

MORONGO VALLEY COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS
11207 OCOTILLO STREET. MORONGO VALLEY, CA 92256

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

6:00 p.m. Regular Business

March 20, 2024

Covington Park – MPR
11165 Vale Drive
Morongo Valley, CA 92256

<https://morongocsd.specialdistrict.org/>

This Board Meeting will take place in person at the Covington Park MPR, located at the address above. As a convenience to the public, the meeting will be livestreamed for those who wish to observe remotely. Please note that due to the in-person meeting format and technical limitations, members of the public will only be able to provide public comment in person. Please also note that in the event of technical issues that disrupt the meeting livestream, the meeting will continue.

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A. CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Board Meeting of March 20, 2024, was called to order at 6:04 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

1. Christina Gorke, President, not in attendance
2. Lynn Watts, Vice President, present
3. Johnny Tolbert, Director, present
4. Lance Fisher, Director, present
5. Steve Hayden, Director, present

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

D. PUBLIC COMMENTS

The Board of Directors now takes time to consider your comments on items which are on the agenda. The acting Chairperson will recognize you at the appropriate time to assist in the orderly and timely conduct of the meeting. When called upon to speak, please state your name and residence. Comments will be limited to three (3) minutes or less for both agenda items and non-agenda items. If you wish to comment on an agenda item or non-agenda item during Public Comment or raise your hand. In addition, members of the public may submit comments electronically prior to the meeting using the form on the District's website. The acting Chairperson will recognize all electronic comments submitted at least 48 hours prior to the meeting either by reading the comment(s) at the meeting or noting on the record that comments were received and provided to the Board at or before the meeting.

Brad Buddinger

E. ADDITIONS TO, AND/OR REORDER OF, THE AGENDA

The Board generally considers items in the order listed on the agenda. However, items may be considered in any order as established by the direction of the Board. Under certain circumstances, new agenda items may be added by unanimous vote of the Board. [Gov. Code Sec. 54954.2(b)(2)]

1. Agenda for the Regular Board Meeting of March 20, 2024.

Director Tolbert added item H8 Medic Engine 461 repairs. Director Watts amended item H4 to reflect the Givebutter.com program and item H5 was amended to District Meeting Videos Uploaded to District Website.

MOITION: Director Tolbert motioned to approve the agenda for the Regular Board Meeting of March 20, 2024, with the amendments.

SECOND: Director Tolbert seconds.

RESULT: Motion passes with a 5/0 vote.

F. AGENCY REPORTS

1. Sheriff's Report – San Bernardino County Sheriff's Representative

Sargent Scalise reported that going in Spring Break that everyone should be careful due to an increase in traffic volume.

2. General Manager – Brittany Chavez

Brittany Chavez reported that it was a quiet month, there's been no updates from FEMA at this time.

3. Fire Chief Report – James Brakebill

Chief Brakebill reported that there were 34 EMS calls, 1 hazmat and 9 service calls totaling 51 calls of service this month.

4. Cash / Check Disbursements & Credit Card Purchases for February \$100,362.25 – Director Tolbert

Director Tolbert reported that in the month of February the total spending for the CSD was \$100,362.25. That is \$24,936.43 less than the previous month. Meaning that in February our normal bills came to \$74,535.90. As of February 29th, we had \$31,299.81 in our bank account and our total assets were \$139,371.63.

5. Tax Assessment Ad Hoc Committee – Director Tolbert

Director Tolbert reported that the CSD is trying to figure out what type of engineer can assess Morongo Valley and that we needed to create a citizens committee.

G. CONSENT CALENDAR

Items on the consent calendar are routine matters or formal documents covering previous District Board instruction. Items may be acted on by one motion of the Board unless a Board Member requests a separate discussion and/or action on an item.

1. Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of February 21, 2024.

2. Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of February 9, 2024.

MOTION: Director Tolbert motioned to accept the consent calendar as presented.

SECOND: Director Watts seconds.
RESULT: Motion passes with a 4/0 vote.

H. NEW BUSINESS

1. SMITH MARION & CO AUDIT PRESENTATION

Representative Kendra Dockham presented the audit to the Board and public.

2. SMITH MARION & CO AUDIT FINAL

MOTION: Director Tolbert motioned to accept the Smith Marion & Co final Audit draft.

SECOND: Director Hayden seconds.

RESULT: Motion passes with a 4/0 vote.

3. MVCSD ORGANIZATIONAL CHART UPDATE

MOTION: Director Hayden motioned to adopt the updated MVCSD organizational chart.

SECOND: Director Tolbert seconds.

RESULT: Motion passes with a 4/0 vote.

4. GIVEBUTTER.COM

This item was tabled until the next meeting.

5. DISTRICT MEETING VIDEO UPLOADED TO DISTRICT WEBSITE

MOTION: Director Tolbert motioned to approve upload the meeting videos to the District website.

SECOND: Director Fisher seconds.

RESULT: Motion passes with a 4/0 vote.

6. RESOLUTION 2024-02 TO OPPOSE INITIATIVE 1935 (FORMERLY 21-0042A1)

MOTION: Director Tolbert motioned to adopt Resolution 2024-02 to Oppose Initiative 1935.

SECOND: Director Hayden seconds.

RESULT: Motion passes with a 4/0 vote.

7. PRELIMINARY BUDGET DRAFT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024 – 2025

A budget workshop meeting was created for April 6, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. Staff was directed to bring multiple options reflecting SB 525 rates.

8. MEDIC ENGINE 461 REPAIRS

MOTION: Director Hayden motioned to accept the estimate provided by Chief Brakebill.

SECOND: Director Fisher seconds.

ROLE CALL: Vice President Watts, Nay; Director Tolbert, Aye; Director Fisher, Aye; Director Hayden Aye.

RESULT: Motion passes with a 3/1 vote.

I. CONTINUED BUSINESS

1. TMOBILE HOMETOWN GRANT PROJECT

MOTION: Director Hayden motioned to move forward with submitting for the grants with the estimates provided.

SECOND: Director Fisher seconds.

RESULT: Motion passes with a 4/0 vote.

2. POTENTIAL MORONGO VALLEY CSD SPENDING FREEZE

MOTION: Director Tolbert motioned to implement a spending freeze once ME 461 is back in District.

SECOND: Director Hayden seconds.

RESULT: Motion passes with a 4/0 vote.

J. CLOSED SESSION

The Special Closed Session of the Board of Directors of March 20, 2024, was called to order by President Gorke at 7:59 PM, with Vice-President Watts, Director Tolbert, Director Fisher, Director Hayden General Manager Brittany Chavez and Chief Brakebill present.

1. Conference with Labor Negotiators (Government Code Section 54957.6)

Designated District Representatives: James Brakebill, Brittany Chavez, and Matthew Campos
Organization: Morongo Valley Professional Firefighters, IAFF Local 5028

2. Public Employee Performance Evaluation (Government Code Section 54957) Title: Fire Chief

K. CLOSED SESSION REPORT

The Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of March 20, 2024, reconvened and was called to order by President Gorke at 8:40 p.m. President Gorke reported that the Board of Directors did not take any reportable action.

L. INDIVIDUAL DIRECTOR REPORTS

No reports were given at this time.

M. ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Next Regular Board Meeting April 17, 2024

N. ADJOURNMENT

Moved: Director Tolbert Second: Director Fisher Vote: 4/0