**Citizen’s Budget Review Committee**

**Minutes**

**Thursday, June 22, 2023 at 3:00 pm**

**Atlantic Room, Building C, 3rd Floor**

**Government Center, 2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way, Viera**

# **Call to Order**

**The regular meeting of the Citizen’s Budget Review Committee was called to order at 3:00 pm on Thursday, June 22, 2023 at the Government Center, 2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way, Viera.**

# **Roll Call**

1. **Sign‐in sheet was circulated among the attendees.**
2. **Present:**
   1. **D2 – Stephen Burdett**
   2. **D3 – Kevin Gholston**
   3. **D4 – Peter Fusscas**
   4. **Virginia Barker – Director Natural Resources Management**
   5. **Amanda Elmore – Deputy Director Natural Resources Management**
   6. **Bach McClure – Stormwater Program Administrator**
   7. **Jill Hayes – Budget Office Director**
   8. **Jake Morris – Budget Office Management and Budget Analyst**
   9. **Boris Soudakoff – Budget Office Administrative Assistant**
3. **Absent:**
4. **D1 – Vacant (Vice-Chair)**
5. **D5 – Vacant**

# **Approval of minutes from last meeting.**

**Minutes approved from the previous meeting on February 23,2023.**

**Motion passed 3-0 with no specific comment.**

# **Open Issues**

1. **Natural Resources Management Presentation**

**A presentation was given to the Committee on the following projects:**

* **Environmental remediation and compliance**
* **Beaches, Boating and Waterways with highlights on the Federal shore protections, and the dredging of the canals**
* **The Save Our Indian River Lagoon program**
* **The Stormwater Program** 
  + **No increase in the Stormwater Assessment since 2014**
* **American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding** 
  + **Time constraints associated with obligating and expending these funds**
* **Difficulties in administering projects due to staffing and contractor availability**
* **Additional Grants received by the State of Florida**

**A copy of the presentation will be sent to the Committee Members.**

# **New Business**

**A. Open Discussion**

**Mr. Fusscas distributed copies of previous work product developed by the CBRC**

**Committee discussed employee turnover, recruitment, and retention efforts.**

**Recommendation that the County Commission should review current pay structures and how competitive the County is in matters of recruitment and retention – specifically in regards to positions with high turnover. Mr. Gholston to provide specific language for recommendation, which will then be sent to the Committee by the Budget Office for further discussion at the next meeting.**

**Consideration of a centralized financial system, and consolidation of accountants.**

**Request Human Resources to provide an update on recruitment and retention issues.**

**B. Next Meeting Date**

**The next meeting date has been approved as Thursday, September 28, 2023 at 3:00pm in the Florida Room.**

# **Public Comments**

* **N/A**

# **Adjournment**

**Meeting adjourned at 5:30pm**