

ACADEMY OF ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE, INC.
CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA
Board of Directors Meeting
2:30 pm
April 12, 2023
Minutes

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, April 12, 2023, at the Academy of Environmental Science Campus.

Present: Angelique Hickman, Chris Monrad, Keith Pullias, Michael Czerwinski (arrived 2:38pm), Michael Fisette, Pierre Santos, Shaunda Burdette (left at 3:30pm with prior notice), Ted Davis, Tom Gotterup. Absent with prior notice Bonnie Saylor and Kevin Cunningham. Absent without prior notice Drake Banks

Staff present: Nikki Rieck, Ernest Hopper, Misty Lyons.

2. Moment of silent reflection

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Introduction of visitors and guests

Staci Bertrand - Government and Community Relations Manager Duke Energy, Annemarie Hooper - Government and Community Relations Liaison Duke Energy, Darrick Buettner, and Dr. Jill Adera

5. Approval of agenda

Motion made by Angelique Hickman to approve the agenda. Seconded by Pierre Santos.

Motion Carried.

6. Approval of Board Meeting minutes from March 8, 2023

Motion made by Angelique Hickman to approve the minutes. Seconded by Tom Gotterup. Motion carried.

7. Citizen Comments- none

8. Officers' Reports

a. Vice-Chairman

Special thank you to Nikki Rieck and Misty Lyons for getting the new board members handbooks.

b. Treasurer-

Motion made by Pierre Santos to transfer \$161,697.05 from the internal account to the AES Special Capital Project Fund. Seconded by Tom Gotterup. Motion Carried.

Motion by Pierre Santos to nominate Keith Pullias for Treasurer pro tem until June 1, 2023, when Keith Pullias will resume full responsibility of the position of Treasurer. Seconded by Tom Gotterup. Motion Carried

Motion made by Michael Czerwinski to accept the Treasurer's report. Seconded by Ted David. Motion carried.

c. Secretary-none

9. Principal's Report

Mr. Hopper demonstrated the Wellness/Healthy Schools Team tracking tool.

The Sunbiz 501c3 is complete.

Mr. Hopper has been in contact with an elevator company that is trying to work out a solution to fix the elevator.

Motion by Michael Czerwinski to allow Mr. Hopper to level the bid and accept the lowest and most responsive for the current repairs. Seconded by Tom Gotterup. Motion carried.

10. New Business

- a. Nikki Rieck will run a 5-day advertisement for a board position to be filled.
- b. A check to AES was presented by Staci Bertrand and Annemarie Hopper from Duke Energy with thanks to Tom Gotterup for working with Duke Energy.

11. Old Business

- a. Facility maintenance/capital improvements
 - 1. Coastal Resiliency- none
 - 2. Status of Repairs- In progress
 - 3. Septic to sewer- In progress
 - 4. Plan for phase 3 repairs- Tabled until May
- b. Boat Auction- Ms. Brown will run it for sale on Facebook.
- c. Public Outreach Campaign- Duke Energy
- d. Discussion of proposal by Mike Hrabina- Mike Fisette will speak with him.

12. Committee Reports

It was suggested that the Rays tickets be placed in the Chronicle as a silent auction fundraiser since a new date for the Gala has been postponed. Mike Czerwinski will discuss it with the Rays.

13. Board of Directors' Reports/Comments

Motion by Pierre Santos to give \$500.00 from the internal general account to the AES Student Advisory Club. Seconded by Tom Gotterup. Motion carried.

The contract with the City of Crystal River ends in June. Motion by Pierre Santos to have a real estate attorney review the new lease with the City of Crystal River due to changes to the lease being made by the City of Crystal River. Seconded by Michael Czerwinski. Motion carried.

14. Staff Reports/Comments

Nikki Rieck stated that the thank you cards have gone out to donors and thanked Keith Pullias for having his office cover the postage. AES students filled volunteer hours at the fair. AES students filled volunteer hours for the Kings Bay Rotary "one bag at a time" event.

15. Calendar/Upcoming AES Events

April 19, 2023, is a half day.

May 1, 2023, School Principals' Day

May 2, 2023, FAST ELA

May 4, 2023, AP testing

May 8-12, 2023, Staff appreciation week

16. Items for Next Meeting Agenda

Ray's tickets silent auction

17. Time and Date of Next Meeting

May 10, 2023, at 2:30pm at AES - Regular Board Meeting

18. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Pierre Santos to adjourn. Seconded by Michael Czerwinski. Motion carried 4:48pm