

Greater Lakes/Sawgrass Bay Community Development District

Board of Supervisors
Meeting
April 17, 2024

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GREATER LAKES SAWGRASS BAY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Cagan Crossings County Library, at 16729 Cagan Oaks, Clermont, Florida 34714 www.glsbcdd.org

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Gary Hayward Assistant Secretary
Deborah Swansiger Assistant Secretary

District Manager Brian Mendes Rizzetta & Company, Inc.

District Counsel Tina Garcia Greenspoon Marder Law

District Engineer Rey Malave Dewberry Engineering

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Board of Supervisors April 10, 2024 **Greater Lakes/Sawgrass Bay Community Development District FINAL AGENDA Dear Board Members:** The meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Greater Lakes/Sawgrass Bay Community Development District will be held on April 17, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. at the Cagan Crossings County Library, located at 16729 Cagan Oaks, Clermont, Florida 34714. 1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL 2. AUDIENCE COMMENTS 3. COMMUNITY UPDATES A. Down to Earth's Service Report Tab 1 4. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION A. Consideration of Minutes of Board of Supervisors' Regular Meeting held on February 21, 2024Tab 2 B. Ratification of the Operation and Maintenance Expenditures for February 2024Tab 3 5. BUSINESS ITEMS A. Consideration of FY 2024/2025 Proposed Budget (Under Separate Cover) B. Consideration of Resolution 2024-03, Approving FY 2024/2025 Proposed Budget & Setting Public Hearing.....Tab 4 C. Consideration of Tree Fush Cut ProposalTab 5 D. Consideration of Irrigation Mainline Proposal......Tab 6 E. Discussion of Meeting Space for June's Board Meeting F. Discussion of Wall Project 6. STAFF REPORTS A. District Counsel B. District Engineer C. District Manager 1. Website AuditTab 7 7. AUDIENCE COMMENTS AND SUPERVISOR REQUESTS 8. ADJOURNMENT

Yours Kindly,

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting. In the meantime, if you have any

questions, please do not hesitate to call us at (407) 472-2471.

District Manager

Brian Mendes



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MINUTES OF MEETING

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GREATER LAKES/SAWGRASS BAY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

The meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Greater Lakes/Sawgrass Bay Community Development District was held on **February 21**, **2024**, **at 11:01 a.m.** at the **Cagan Crossings County Library**, located at **16729 Cagan Oaks**, **Clermont**, **Florida 34714**.

Present and constituting a quorum were:

Jim Walker	Board Supervisor, Chairman
James Klinck	Board Supervisor, Vice Chairman
Christina Cruz Pagan	Board Supervisor, Assistant Secretary
Gary Hayward	Board Supervisor, Assistant Secretary
Deborah Swansiger	Board Supervisor, Assistant Secretary

Also present were:

Brian Mendes	District Manager, Rizzetta & Co., Inc.
Tina Garcia	District Counsel, Greenspoon Marder Law
	(via phone)
Chace Arrington	Dewberry, DE
	(via phone)
Shane Parrish	Down to Earth
Bismark Quiles	Account Manager, Down to Earth
Luis Acosta	Down to Earth
Jose Olmeda	Down to Earth
Jay	Express Wash

Audience Members Present

FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS Call to Order

Mr. Mendes called the meeting to order at 11:01 a.m. and conducted roll call.

45 SECOND ORDER OF BUSINESS **Audience Comments on the Agenda** 46 47 No audience comments. 48 49 THIRD ORDER OF BUSINESS Down to Earth's Service Report 50 51 Discussion opened by Mr. Mendes. 52 53 Mr. Mendes stated that the bushes in the front monument are still pending. 54 55 Mr. Mendes discussed the brown patch on Superior, and commented the area will be further 56 inspected. 57 58 Mr. Mendes inquired about why the Pinebark proposal is very high in price. 59 60 Mr. Quiles stated they will revise the bid to \$60-\$70 dollars per cubic yard. 61 62 Mr. Klinck inquired about flowers near the front monument. 63 **Consideration of Minutes of Board of** 64 FOURTH ORDER OF BUSINESS 65 Supervisors' Regular Meeting held on 66 November 15, 2023 67 68 Mr. Mendes presented the meeting minutes from the Board of Supervisors meeting held on 69 November 15, 2023 and asked if any changes were requested. There were none. 70 On a motion by Mr. Klinck, seconded by Mr. Walker, with all in favor, the Board approved the minutes of the regular Board of Supervisors' meeting held on November 15, 2023, for Greater Lakes/Sawgrass Bay Community Development District. 71 72 FIFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS Ratification of the Operation and 73 **Maintenance Expenditures for** 74 October, November, December 2023 & 75 January 2024 76 77 Mr. Mendes presented the expenditures to the Board of Supervisors and asked if there were any 78 questions. 79 80 The board inquired about the irrigation leaks and the costs associated on the water bill because of the leaks. 81 82 83 Mr. Walker inquired about the annual budget for water. 84

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Mr. Mendes responded to the inquiry.

Mr. Walker commented on keeping an eye on the water usage. The board requested district staff review the irrigation contract and what's included. On a motion by Mr. Walker, seconded by Ms. Pagan, with all in favor, the Board ratified the operation & maintenance expenditures for October 2023 (\$27.161.19), November 2023 (\$19,240.38), December 2023 (\$8,805.55), and January 2024 (\$24,807.48), for Greater Lakes/Sawgrass Bay Community Development District. SIXTH ORDER OF BUSINESS Consideration of Resolution 2024-02, **Conducting the General Election** Mr. Mendes presented Resolution 2024-02 to the Board of Supervisors and asked if there were any questions. Ms. Garcia commented on the resolution. On a motion by Mr. Klinck, seconded by Mr. Walker, with all in favor, the Board adopted Resolution 2024-02, Conducting the General Election, for Greater Lakes/Sawgrass Bay Community Development District. SEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS **Consideration of Stone Monument Repair Proposal** Mr. Mendes presented the proposal to the Board of Supervisors and asked if there were any questions. Mr. Mendes stated he will work with District Counsel on the agreement. On a motion by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Klinck, with all in favor, the Board approved the proposal for the stone monument repair, for Greater Lakes/Sawgrass Bay Community Development District. **EIGHTH ORDER OF BUSINESS Consideration of Monument Light Replacement Proposal** Mr. Mendes presented the proposal to the Board of Supervisors and asked if there were any questions. Mr. Klinck inquired about insurance coverage regarding this proposal.

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	d by Ms. Pagan, with all in favor, the Board ment light replacement, for Greater Lakes/Sawgrass ct.
NINTH ORDER OF BUSINESS	Consideration of Irrigation Mainline R Proposal
Mr. Mendes presented the proposal to questions.	o the Board of Supervisors and asked if there were
Mr. Parrish presented irrigation issues mainline.	s to board and discussed the problems with the
Mr. Klinck inquired on the irrigation in	front of the monument.
Mr. Parrish responded to the inquiry.	
The board requested both bids for the	irrigation repairs and only one was presented.
Mr. Parrish stated that the board shou	ıld consider irrigation on Bahaia.
It is stated that there are two mainline	bids for the backside of the Sawgrass Bay.
	d by Mr. Walker, with all in favor, the Board repairs not to exceed \$13,000, for Greater evelopment District.
TENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS	Ratification of Christmas Decoration Storage Fees
Mr. Mendes presented the proposal to questions. There were none.	the Board of Supervisors and asked if there were

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151 ELEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS Consideration of Pressure Wa Repairs for Sawgrass Bay Blv				
Express Wash presented the proposal to the Board of Supervisors and asked if the any questions.				
156 157 158	Express Wash's proposal totaled to \$1,675 to preserve the integrity of the fence.	per side of the fence and suggested a soft wash		
159 160	Mr. Mendes inquired about chemicals poter	ntially damaging the landscape area.		
161162	Mr. Klinck inquired if cap replacements are	included in the bid.		
163 164	Express Wash stated no.			
165 166	Mr. Mendes presented Stanley's proposal t	o the board.		
167 168	Discussion regarding both proposals ensue	d amongst the board.		
169 170 171	The board requested to table this item for n	ext meeting.		
172	On a motion by Mr. Klinck, seconded by Mapproved pressure wash bid not to exceed manager to work with the Supervisor Wall Lakes/Sawgrass Bay Community Develop	d the amount of \$2,000 and for the district er on the final decision, for Greater		
173	TWELFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS	Staff Reports		
174 175	A. District Counsel			
176 177	Mr. Mendes opened the discussion among	st the board.		
178 179 180	Ms. Garcia stated that she has no commen	ts.		
181 182	Mr. Walker inquired about the four ethics tra	aining.		
183 184	Ms. Garcia requested the board to forward	email.		
185 186 187	Ms. Garcia stated that counsel will prepare hour ethics training.	an explanatory email with information on four-		
187 188 189	Mr. Walker inquired about the new Form 1	financial disclosure requirements.		
190	Ms. Garcia stated that an email with this inf	ormation will be sent out as well.		

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192	Mr. Klinck inquired about Rizzetta's merger	with First Service and inquired about conflict of
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195	Mr. Walker inquired on the merger.	
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197	Mr. Mendes responded to Supervisor Klinck	that the First Service merger will not be a
198	conflict.	G
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200	Mr. Mendes responded to Supervisor Walke	r's inquiry.
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204	Mr. Arrington briefed the Board of Superviso	rs and stated that he has a meeting next
205	Thursday regarding Phase 2 and 3.	J
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207	Mr. Walker inquired about the settlement.	
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209	Ms. Garcia stated that she will sidebar with t	he District Manager on this matter.
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211	Mr. Mendes will work with the District Engine	eer on this matter.
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213	Mr. Walker commented that he wants to revi	ew the district staff list and remove people that
214	are no longer part of the staff anymore.	
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216	Mr. Klinck inquired about paying the litigation	n costs through the reserve construction fund.
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218	The board requested a deeper dive into Sup	ervisor Klinck's inquiry.
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220	Mr. Mendes stated that he will follow up with	the board on this.
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222	C. District Manager	
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224	Mr. Mendes stated to the Board of Supervisor	ors that the builder denied the Board's request to
225	remove the sale sign.	
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227	THIRTEENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS	Supervisor Requests & Audience
228		Comments
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230	AUDIENCE COMMENTS	
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232	No comments.	
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235 236	SUPERVISORS	
237	No comments.	
238 239 240	FOURTEENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS	Adjournment
	On a Motion by Mr. Walker, seconded by Madjourned the meeting at 12:18 p.m., for Gr Development District.	
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Operation and Maintenance Expenditures February 2024 For Board Approval

Attached please find the check register listing the Operation and Maintenance expenditures paid from February 1, 2024 through February 29, 2024. This does not include expenditures previously approved by the Board.

\$13.838.43

Approval	of Expenditures:		
	Chairperson		
	Vice Chairperson		
	Assistant Secretary		

The total items being presented:

Greater Lakes/Sawgrass Community Development District

Paid Operation & Maintenance Expenditures

February 1, 2024 Through February 29, 2024

Vendor Name	Check Number	Invoice Number	Invoice Description	<u> In</u>	voice Amount
Christina Pagan	100075	CP022124	Board of Supervisors Meeting 02/21/24	\$	200.00
Dewberry Engineers, Inc.	100074	2397653	Engineering Services 01/24	\$	110.00
James W Klinck	100076	JK022124	Board of Supervisors Meeting 02/21/24	\$	200.00
James Walker	100077	JW022124	Board of Supervisors Meeting 02/21/24	\$	200.00
Rizzetta & Company, Inc.	100070	INV0000087064	District Management Fees 02/24	\$	3,514.17
SECO Energy	Autopay	4000054700 01/24 Autopay	Electric Services 01/24	\$	2,097.87
SECO Energy	Autopay	4000271302 01/24 Autopay	Electric Services 01/24	\$	44.00
SECO Energy	Autopay	4000419601 01/24 Autopay	Electric Services 01/24	\$	40.00
SSS Down To Earth Opco, LLC	100071	INV181794	Landscape Maintenance 02/24	\$	5,922.50
Sunshine Water Services	Autopay	8089510000 01/24 Autopay	Water Services 01/24	\$	759.89
Windom Solutions, Inc.	100073	SB113	Christmas Decorations-Storage Fees 02/24	\$	400.00
Windom Solutions, Inc.	100073	SB114	Remove Monument Wall Letters-All Entrances 02/24	<u>\$</u>	350.00
Report Total				<u>\$</u>	13,838.43

RESOLUTION 2024-03

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE GREATER LAKES SAWGRASS BAY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT APPROVING A PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024/2025 AND SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING THEREON PURSUANT TO FLORIDA LAW; ADDRESSING TRANSMITTAL, POSTING AND PUBLICATION REQUIREMENTS; ADDRESSING SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the District Manager has heretofore prepared and submitted to the Board of Supervisors ("Board") of the Greater Lakes Sawgrass Bay Community Development District ("District") prior to June 15, 2024, a proposed budget ("Proposed Budget") for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2024 and ending September 30, 2025 ("Fiscal Year 2024/2025"); and

WHEREAS, the Board has considered the Proposed Budget and desires to set the required public hearing thereon.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE GREATER LAKES SAWGRASS BAY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

- 1. **PROPOSED BUDGET APPROVED.** The Proposed Budget prepared by the District Manager for Fiscal Year 2024/2025 attached hereto as **Exhibit A** is hereby approved as the basis for conducting a public hearing to adopt said Proposed Budget.
- 2. **SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING.** A public hearing on said approved Proposed Budget is hereby declared and set for the following date, hour and location:

DATE:	, 2024
HOUR:	
LOCATION:	

- 3. **TRANSMITTAL OF PROPOSED BUDGET TO LOCAL GENERAL PURPOSE GOVERNMENT.** The District Manager is hereby directed to submit a copy of the Proposed Budget to Lake County at least 60 days prior to the hearing set above.
- 4. **POSTING OF PROPOSED BUDGET.** In accordance with Section 189.016, *Florida Statutes*, the District's Secretary is further directed to post the approved Proposed Budget on the District's website at least two days before the budget hearing date as set forth in Section 2 and shall remain on the website for at least 45 days.

- 5. **PUBLICATION OF NOTICE.** Notice of this public hearing shall be published in the manner prescribed in Florida law.
- 6. **SEVERABILITY.** The invalidity or unenforceability of any one or more provisions of this Resolution shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the remaining portions of this Resolution, or any part thereof.
 - 7. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 17th DAY OF APRIL, 2024.

ATTEST:	GREATER LAKES SAWGRASS BAY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
Secretary / Assistant Secretary	Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors
Exhibit A: Proposed Budget	



<u>Customer Address</u>

Rizzetta & Company Jenny Santiago 3434 Colwell Avenue, Suite 200 Tampa, Florida 33614-8390 jsantiago@rizzetta.com

Billing Address

Accounts Payable Rizzetta & Company 3434 Colwell Avenue, Suite 200 Tampa, FL 33614-8390 **Physical Job Address**

Estimate: #78596

Greater Lakes Sawgrass Bay CDD 16527 Centipede Street Clearmont, FL 34714

<u>Job</u>

Estimated Job Start Date

Proposed By
Bismark Quiles

Due Date

Palm Tree flush cut

March 22, 2024

	Estimate Details			
Description of Services & Materials	Unit	Quantity	Rate	Amount
Tree/Plant Installation				
Flush cut	Each	1	\$533.00	\$533.00
			Subtotal	\$533.00
			Job Total	\$533.00

Invoices are Due Upon Receipt. Down to Earth will provide all materials, labor and equipment needed to complete the following scope of work:

This proposal includes 1 flush cut and debris removal. The palm localization is on Superior Blvd across school.



Proposed By:		Agreed & Accepted By:	
Bismark Quiles	03/06/2024		
Down to Earth	Date	Rizzetta & Company	Date



Customer Address

Rizzetta & Company Jenny Santiago 3434 Colwell Avenue, Suite 200 Tampa, Florida 33614-8390 jsantiago@rizzetta.com

Billing Address

Accounts Payable Rizzetta & Company 3434 Colwell Avenue, Suite 200 Tampa, FL 33614-8390

Physical Job Address

Estimate: #81580

Greater Lakes Sawgrass Bay CDD 16527 Centipede Street Clearmont, FL 34714

Job

Estimated Job Start Date

Proposed By

Due Date

Mainline at Sawgrass and Superior

April 30, 2024

Shane Parrish

Estimate Details				
Description of Services & Materials	Unit	Quantity	Rate	Amount
Irrigation Installation				
Irrigation Technician Labor (E)	Hours	10	\$75.00	\$750.00
4" CL200 PVC Non-Potable	Foot	20	\$12.83	\$256.53
4" Ductile Iron Coupler Harco	Each	2	\$233.23	\$466.45
			Subtotal	\$1,472.98
			Job Total	\$1,472,98

The following proposal is for repairing the mainline at the corner of Sawgrass Bay and Superior Blvd.

Proposed By:		Agreed & Accepted By:	
Shane Parrish	04/03/2024		
Down to Earth Landscape & Irrigation	Date	Rizzetta & Company Da	ate



Quarterly Compliance Audit Report

Greater Lakes/Sawgrass Bay

Date: March 2024 - 1st Quarter **Prepared for:** Scott Brizendine

Developer: Rizzetta **Insurance agency:**



Preparer:

Jason Morgan - Campus Suite Compliance

ADA Website Accessibility and Florida F.S. 189.069 Requirements



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Compliance Audit Overview

The Community Website Compliance Audit (CWCA) consists of a thorough assessment of Florida Community Development District (CDD) websites to assure that specified district information is available and fully accessible. Florida Statute Chapter 189.069 states that effective October, 2015, every CDD in the state is required to maintain a fully compliant website for reporting certain information and documents for public access.

The CWCA is a reporting system comprised of quarterly audits and an annual summary audit to meet full disclosure as required by Florida law. These audits are designed to assure that CDDs satisfy all compliance requirements stipulated in Chapter 189.069.

Compliance Criteria

The CWCA focuses on the two primary areas – website accessibility as defined by U.S. federal laws, and the 16-point criteria enumerated in <u>Florida Statute Chapter</u> 189.069.



ADA Website Accessibility

Several federal statutes (American Disabilities Act, Sec. 504 and 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973) require public institutions to ensure they are not discriminating against individuals on the basis of a person's disability. Community websites are required to conform to web content accessibility guidelines – WCAG 2.1, which is the international standard established to keep websites barrier-free and the recognized standard for ADA-compliance.



Florida Statute Compliance

Pursuant to F.S. <u>189.069</u>, every CDD is required to maintain a dedicated website to serve as an official reporting mechanism covering, at minimum, 16 criteria. The information required to report and have fully accessible spans: establishment charter or ordinance, fiscal year audit, budget, meeting agendas and minutes and more. For a complete list of statute requirements, see page 3.

Audit Process

The Community Website Compliance Audit covers all CDD web pages and linked PDFs.* Following the <u>WCAG 2.1</u> levels A, AA, and AAA for web content accessibility, a comprehensive scan encompassing 312 tests is conducted for every page. In addition, a human inspection is conducted to assure factors such as navigation and color contrasts meet web accessibility standards. See page 4 for complete accessibility grading criteria.

In addition to full ADA-compliance, the audit includes a 16-point checklist directly corresponding with the criteria set forth in Florida Statute Chapter 189.069. See page 5 for the complete compliance criteria checklist.

* NOTE: Because many CDD websites have links to PDFs that contain information required by law (meeting agendas, minutes, budgets, miscellaneous and ad hoc documents, etc.), audits include an examination of all associated PDFs. PDF remediation and ongoing auditing is critical to maintaining compliance.



Accessibility Grading Criteria

Passed	Description
Passed	Website errors* O WCAG 2.1 errors appear on website pages causing issues**
Passed	Keyboard navigation The ability to navigate website without using a mouse
Passed	Website accessibility policy A published policy and a vehicle to submit issues and resolve issues
Passed	Colors provide enough contrast between elements
Passed	Video captioning Closed-captioning and detailed descriptions
Passed	PDF accessibility Formatting PDFs including embedded images and non-text elements
Passed	Site map Alternate methods of navigating the website

^{*}Errors represent less than 5% of the page count are considered passing

^{**}Error reporting details are available in your Campus Suite Website Accessibility dashboard



Florida F.S. 189.069 Requirements Result: PASSED

Compliance Criteria

Passed	Description
Passed	Full Name and primary contact specified
Passed	Public Purpose
Passed	Governing body Information
Passed	Fiscal Year
Passed	Full Charter (Ordinance and Establishment) Information
Passed	CDD Complete Contact Information
Passed	District Boundary map
Passed	Listing of taxes, fees, assessments imposed by CDD
Passed	Link to Florida Commission on Ethics
Passed	District Budgets (Last two years)
Passed	Complete Financial Audit Report
Passed	Listing of Board Meetings
N/A	Public Facilities Report, if applicable
Passed	Link to Financial Services
Passed	Meeting Agendas for the past year, and 1 week prior to next

Accessibility overview

Everyone deserves equal access.

With nearly 1-in-5 Americans having some sort of disability – visual, hearing, motor, cognitive – there are literally millions of reasons why websites should be fully accessible and compliant with all state and federal laws. Web accessibility not only keeps board members on the right side of the law, but enables the entire community to access all your web content. The very principles that drive accessible website design are also good for those without disabilities.

of population has a disability.



Sight, hearing, physical, cognitive.

The legal and right thing to do

Several federal statutes (American Disabilities Act, Sec. 504 and 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973) require public institutions to ensure they are not discriminating against individuals on the basis of a person's disability. Community websites are required to conform to web content accessibility guidelines, WCAG 2.1, the international standard established to keep websites barrier-free. Plain and simple, any content on your website must be accessible to everyone.



ADA Compliance Categories

Most of the problems that occur on a website fall in one or several of the following categories.



Contrast and colors

Some people have vision disabilities that hinder picking up contrasts, and some are color blind, so there needs to be a distinguishable contrast between text and background colors. This goes for buttons, links, text on images – everything. Consideration to contrast and color choice is also important for extreme lighting conditions.

Contract checker: http://webaim.org/resources/contrastchecker



Using semantics to format your HTML pages

When web page codes are clearly described in easy-to-understand terms, it enables broader sharing across all browsers and apps. This 'friendlier' language not only helps all the users, but developers who are striving to make content more universal on more devices.



Text alternatives for non-text content

Written replacements for images, audio and video should provide all the same descriptors that the non-text content conveys. Besides helping with searching, clear, concise word choice can make vivid non-text content for the disabled.

Helpful article: http://webaim.org/techniques/alttext



Ability to navigate with the keyboard

Not everyone can use a mouse. Blind people with many with motor disabilities have to use a keyboard to make their way around a website. Users need to be able to interact fully with your website by navigating using the tab, arrows and return keys only. A "skip navigation" option is also required. Consider using WAI-ARIA for improved accessibility, and properly highlight the links as you use the tab key to make sections.

Helpful article: www.nngroup.com/articles/keyboard-accessibility

Helpful article: http://webaim.org/techniques/skipnav



Easy to navigate and find information

Finding relevant content via search and easy navigation is a universal need. Alt text, heading structure, page titles, descriptive link text (no 'click here' please) are just some ways to help everyone find what they're searching for. You must also provide multiple ways to navigate such as a search and a site map.

Helpful article: http://webaim.org/techniques/sitetools/



Properly formatting tables

Tables are hard for screen readers to decipher. Users need to be able to navigate through a table one cell at a time. In addition to the table itself needing a caption, row and column headers need to be labeled and data correctly associated with the right header.

Helpful article: http://webaim.org/techniques/tables/data



Making PDFs accessible

PDF files must be tagged properly to be accessible, and unfortunately many are not. Images and other non-text elements within that PDF also need to be ADA-compliant. Creating anew is one thing; converting old PDFs – called PDF remediation – takes time.

Helpful articles: http://webaim.org/techniques/acrobat/acrobat



Making videos accessible

Simply adding a transcript isn't enough. Videos require closed captioning and detailed descriptions (e.g., who's on-screen, where they are, what they're doing, even facial expressions) to be fully accessible and ADA compliant.

Helpful article: http://webaim.org/techniques/captions



Making forms accessible

Forms are common tools for gathering info and interacting. From logging in to registration, they can be challenging if not designed to be web-accessible. How it's laid out, use of labels, size of clickable areas and other aspects need to be considered.

Helpful article: http://webaim.org/techniques/forms



Alternate versions

Attempts to be fully accessible sometimes fall short, and in those cases, alternate versions of key pages must be created. That is, it is sometimes not feasible (legally, technically) to modify some content. These are the 'exceptions', but still must be accommodated.



Feedback for users

To be fully interactive, your site needs to be able to provide an easy way for users to submit feedback on any website issues. Clarity is key for both any confirmation or error feedback that occurs while engaging the page.



Other related requirements

No flashing

Blinking and flashing are not only bothersome, but can be disorienting and even dangerous for many users. Seizures can even be triggered by flashing, so avoid using any flashing or flickering content.

Timers

Timed connections can create difficulties for the disabled. They may not even know a timer is in effect, it may create stress. In some cases (e.g., purchasing items), a timer is required, but for most school content, avoid using them.

Fly-out menus

Menus that fly out or down when an item is clicked are helpful to dig deeper into the site's content, but they need to be available via keyboard navigation, and not immediately snap back when those using a mouse move from the clickable area.

No pop-ups

Pop-up windows present a range of obstacles for many disabled users, so it's best to avoid using them altogether. If you must, be sure to alert the user that a pop-up is about to be launched.

Web Accessibility Glossary

Assistive technology	Hardware and software for disabled people that enable them to perform tasks they otherwise would not be able to perform (eg., a screen reader)
WCAG 2.0	Evolving web design guidelines established by the W3C that specify how to accommodate web access for the disabled
504	Section of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 that protects civil liberties and guarantees certain rights of disabled people
508	An amendment to the Rehabilitation Act that eliminates barriers in information technology for the disabled
ADA	American with Disabilities Act (1990)
Screen reader	Software technology that transforms the on-screen text into an audible voice. Includes tools for navigating/accessing web pages.
Website accessibility	Making your website fully accessible for people of all abilities
W3C	World Wide Web Consortium – the international body that develops standards for using the web