

The Lakes POA

Board Meeting Minutes

March 16, 2026

Directors in attendance – GG, Doug, Larry, Valerie, Frank, Art, and Stan

The board recognized that the meeting was posted and we voted to adopt the agenda.

There was a brief update on items that were discussed in the Executive Session.

The meeting's primary purpose was to obtain a board vote on signing the 2026 Landscaping contract. The 2025 Landscaping Contract will expire on 3/31/2026. Amazing Blades currently has the contract. RFP's were sent to three commercial landscaping companies. Amazing Blades gave us a proposal for the same price as the contract that is expiring, \$55,380.00. United Land Service's proposal was \$118,956.00. US Lawns' proposal was for \$122,000.00. Both United Land Service had a lot of extra's added into their proposals that we cannot afford this year. Even when we adjusted their proposals to the basic services that Amazing Blades provides, they were both going to be over \$80,000.00 per year. Once again, we cannot afford that this year.

After a motion from Doug, with Art seconding the motion, the board voted unanimously to accept Amazing Blades' proposal.

Also discussed during the executive session was deciding on hiring an attorney. The board received a proposal from Myrtle Beach attorney Reese Boyd. Mr. Boyd's retainer will be \$2,500.00 per year. He will bill us for his services by drawing out of that \$2,500.00. He has no conflicts with the local management companies. Frank raised a concern that he might have a conflict because he represented GG in her filing against the board over the 2023 election. He and GG will sign no-conflict agreements stating that all of the proceedings for that 2023 election action have been finalized.

After a motion from Doug, with Art seconding the motion, the board voted 6-0 to hire him. Frank abstained. We will move forward with hiring him as soon as the no-conflict agreements have been signed.

There was a discussion on the project that the board is moving on. We are establishing a 'cloud' presence that will evolve into a record repository and POA website, among other things. This will be covered more in the next Board Meeting and at the Spring Members' meeting.

The board discussed the establishment of a new Facebook presence and the need to have it administrated by the board as an “official” communication tool. The new site is called The Lakes Property Owners Association. It is a private account, and proof that you own property in The Lakes will be needed to join. Valerie has been instrumental in setting this account up.

After homeowner questions, Larry made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Doug seconded the motion and the board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.