michelle Leeper **to send public outreach letter to community members, AES families, and alumni through all available media avenues. All board members to approach a minimum of five contacts to request assistance by the January 11, 2023 board meeting.** Pierre Santos **seconded.**  
**Motion carried.**

### **11. Old Business**

#### a. Facility Maintenance /Capital Improvement

1. Coastal Resiliency – No Updates
2. Status of repairs – still awaiting parts to finish elevator shaft (see new business)
3. Septic to sewer – still awaiting permitting
4. Plan for next year’s repairs – see new business
5. Boat Auction – Discussion on details of reserve amount.

### **12. Committee Reports**

Fundraising Committee – \$1000 Deposit has been made to The Plantation on Crystal River to save the Date of 4/22/23. DJ John DiOrio is booked for the event. Committee is looking at different avenues for ticket sales.

### **13. Board of Director’s Reports/Comments- None**

**14. Staff Reports/Comments** – Mrs. Rieck distributed the 2023-2024 citrus school district calendar that was approved December 13, 2022. Ms. Markey informed the Board that we have 20 students that will move on to the Regional Science Fair in February 2023.

### **15. Calendar/Upcoming Event**

- December 21 -22, 2022 – Full Days due to Tropical Storm Closure
- December 23- January 8, 2023 – Christmas Break
- January 9, 2023 – Teacher Professional Development Day
- January 10, 2023 – Students return
- January 13, 2023 – AES Team Day
- February 7, 2023 – Regional Science Fair

### **16. Items for Next Regular Meeting Agenda**

- Coastal Resiliency
- Septic to sewer
- Facility maintenance/capital improvements
- Status of Repairs
- Boat Auction
- Public Outreach Campaign

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### **17. Time and Date of Next Meetings**

- Wednesday, December 28, 2022 at 2:30 pm – Special meeting
- Wednesday, January 11, 2023 at 2:30 pm

### **18. Adjournment**

**Motion** by Pierre Santos to **adjourn** the meeting at **4:55 p.m.**, **seconded** by Tom Gotterup. **Motion carried**