

**SPECIAL JOINT WORKSHOP MINUTES
LAKEWOOD RANCH
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS 1, 2, 4, 5, & 6**

The Special Joint Workshop Minutes of the Boards of Supervisors of the Lakewood Ranch Community Development Districts 1, 2, 4, 5, & 6 was held on Tuesday, June 30th, 2026 at 6:00 PM at the Lakewood Ranch Town Hall, 8175 Lakewood Ranch Boulevard, Lakewood Ranch, FL 34202 and conducted by the following means of Communications Media Technology (CMT): Zoom Video Communications, Inc.

Call to Order, Roll Call for IDA and CDDs 1, 2, 4, 5, and 6

Mr. Zielinski called the Special Joint Workshop to order at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Poulin then called the roll.

Present for roll call were:

CDD1: Alan Roth, Robert Swiatek, Vincenzo Russo

CDD2: Peter Bokach, Thomas Green, Arthur Taber

CDD4: Michael Griffin, Keith Davey, Nancy Johnson

CDD5: Martin Cohn, Bron Scherer (via CMT), Michael Miller

CDD6: Sandra Keenan, Susan Ellis, James Kunert

Andrew Cohen, District Counsel

Steve Zielinski, Executive Director

Nicholas Poulin, District Clerk

There were five audience members in attendance.

Supplementals

Mr. Zielinski submitted the questions received from the district supervisors for the commissioner to review later during the workshop.

New Business

A. Discussion of Lakewood Ranch Issues/Concerns with Manatee County District 5 Commissioner Dr. Robert “Bob” McCann

- i. CDD1 Questions
- ii. CDD2 Questions
- iii. CDD4 Questions
- iv. CDD5 Questions

v. CDD6 Questions

Mr. Zielinski then led the board and Commissioner McCann through the series of questions that were raised by the board members from each of the districts included in the supplemental provided earlier during the workshop.

Mr. Zielinski noted that several of the boards asked about the resurfacing of Lorraine Road between University Parkway and State Road 70 and about intersection improvements near Nature's Way, Market Street and Vision Drive.

Commissioner McCann noted that the roadway improvements being funded in Lakewood Ranch were largely tied to the upcoming roundabout in collaboration with Schroeder-Manatee Ranch (SMR) at the intersection of University Parkway, Legacy Boulevard, and Deer Drive. He then led the board through a detailed overview of the county's budget and availability of potential funds.

Mr. Roth asked about the proposed ice-skating rink coming to the Lakewood Ranch area located at Premier Sports Campus North. He expressed his concerns regarding the lack of resident input and the increased traffic that the ice rink would bring to the area.

Commissioner McCann noted that the project was already underway with the county but that he would advocate against proceeding with its construction since there were other local options available in the area. Mr. Roth and the district board members thanked the Commissioner for his participation in having Lakewood Ranch Boulevard fully repaved recently and noted the significant improvements.

Mr. Davey noted that there were several inconsistencies with the road traffic patterns and the timing of the traffic signalizations across the community. Commissioner McCann agreed and explained the safety concerns that accompanied the inconsistent traffic patterns.

Mr. Cohn asked about the county hiring the district utilizing the Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement (SMAA) to cover the recovery costs of the hurricanes from the past couple of years. Commissioner McCann agreed with the proposed arrangement and recommended that staff communicate with the county to initiate that process so that the districts are eligible to receive hurricane recovery-related reimbursements.

Commissioner McCann referenced concerns regarding the usage of electronic bicycles throughout the community and the dangers posed by individuals not following the traffic patterns. He stated that he wanted to define areas of usage and generate better enforcement of the traffic patterns when e-bikes are being used.

Commissioner McCann then discussed the proposed property tax referendum, which would increase homestead exemptions up to \$250,000 by 2028 and could cost Manatee County over \$149 million in annual revenue. He emphasized his thoughts regarding the

high costs of property taxes in the county as an area that needed to be addressed. He provided an overview of the county's staffing procedures and his recommendations moving forward. Hearing no further comments, the next item followed.

Audience Comments (All speakers will be limited to two (2) minutes)

Following the discussion by the board and Commissioner McCann, Mr. Zielinski invited audience members to share their comments.

Audience member, Mr. John Wilke, a member of the Lakewood Ranch Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), asked about the possibility of installing a noise barrier wall along University Parkway. Commissioner McCann noted that the possibility was something that could be explored through a public-private partnership.

Hearing no further comments, the next item followed.

Adjournment

Commissioner McCann thanked the districts for having him and hosting the workshop. Mr. Zielinski thanked the Commissioner for his attendance, the district boards and audience for their participation. He adjourned the special workshop at 7:37 p.m.