

AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: April 2, 2025

SUBJECT: Board determination whether to conduct a hearing in response to complaint by

Daniel Jones against Forest View Special Road District

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Following review of the Special Road District response, staff recommends that the Board of Commissioners NOT convene a hearing. The issues asserted by Mr. Jones have been adequately addressed by the District, and there is no evidence to support any of the following criteria identified in the SRD Protocol: (a) change in elector status; (b) missing Board meeting; (c) self-dealing; (d) ineptitude; (e) misappropriation of funds; (f) conduct which exposes the district to unreasonable risk of liability; or (g) disruptive behavior at Board meetings.

If the Board is in agreement with staff's recommendation, staff suggests the following Motion:

Motion to deny convening a hearing for the January 27, 2025 complaint filed against the Forest View Special Road District.

BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

County staff received a complaint filed by Mr. Daniel Jones on January 27, 2025. A copy of the complaint is attached. The complaint was forwarded to the Forest View Special Road District Board for a response. A timely response was received from the District Board on February 24, 2025, a copy of which is also attached.

The very limited role of the County with regard to special road districts is to appoint board members, and when supported by the evidence, conduct hearings to consider the removal of an appointed board member. Grounds for removal of an appointed board member are limited to one or more of the following: (a) change in elector status; (b) missing Board meeting; (c) self-dealing; (d) ineptitude; (e) misappropriation of funds; (f) conduct which exposes the district to unreasonable risk of liability; or (g) disruptive behavior at Board meetings.

Second-guessing the operational decisions made by a special road district board is not within the purview of the County. Staff reviewed Mr. Jones' complaint and the response from the Forest View Special Road District. The Board adequately addressed the issues raised by Mr. Jones, and there is no evidence to support the need for a hearing on any of the above-listed enumerated grounds.

BUDGET IMPACTS:

None

ATTENDANCE:

Mr. Jones Forest View Special Road District County Legal