

ROTONDA WEST ASSOCIATION, INC.
646 Rotonda Circle, Rotonda West, FL 33947

**Board of Directors Meeting/Workshop Budget
Development**

Thursday, August 13, 2026 – 11:00 PM

MINUTES

PRESENT: Sam Besase, Gwen Grace, Karen Harvey, Deb Orchard, Andy Van Scyoc, Chair
David Kelly (Zoom)

ABSENT: Peter Traverso

Budget Development Committee: Leo Van Orden (Chair), Daryl Bulle, Colleen Koppenhaver (Zoom)

Management: Derrick Hedges, RWA Manager

Members: Annette Casteel, Denise Huffman, Amanda Stuever
Hank Killion via Zoom

President Van Scyoc called the meeting to order at 11:00 AM. The meeting was properly noticed, and a quorum was present.

President's Update: Andy Van Scyoc

President Van Scyoc opened the joint Board of Directors and Budget Development Committee meeting and asked Leo Van Orden to begin the discussion.

Leo Van Orden thanked committee members Sam Besase, Daryl Bulle, Leo Van Orden, and Colleen Koppenhaver for their input during the past several meetings. He also thanked Derrick for his input and Jenny for cleaning up and organizing the spreadsheet into a more usable format. He explained that the budget would list income on one side and expenses on the other. The committee began with the premise that it would maintain the current annual dues level. Chair Van Orden then read the proposed 2027 budget.

Director Harvey asked what the Contributions category, up to \$2,000, included and whether the year-to-date amount was only about half of the proposed 2027 budget. Manager Hedges explained that many designated contributions come from items sold by RWA, such as T-shirts, hats, bumper stickers, books, and signs, along with occasional cash donations. He added that some members contribute funds when RWA assists with tree removal. Maureen Koppenhaver asked whether the current budget figures covered January through July, and Mr. Van Orden confirmed they represented seven months of year-to-date activity. Director Harvey also asked about other income streams. Manager Hedges said much of that income comes from surplus funds generated when RWA processes tax deeds, with three more expected by year-end.

Chair Van Orden reviewed the budget expenses and noted that the largest increases were employee wages, benefits, and insurance, which together account for about \$100,000 in additional expense. This includes one new employee going forward. He noted that many employees do not use employee insurance, and only a small group participates. President Van Scyoc asked whether utilities would increase because the office building had doubled in size. He also asked about canal bank mowing, which is expected to decrease substantially due to the purchase of equipment and the loss of the vendor. Mr. Van Orden said the new electrical equipment should keep costs about the same. Mr. Hedges added that better numbers would be available over time, but he expects canal bank mowing to come in under budget. Director Harvey noted that insurance had increased, and Mr. Hedges explained that updated appraisals were required, which caused the increase.

- Director Besase moved to approve the 2027 budget as presented by the Budget Development Committee. Director Harvey seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

The Board thanked the committee and Jenny for their hard work. President Van Scyoc then adjourned the meeting.

RESPONSE TO MEMBER INPUT

DIRECTOR INPUT

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 11:24 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Huffman, Minutes Clerk

Attachments: Agenda, Minutes, Reports