**The Board of Marsh Ridge Homeowners Association met on January 18, 2018.**  Craig Sinkel and Jon Holzer were not present. The Board approved the agenda and the minutes of the meeting on November 16, 2017. Erin Johnson e-mailed the December 2017 financial report and the Itemized Categories Expense Reports for December and for the year of 2017. The Board reviewed all reports in detail. Zelda Malo will call Erin, who was not present, for a clarification on one item and the Board accepted the financial report pending the clarification.

**Old Business:** Craig Sinkel will follow up on invoices not received from a vendor for maintenance issues in 2017. At our November meeting sprinkler maintenance was discussed. Three sprinkler controllers were installed in spring 2017 and a number of sprinkler heads were repaired/replaced. Jenco maintains the system and e-mailed the Board that the sprinkler heads are of good quality and should serve well. Other repairs on the system will be done as needed next season.

Homeowners at five addresses have not paid the January 1 dues. Erin will send a second notice. Due to the December death of one homeowner and another who has moved into a senior residence, the Board’s directory is in need of updating. Gail Scholl will follow up and send copies to Erin and other Board members.

In late fall, the City of Delano cleaned out the invasive weeds from the pond areas west of Marsh Drive and south of the cul de sac on Marsh Drive.

**New Business:** The Marsh Ridge website has been updated with past Board meeting minutes. Minutes of all future meetings will be uploaded as completed.

The contract for Jenco, our landscape vendor, ends in spring. The Board is satisfied with the landscape, snow removal and sprinkler maintenance provided by Jenco. Craig will discuss with Jenco renewal of the contract before the end date.

There are currently no units in Marsh Ridge for sale. A new homeowner has completed redecorating and moved into a twin home on Bonita, and two twin homes are empty but not for sale at this time. Three realtors have approached Doug Ludwig inquiring about vacancies.

The Board had discussed at the last meeting the size of the Association’s reserve account. Our large savings account earns little interest and even short term CD accounts would earn better interest. With some reservations, the Board decided to move $75,000 into a 6-month flexible savings certificate with Ameriprise. The caution before making this investment was that other accounts would mature and be available at least 3 months before the new savings certificate matured. This change would not deplete our savings but leaves cash for emergencies.

**The next Board meeting will be Thursday, March 15, 2018 at 7:00 at 542 Marsh Drive.**