



Interoffice Memorandum

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County Commissioners

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SUBJECT: July 11, 2023 – Consent Item
Resolution to Create and Establish the Lake Sue Advisory
Board

On March 11, 1980, the Board adopted a Resolution establishing the Lake Sue Municipal Service Taxing Unit (MSTU) for aquatic plant management and for the general improvement and enhancement of Lake Sue. The resolution also authorized the establishment of an advisory board to advise the Board on administration and operation of the MSTU. There are records of an advisory board representing Lake Sue in the 1990s, but no advisory board exists today, and it is not clear from existing records when it was disbanded.

In 1983, Resolution 83-M-42 set the initial millage rate for the Lake Sue MSTU at 1.2848. In 1999, the millage rate was set at zero. The Environmental Protection Division (EPD) was able to continue to provide aquatic plant management and street sweeping services using funding that had previously accumulated in the MSTU prior to the millage rate being set to zero. However, the MSTU balance is now so low that these services cannot be continued unless the millage rate is reinstated.

A Lake Sue community meeting was held on March 21, 2023 to discuss reinstating the MSTU millage rate and 10 property owners representing seven out of the 22 properties within the MSTU attended. The general consensus of the attendees was that continuation of aquatic plant management services and street sweeping should continue and the majority of those present were in favor of reinstatement of the millage at a rate of 1.25, which should be sufficient to continue those services. Since a majority of the MSTU participants were not in attendance at the meeting, a request was made to send out an informal ballot to solicit a response either in favor of or opposed to a 1.25 millage rate reinstatement. EPD mailed the informal ballots to the 22 households. A total of 17 property owners (77% of the owners) responded, with 11 responding "Yes" and six replying "No." Five households did not respond. A total of 65% of the respondents voted in favor of

of reinstating the MSTU millage at a rate of 1.25 mills and 35% of the respondents were opposed. Based on the informal ballot results, the District 5 Commissioner indicated that she was in favor of moving forward with reestablishing the millage rate at 1.25 mills for fiscal year (FY) 2024.

During the community meeting and afterwards, multiple residents expressed an interest in reestablishing a lake advisory board in order to provide for MSTU residents' advice to the Board on administration and operation of the MSTU. Several residents indicated they would only support reestablishment of the MSTU millage rate if a lake advisory board was established prior to the County's FY 2024 budget hearings to ensure that they have a voice to recommend how the funds should be administered. Therefore, EPD recommends that the Board approve a Resolution in order to create an advisory board and to state the composition of the Lake Sue Advisory Board. The original Resolution establishing the MSTU stipulated that the Board may appoint a three-member advisory board. The duties of the Lake Sue Advisory Board will be to advise the Board as to the administration and operation of the Lake Sue MSTU. Once the advisory board is established, EPD Lake Management Program staff will provide administrative and technical support.

ACTION REQUESTED: Approval and execution of Resolution of the Orange County Board of County Commissioners regarding Creating the Lake Sue Advisory Board to Advise the Board of County Commissioners in the Administration and Operation of the Lake Sue Municipal Service Taxing Unit. District 5

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Attachment