Baycrest Park Special Dependent Tax District

Minutes of August 10, 2026, Regular Meeting

The Bay Crest Park Special Dependent District will conduct its 2026 regular monthly meetings at the Town N' Country Regional Public Library, 7606 Paula Dr. Tampa, FL beginning at 7:10pm. These regular monthly meetings will be held on the second Monday of each month. All meetings are open to the public.

In attendance were the following trustees: Dan Cope (President), Michelle Burnside (Treasurer), Winston Starr (Vice-President), Joe Bonafide (Trustee), Jan Poulis (Trustee), and Molly Finn Johnson (Trustee). This consisted of a quorum (5 of 7

President Cope called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm, and read the July minutes. President Cope a MOTION to approve, Trustee Poulis seconded. The MOTION was approved unanimously (6-0).

Treasurer Burnside read the Treasurer's Report for July 2026. The district started with $104,525.00 and ended with $101,293.42.

President Cope made a MOTION to accept the June 2026 treasurer's report, Trustee Finn Johnson seconded. The MOTION was approved unanimously (6-0).

The meeting focused on securing $325,000 in dredging funds and resolving a long-standing debate over mandatory insurance requirements.

Administrative & Financial Updates

• Secretary Vacancy: Jonathan is resigning to pursue a doctoral program. The board is actively seeking a new Secretary. In the interim, the board approved using AI transcription for meeting minutes, despite some internal friction regarding the 72-hour turnaround mandate

• Reimbursements: Approved reimbursements for a Chromebook charger (Michelle Burnside) and the Pocket transcription device (Dan).

Infrastructure & Maintenance

• Dredging Project: Commissioner Cullen confirmed $325,000 in available funding. The board will solicit at least three bids for the project, targeting high-sediment areas between New and Old Baycrest.

• Landscape Maintenance: The board tabled the Hillsborough County maintenance agreement for Memorial Avenue. Concerns remain regarding the vendor's (Swanson) lack of workers' compensation and the potential costs if the county decides to widen the road and requires the removal of district-funded landscaping.

• Handyman Services: The board is seeking 3-4 reliable handymen for small jobs, such as sign repairs and irrigation maintenance, to ensure consistent response times.

Liability & Insurance Strategy

The board debated the necessity of their $3,900 annual liability policy. Some members questioned if the district, as a county entity, is already covered or carries limited liability under state law.

Is liability insurance legally required for the district?

Consult Mary Mahoney (County contact).

• Yes => renewPolicy

• No => cancelPolicy

Open budget to $5,500 to cover increased premiums for FY27 since the insurance carrier increased cost. President Cope made a MOTION to accept the increase for FY27, Trustee Poulis seconded. The MOTION was approved unanimously (6-0).

After consultation for insurance option for FY28 we will determine the following in the next meeting in September:

renewPolicy: Open budget to $5,500 to cover increased premiums.

cancelPolicy::Cease Coverage

Reallocate funds to maintenance or reserves.

Operational Directives

• Irrigation Test: The board will turn off water at the entrances during the rainy season to determine if the $600 monthly bills are due to faulty metering or actual usage.

• Referendum Clarification: President Cope will follow up with the county to confirm if resident notification is required now that the tax cap has been raised, even though the current assessment remains unchanged.

• Boat Ramp Security: A "Close the Gate" sign will be remounted to address security concerns.

President Cope made a MOTION to end the meeting at 7:50 pm. Trustee Poulis seconded. The MOTION was approved unanimously (6-0).

Dan Cope *Michelle Burnside*

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President Cope Treasurer Burnside